

Tales From The Burning Lands



Unto the populace:

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the populace of the Burning Lands for allowing me to serve as their 28th monarch. I have had a rather delightful time serving as king both here at home and while visiting groups far and wide. There is an awesome responsibility that goes with the crown I wear, and I thank you for entrusting me with it.

Second, I'd like to thank all of those who fourteen years ago created this great club. I'd also like to thank Talinor for serving as regent, and for having the faith in me to take a chance. You are truly a friend and I appreciate it. And to Trinity, I would like to thank you for serving the Burning Lands as champion. It may have been a rocky

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start, but I am pleased that things have worked out so well.

Something has always disturbed me with regard to the attitudes toward the monarchy. Granted, Ahira left me quite a bit to improve upon, but as every monarch steps down I always hear what a bad job was done. Sadly, most often, I hear it from those who have done very little. I challenge you all: if you want more done, then volunteer. We can always use the help, and fresh ideas keep us evolving as a group.

Thanks for a great reign,
King Raphael

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Here's the low down of all the finances of The Gathering of the Clans 14. The money spent, the money left over, etc... And note that none of the money spent came from the Burning Lands treasury, it was all money generated from Clan itself.

For the Medical team:

medical tabards	\$28.94
bandages	\$19.79
disinfectants	\$13.19
gloves	\$3.76
diabetic care pack	\$2.39
water bottles	\$1.99
gifts to kingdoms	\$27.87

Subtotal: \$94.17

It was proposed by Zoe, who headed the Medical staff this year, that whoever autocrats next Clan would receive all the extra supplies.

Hay bales and favors	\$780
Total:	\$874.17
Gross Profits:	\$1245.17
Expenditures:	\$874.17
Net Profit:	\$371

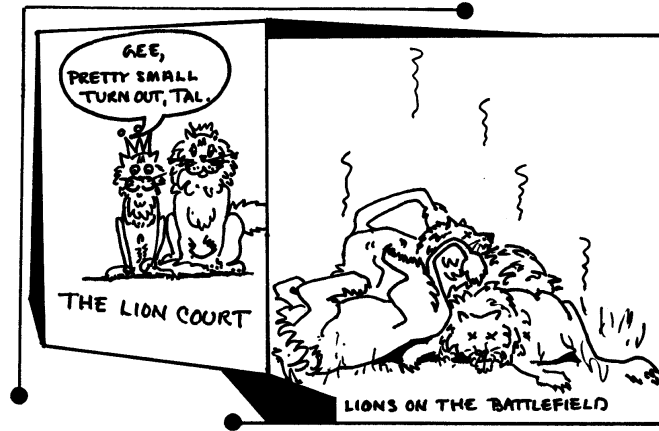
Note:

It was estimated that there was over nine hundred people at this year's gathering. If that is true then only one half the people who showed paid the charges for Clan, for everyone to enjoy.

(Thanks to Zoe for the itemized list.)

Unto the Populace,

We are nearing the twilight of our reign, and King Raphael and I are proud of our time served. It's been a good six months, and we've survived mostly intact. Clan, though costly, was fruit-



ful. Most aspects of the club have improved. Attendance is strong, the battlegames are good, we've had quests this reign (two more are scheduled before the end of it); and, we've had the best weaponmaster in several reigns. In short, Amtgard prospers.

In honor of the many people responsible for the kingdom's prosperity, appreciations and thanks to; people involved with clan (the fighting could have been better, but any large event with no one left dead is a success); to the Golden Lions, for their support during the entire reign, and for a capable former PM in Otto; to several of the Claw members, for their Clan feast, Darkenthal Castle battles, and especially for Leviatar and Valeria (wink, wink, nudge, nudge, know what I mean,

eh); Thanks to Axgar, for his work at clan, always role playing in character, and for general support during the reign; to Ivar for serving as scribe; to Bolt for serving as my royal thug (you are

the brute squad); to Jazzel for making the guard tunics; to Khezgar for being the best fighter locally (that takes his shots, anyway); to Baru and Kathon for their anticipated

work on the upcoming quests; to most of our royal guard and guild masters, and to anyone who contributed to making a better Amtgard during this reign.

In the remaining weeks of the reign, we look forward to quests, demos, a gaming convention, and crown month, followed by the Las Cruces Renaissance Faire and Coronation. Let's hope it all runs smoothly.

Thanks for letting me serve as your Regent.

Respectfully,

Prince Regent Talinor
Darkwolf



House Darkenthol castle battles. What a real seige battle should be!

Burning Lands Coronation

When:

November 2, 1996 at 4:00pm

Where:

The Las Cruces Annual Renaissance Faire, held at Young Park in Las Cruces. The cost is usually a \$1.00 donation asked for at the entrance to the Renaissance Faire. This is the only fee necessary to get into the event. Feel free to enjoy both the Renaissance Faire, and the Amtgard activities.

Directions:

From El Paso, take I-10 to I-25 in Las Cruces, get off I-25 on the Lohman ave. exit, turn left on Lohman ave. Take Lohman ave to Walnut St. Turn left on Walnut St., and Young Park is on the right.

Amtgard will be located at the far end of the renaissance

faire from the entrance. There will not be a feast, but various types of food and drinks will be available for purchase all over the Renaissance Faire site. Burning Lands court and coronation will be held promptly at 4:00 pm. There will be a sizeable tent for Amtgard to hold court in. Because we will be at the Renaissance Faire, Amtgard and court will be open to the public, so everyone needs to look as good as possible.

There will be ample room for mass Amtgard fighting. There is also room for people to set up tents in which to change or keep their stuff, though this is not a camping event. Parking is usually overcrowded, so if possible, car pool.

If you have any questions about the Burning Lands court and coronation, contact Talinor at (915) 779-0014 (If there is anything I can not help you with, I will point you to the people who can help you with your questions).

THE HARVEST WAR A PERSPECTIVE

by Gwynne

The second annual Harvest War, 8/31 through 9/2/96 was a pleasant surprise- I enjoyed it! For over a year I've been hearing reports of "Well, Pegasus Valley is really a young group" and "They were stomped at the first war." This is true; they are a young group in terms of years of existence and of average age of the membership and, yes, they were 'stomped' at the first war. However, I have seen larger events hosted by 'older, groups that were not as well organized nor as much fun. I also noted that, although the invading Iron Mountains along with their Burning Lands allies did indeed do some advanced stomping at HW II, P.V. abetted by their Kingdom of D.S. fought back valiantly- they were 'killed', not beaten', and it's a very big distinction.

As for the point/ counterpoint commentary on H.W. II my personal observations are as follows:

- 1. Weather and site: Gorgeous weather and a good site. Imagine outdoor johns that do not bleach your hair three shades lighter because of the ambient ammonia content of the atmosphere. On the flip side only one source of running water, but hey, showers of one sort or another were only twenty minutes away.*
- 2. A fine merchants row: much better than Clan 14 if truth be told and with good to high quality merchandise.*
- 3. Tavern: well set up (loved the sign) and, it is reported, good food.*

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4. *Feast: didn't attend all of it but was once again reminded (as at Arakis 196) that nobody in Amtgard knows how to cook or serve rice at an outdoor event.*

5. *Sunday night court: deliberately missed this part. Really troops- you have a perfectly good pavilion with plenty of seating and you have court held in the middle of a field!? Sorry but just does not compute. And do not want to hear the obvious excuse of post-feast cleanup- there were several obvious ways of getting around that little problem.*

6. *Burning Lands Monarchy leaving before court (and the reasons given for): what can I say but "tacky in the extreme!" The term noblesse oblige is defined as "the obligation of people of high rank to behave nobly or kindly towards others," obligation and noble being the operative words.*

Other phenomena of note: Sir Kane of I.M. and his five (plus) suits of loaner armor. Count D'alle of I.M. and his wandering one man minstrel show. Duke Egil of D.S. and his viking (pup) tent. (Name unknown) magic user from P.V. in the red and yellow and matching face paint (understand he never died?- very well done). Grand Duke Rift and his magic, manic, musical, multi-light. The berserker brothers Axgar and Zandar. D.S. Madrigal- good voices with obviously lots of practice but could use a bass and how about an expanded repertoire?

Summation- a good, fun event with a positive attitude by 99% of all attending. Look forward to H.W. III.

El Paso's 1st Annual Gamer's Fair

When: September 20, 21, 22, 1996 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

Starts: 12 noon Friday (24 hour access to gaming areas.)

Ends: 9pm Sunday

What: Your chance to compete in sanctioned tournaments, try new games, and party with other gamers.

Where: Mesa Inn, 4151 North Mesa, El Paso, TX.

For room reservations phone (915) 532-7911

What else?

Demonstrations of Collectable Card Games, Role Playing Games, Strategy Games, and Live Action Games.

Prizes From:

Wizards of the Coast
TSR
White Wolf Publishing
Steve Jackson Games
Games Designer WorkShop
FASA
Flying Buffalo
Emperor's Headquarters
I.C.E.
Ral Partha
Gold Rush Games
Daedalus Games
Avalon Hill
Dream Pod 9
Chaosium
Atlas Games
Chameleon Eclectic

Demonstrations and Tournaments of:

Magic: The Gathering
Dungeons & Dragons
Vampire
Illuminati
Tunnels & Trolls
Ultimate Combat
Macho Women with Guns
GURPS
WarHammer 40K
Battle Tech
Middle Earth
Xenophile CCG
Champions
Arcadia: The Wyld Hunt
Monty Python and the Holy Grail
Lost Worlds
RIFTS
On The Edge CCG
Last Crusade CCG
Diplomacy
DC Heros
and many, many more.

Costume party with prizes for Best-Worst-Most Authentic-And Sexiest costume.

Cost: \$15.00 preregistration
\$20-00 at the Door or
\$7.50 per-day

Preregistration accepted at "Joe's Other Worlds"

For more information call:
Call "Joe's Other Worlds" at
(915) 772-8208
(10 a.m. to 12 midnight) or
Fax (915) 772-8706

Amtgard Demo at 11am - 1pm

on

Sunday

You need not pay to be in the demo!

Burning Lands Crown Qualifications

October 12, 1996

Times:

10:30am - sign in for War and Cultural events
11:00am - War events begin
12:00noon - Judging of Cultural events begin

All crown contestants must enter seven different cultural events and retain a 3.0 average from their best entries in those seven events, as well as pass the reeves test in order to qualify for crown elections. The corpora test or the heraldry test may be used as one of the seven categories, but not both of them. Joint entries (entries made by more than one person) count as a 1/2 entry. The judges will all be Knights of the Serpent, to insure quality judging from the people who are most capable of judging quality.

Crown Categories:

The cultural categories will include, but are not limited to the following:

Flat art
3-d art
Poetry
Composition/prose
Factual writing
Court Garb
Fighting Garb
Garb accessories
Reeves test
Heraldry test
Corpora test



Oh shit!

Weapon construction
Armor construction
Cooking
Vinting
The rose
The owl
Passive construction
Active construction
Place encampment
Gaming

The war events will include:

Sword and shield
Florentine
Open

Single sword
Spear

The gaming will be held at Aramithris' house on Friday, Oct. 4th and 11th, and will include, but not be limited to: Magic: the Gathering, chess, backgammon, spades, and pente. As interest in the gaming events changes, more games may be added or removed.

Also, more cultural events may be added (or removed). A minimum of five different entries with at least three different entrants (people entering stuff) is required to add a new category. War events will be first round single-elimination, then double-elimination from the second round on.

Five copies of each written entry must be submitted to me, Prince Regent Talinor by, or on October 5th. Written entries will not be accepted after October 6th.

Any questions or comments, speak with me,
Prince Regent Talinor at the park,
or call me at (915) 779-0014

History Update

by Aramithris

1995

October

10/14 - Publication of TFBL V.13, #6 by the Claw Legion.

10/21 - Written entries and declarations turned in. Guildmaster elections. Claw Legion birthday party.

10/28 - Crown qualifications. Cultural winner and kingdom arts and sciences champion was Talinor. Thedro won the war events.

November

11/04 - Burning Lands contingents at both the Pegasus Valley-Iron Mountains war and the Celestial Kingdom-Dragonspine war.

11/11 - Crown election won by Ahira over Asmund. Jheni became Princess consort and Talinor became champion.

11/18 - Crown feast held at the abode of Trinity and Althea (this after threats from Le Grue lost Amtgard its feast site). Barbarian Feast courtesy of Zol and company. Talinor became a knight of the Serpent.

11/25 - Weaponmaster tourney won by Thedro. A very small turnout.

December

12/02 - No champs tourney. Lots of ditch battles.

12/09 - EH coronation in the Borderlands with small attendance because of the weather. Flag and seige battles back in the BL.

12/16 - Publication of the Amtgard Book III by Aramithris. Ditch battles. Clan favors, corporas, contracts, Amtgard Books, etc. mailed to the other groups.

12/23 - Claw Legion Christmas party included internet attendance over the mush.

12/30 - End of year battlegames.

12/31 - Saracen New Year's party sponsored by Trinity and Althea.

1996

January

01/06 - Dragonspine midreign. Board of Directors election delayed.

01/13 - Northeast Highschool demo organized by Andralaine. Prime minister election delayed.

01/20 - Ditch and flag battles.

01/26-28 - Iron Mountains Coronation- lots of fun partying.

February

02/03 - Prime minister election- Otto wins. Board of Directors election, voted in were: Ivar, Aramithris, Trinity, Talinor, Raphael, with Gilos as alternate.

02/10 - Ditch and seige battles.

02/16-18 - Spring War III. Wetlands Kingdom status marred by the defacing of Zol's castle by Nevron and friends.

02/24 - Political fallout from Spring War. Criteria for kicking troublemakers out of Clan is set. Ditch battles.

March

03/02 - Relics quest.

03/08-10 - Golden Plains coronation- very cold event with wind chill below zero at night. Lots of ditch battles.

03/16 - St. Patricks day blarney stone game (very poorly run).

03/23 - Huge battlegames.

03/30 - Dragonspine coronation moved to their park which did cause some Burning Landers to get lost. Former BLer Kayrana received her first white belt, a Serpent.

April

04/05 - Crown cards tournies.

04/06 - Go to summer time schedule. Written entries and declarations due. Crown gaming

starts. Celtic Designs limited formed by Gwynne (arts and sciences merchants).

04/12 - Crown boardgaming tourney.

04/13 - Gwynne and Aramithris published in the magazine Adventures of Sword and Sorcery. Crown Magic cards tourney won by Ivar.

04/19 - Claw Legion cookout- very high "babe" count made the veteran warriors very happy indeed.

04/20 - Guildmaster elections. Crown qualifications won by Talinor. Khezgar won the war events.

04/27 - Crown election won by Raphael over Trinity in a highly contested election (all the votes ended up being reviewed by Kingdom officers). Talinor became regent.

May

05/01 - Amtgard article for Renaissance Magazine completed by Aramithris.

05/03 - End of the Amtgard MUSH.

05/04 - Champion tourney won by Trinity. Very fun seige battles.

05/11 - Good seige battles. Ditch battles. Ahira declared to be no longer Monarch due to lack of attendance- Jheni steps up.

05/17-19 - Crown event at Caballo Lake was again very hot and windy. Raphael was crowned King. Jheni received the title of Countess and the Claw Legion received the order of the Flame. Fun single sword ditch battles. Guard tunics made by Marleah. Newsletter published by Raphael.

05/24 - Small Amtgard due to other events in the GP, WL, Wavehaven, and SCA Grand Outlandish. Dragonheart demo delayed.

05/28 - New, improved Amtgard Internet MUX on line.

05/31 - Dragonheart demoes in both DS and BL because of lack of communication on scheduling.

June

06/01 - Quest for the Dagger of Infinite Penetration. very fun single weapon ditch battles.

06/04 - Kathon starts his weekly unofficial A&S "workshops".

06/06 - Raid on Dragonspine fighter practice.

06/08 - Weaponmaster tourney won by Axgar.

06/11 - Claw MUX party.

06/13 - Another raid on DS fighter practice by the Royal guards.

06/15 - Guard battles with very high attendance. a second crushing guards victory in three days. 87 attendance, very good for 105+ temperatures in the park.

06/17 - Rewrite of Ren. Mag. article.

06/18 - Demo for Westercon set.

06/19 - Burning Lands fighter practice restarted for the summer.

06/20 - Claw Legion web page put up on the WWW by Ivar.

06/21 - Weapon making workshop by Talinor.

06/22 - No champs tourney won by Nikoli. Lot's of older members show up. Several minor injuries.

06/26 - BOD meeting to organize kingdom accounts.

06/27-30 - Arakis/Interkingdom Olympiad-a very good event. Highlights applicable to the Burning Lands included victory in the juggling tourney by the Claw Legion, Rift Gorhan tele becoming a Legionnaire, Gwynne winning the title of Cultural Olympian, and Axgar's and Xandar's minifeasts.

July

07/02 - Morehead school demo.

07/04-07 - Westercon 49- very slow con with an Amtgard demo on saturday. Fun parties in the evenings and a well-run art auction were the highlights of this event.

07/08 - Garb workshop run by Gwynne.

07/09 - Feast workshop by Aramithris.

07/10 - Publishing workshop by Ivar.

07/11 - To another DS fighter practice.

07/12 - First "hard core" people at Clan.

07/17-21 - Gathering of the Clans 14 (daily highlights follow):

07/17 - Arrival and setup. Polearm seige battles at Castle Zol. Andralaine was Clan autocrat.

07/18 - Juggling tourney won by the Claw Legion again, this time with a perfect 5-0 record (and no goals scored against them). Talons of the Phoenix special Knighthood edition published by Ivar and Aramithris.

07/19 - Wolves feast. Dragonspine feast. Very fun Claw Legion and allies vs. the world seige battles. Very sparsely attended Golden Lions court.

07/20 - Assorted ditch, flag, and tourney battles. Interkingdom court. Annual Clawfest fed 350+ people. Claw Legion and Wolves initiation ceremonies (Piranha in Wolves, Leviatar in Claw).

07/21 - Packup and leave. Maybe the most fun Clan ever with about 1,000 attendance. Other highlights for the weekend- Dragonspine awarded the next Interkindom Olympiad, Gwynne's garb booth, and Emer's knights currency.

07/26 - Ditch and flag battles. Prime Minister election won by Asmund.

August

08/03 - Weapon check, seige battles, and fox across the river games on a very muggy day.

08/10 - Slow day though with several newbies at the games.

08/15 - Sixth annual Fantasy football draft (21 total Amtgarders have been in the league as of this date).

08/17 - Claw Legion midsummer cookout with 22 attendance.

08/18 - Union Pacific Railroad demo set up for September.

08/24 - Events in IM, EH/WL, and GP limit attendance. Amtgard and Burning Lands web pages updated in a week of fierce internet politics (especially negative on the MUSH). Ditch and seige battles.

08/26 - Central BOD invited to deal with VSR Crown election problems. A thousand weeks of Amtgard, the History of the Burning Lands (of which this is a part), updated. As of this date over 4,000 people have signed in at BL games and functions.

08/31 - Worldcon in Los Angeles draws some Legionnaires. The Iron Mountains vs. Pegasus Valley war won by the Iron Mountains-Burning Lands alliance.

September

09/07 - A large day with lots of newbies.

09/14 - BL judges at DS qualificatoin. Good, hard fighting in the Burning Lands. Quest for Odin's hammer won by the Corsairs.

09/21 - TFBL published by Ivar. Sir Trinity's 40th B-day party at Trinity's and party at Bolt's that night.

AMTGARD DEMO

Where: Old Hueco Club on Montana

When: September 29th, 1996 at 2pm

For: Southern Pacific Railroad

Anyone that wishes to participate should speak to Raphael or Trinity. They will be feeding all who attend and making a donation to Amtgard. Everyone who attends must be in full garb, no base-ball caps, etc...

From the Guildmaster of Reeves

Having read the royalty letters to the populace, I'm sure everyone thank you for your largesse. I can't wait to see those orders rolling in to the Claw for such 'meagre' contributions as: the Caballo Feast, running and reeving weaponmaster, Clawfest and other meals to the populace at Clan (you know, we fed 350+ alone on Saturday night, your input would be appreciated here when these people try to deny and steal the credit), heck- feeding many of Clan all weekend, the World Wide Web pages, all of Amtgard on the Internet, the newsletters, the Amtgard Book, The Talons of the Phoenix, Celtic Designs Limited (Gwynne and her squires and their garb), whatever, why are the folks here who contribute and work and try being persecuted? Why? Why slam a company, I admit, which is vocal, for

their free sponsorship, feasts, food, newsletters, computer and internet work, their hard sweat and love? I, as captain, am obligated to speak out on this injustice, no matter what harm may be rained down "from above" on myself. gosh, no longer a guardsman, am I?

Back to the subject matter, sorry, I got emotional, Other comments on those letters (if no one likes them, I will ask Ivar to delete them from the newsletter in the next couple of days). The statement that Khezgar is the best "honest" fighter in the BL is a total insult to everyone, Tal for saying it, Hank for being the target, every warlord and knight in the BL for hearing it. Khezgar is a good fighter, and deserves his shot, my advice, for what it is worth, I do not know who his knight is, but he should be

taught by one, someone with honor. I personally vouch for the current weaponmaster Axgar. I also vouch for such recent active weaponmasters as Trinity, Caliban, and Thedro. And, after my fourteen years, I utterly support the sword belts of such knights of the sword and warlords as M'Deth, Bolt, Morluk, and Gilos. I salute warmaster Cheshire. And warmaster Talinor... Think about it...

I utterly object to this being swept under the rug because some new thugs on the block wear brass hats. Guys, I already have all the honors, don't need them, I just want that "Dream".

We were once a family, we still can be,

Aramithris

Calender of Events

September

- 09/14- *Dragonspine Qualifications -Terarin
- 09/20- *El Paso Gamer's Faire starts- Ghee
- 09/21- *Party at Bolt's (rsyp)- Bolt
- 09/21- *Party at Trinity's- Trinity
- 09/21- Celtic Alban Elved (Fall Equinox)
- 09/28- *Dragonspine Coronation - Lyv
- 09/28- *VSR Coronation- Aurora
- 09/28- *Crown Declarations due - Asmund
- 09/29- *Railroad Demo- Bolt

October

- 10/04- *Strategic Games: magic/spades/chess- Aramithris/Gwynne
- 10/05- *Guildmaster Elections - Asmund
- 10/11- *Strategic Games continued - Aramithris/Gwynne

- 10/11- *Fantasy Football Supplemental Draft
- 10/12- *Crown Qualifications - Talinor
- 10/12- *Armadillocon
- 10/19- *Crown Election and Champ Tourney- Asmund
- 10/19- *Iron Mountains Midreign - Wolfram
- 10/26- *Claw Legion Birthday Party- Gwynne
- 10/26- Full Moon
- 10/26- Daylight Savings Time Ends

November

- 11/01- Celtic Samhain (Mid Autumn)
- 11/02- *Burning Lands Coronation - Talinor
- 11/02- *Las Cruces Renfaire - Dragonspine
- 11/11- Veteran's Day
- 11/22- *Star Trek TNG movie opens in the theaters
- 11/24- Full Moon
- 11/28- Thanksgiving

December

- 12/21- *Claw Legion Christmas Party- Gwynne/Aramithris
- 12/22- Celtic Alban Arthuan (Winter Solstice)
- 12/26- Christmas
- 12/31- *Saracen New Year's party - Trinity/Althea
- 12/31- Price for Amigocon goes up

1997

- 02/13- *Spring War- Celestial Kingdom
- 09/04- *Worldcon- San Antonio
- 10/30- *Interkingdom Olympiad - Caballo Lake
- 10/30- *Burning Lands Fall Coronation- Caballo Lake

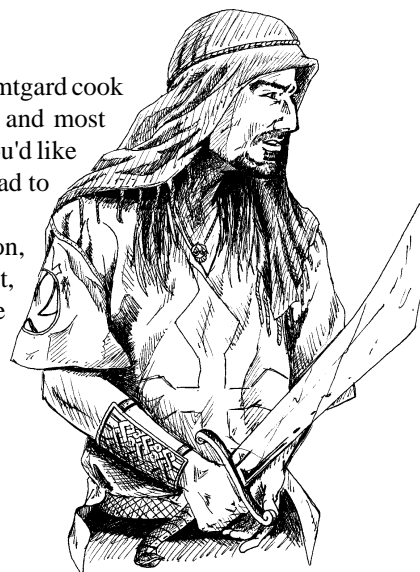
Scribblings of the Scribe

Greetings,

There are many fun Amtgard projects in the works now. Among these are an Amtgard cook book, a new newbie starter kit, a illustrated guide to Amtgard's internet resources, and most important of all a new typesetting of the Amtgard: Handbook on the Rules of Play. If you'd like to help in any of these projects, or want help starting your own, talk with me. I'd be glad to help.

The next newsletter will be out the day of the Burning Lands Coronation, November the 11th. If you have any articles, commentary, or artwork you'd like to submit, please get them to me by October 19th. As you may have noticed from this edition of the Tales, I printed what you gave me. I can not condone censorship in any fashion. I hope you think yourselves out before you make rash statements tho...

Ivar, Scribe



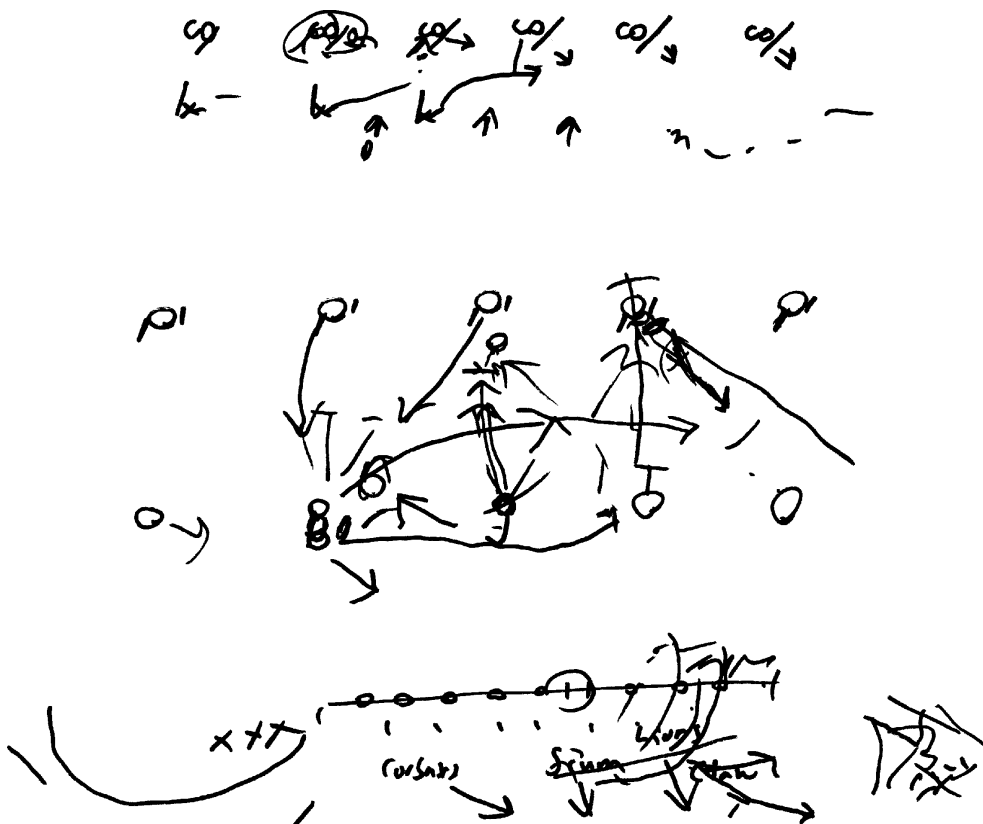
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What went wrong at the seige battle at Clan XIV