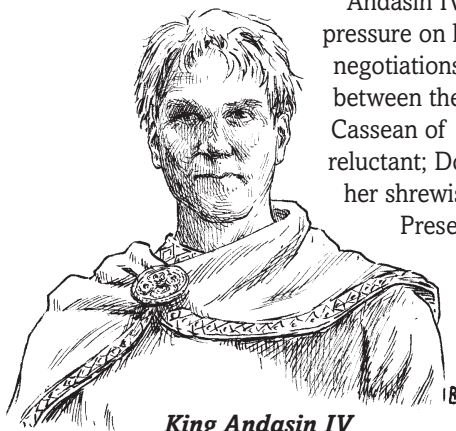


PRESENT SITUATION

Some Kandian lords are troubled by the power of the king's father, the Earl of Sarkum. His influence over Andasin IV is considerable, and although his judgement is not in question, there is some jealousy, particularly by those who view him as an upstart. Ranald Milaka was the King of Gemala before the capture of Sarkum by the Rethemi during Ezar's War. His marriage to Mirelael and swearing of fealty to Andasin III are the origin of his present title. In 717, the earl's daughter, Andasin IV's sister, was married to Jevas Toron, the son of the king of Melderyn.

For the last seven years the Baron of Ohetis (the disgraced former Earl of Kuseme) has been a loyal vassal, although there is no doubt he harbors resentment towards his liege. While it is unlikely that he would act against Andasin, he would no doubt prefer Prince Anaflas as king.

This opinion is shared by several others, as Anaflas is widely seen as more pragmatic and energetic than his elder brother. Many believe that he would be the leader of preference should war break out. Although the brothers are not fond of each other, there is no open hostility, and since 718 Anaflas has been the Sheriff of Peris, holding Imiden keep for the king.



King Andasin IV

Andasin IV is unmarried, and there is some pressure on him to provide an heir. There are negotiations underway to arrange a marriage between the king and the daughter of Earl Cassean of Heroth. Andasin is privately reluctant; Dorthea Cassean is well known for her shrewish temper and plain appearance.

Presently, the heir to the throne is Anaflas, who has also been named heir to the Earldom of Sarkum.

Relations between Kanday and her neighbors are tense, but they are peaceful. Although there has been frequent

skirmishing across the Rethem-Kanday border between the rival orders of the *Copper Hook* and the *Checkered Shield* since the end of Ezar's War, neither monarch officially recognizes the conflict nor supports the combatants. Both claim it is a religious dispute, although should either order make substantive gains it is likely that the secular governments would become involved. The Rethemi Earl of Tormau, who detests Chafin III, has been covertly giving aid to both orders to keep the conflict simmering. He has also approached Anaflas, through intermediaries, to explore alternatives should war break out between Kanday and Rethem.

Andasin IV fears the martial skills and expansionist designs of Marshal Kronas of the Thardic Republic. The problem is made greater by the erratic (from Andasin's point of view) policies of the Thardic Senate. Andasin fears that the pro-Kronas and Imperial factions will gain dominance. His greatest worry is an alliance of his northern neighbors against him.

Kanday and Tharda are also at odds over the range of the Gozyda tribesmen. Andasin I swore an oath that his kingdom would always defend the Gozyda. The republic claims most of the Gozyda lands and occasionally capture them as slaves.

King Andasin IV

Andasin IV, eldest son of Sir Ranald "Kingslayer" Milaka and the late Queen Mirelael, is a brilliant scholar and administrator, but an uninspiring leader. Some say his fiery brother Anaflas is his father's son, and the more cerebral Andasin is his mother's son.

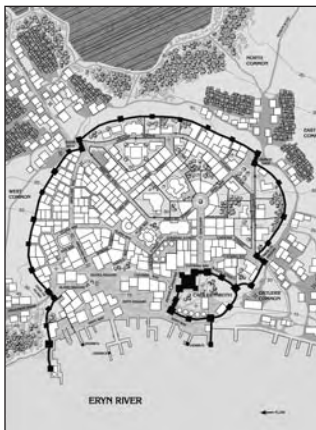
Andasin was clearly his mother's favorite son. As a lad, he was invited to spend many late nights listening to his mother conferring with her advisors or simply thinking aloud. As he grew, his knowledge of the kingdom came to rival hers. By the time of her death when he was seventeen, he had become respected in the court for his knowledge and analytical ability. In the thirteen years since his accession to the throne, he has presided over a peaceful and prosperous time. Relations with the Mangai are excellent, and Aleath's growth has led to prosperity throughout the Eryn Valley and through much of the kingdom. Wealthy Kandian mercantylers now hold significant interests in a number of Thardan and Rethemi commercial ventures; it is said that not a penny changes hands in Western Hårn, but that Andasin gets a farthing of it.

Andasin is a regular adherent of the church of Save K'nor. He maintains an uneasy public relationship with the powerful Laranian church for political and military reasons, and the constant threat of his displeasure has been an indirect stimulus for the church's significant development of Shreve and Erone as prosperous centers for the production of fine woolens. It was the wily old Serolan Royal, Sir Boromis Telfane, who said "His Highness can do more hurt to our enemies with cold silver than with cold steel".

Sir Ranald Milaka, the Earl of Sarkum and Andasin's father, knows that Andasin makes a better king than his mercurial younger brother Anaflas. He supports Andasin's commitment to peace, but fears that the intricate commercial network could be destroyed by laws written in the panic of war. To dissuade their enemies, Sir Ranald advises the king to show a more visible military presence along the northern border. Andasin resists, mindful of the folly of the Earl of Kuseme and the cost of resolving crises caused by hotheaded men in armour.

ALEATH [E8]   
Aleta Hundred, Erynashire, 5800

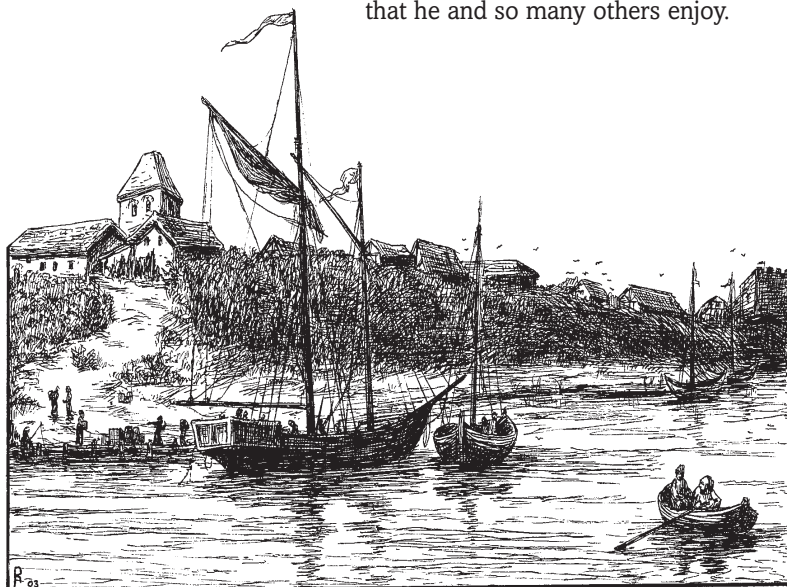
Aleath is a chartered freetown, governed by a council of a mayor and twelve aldermen proposed by the Mangai and appointed by the king. Military authority is shared by the royal constable of *Caer Erynroth* and the Sheriff of Eryna (see *KEDIS*). There is also a town militia that is theoretically commanded by the mayor, but the custom has been for the mayor to surrender this authority to the constable. There are no manors owing to Aleath, but the city charter includes 8000 acres of cropland, a legacy of the old Republic of Aleath. This land is farmed by approximately 140 freeholders who pay taxes to the city.



The fair freetown of Aleath is the cultural center of *Kanday*. The *Violet Mantle Palace of Arms* is the best equipped and best managed college of heralds in western *Hårn*. The *Palace of the Masks* is a highly-regarded center of drama and satire and home to one of the finest companies of thespians in all of *Hårn*. The College of Harpers, the largest on *Hårn*, boasts extensive collections of written music and rare instruments.

Aleath is also the thriving commercial heart of the kingdom. Wool cloth, grain, preserved foods, and other goods produced in local surplus find a market here with seagoing mercantylers bound for *Cherafir* and beyond. In the five years since the start of the courtship of Prince *Jevas Toron* and Princess *Eriel*, most goods from *Melderyn* (including all *Lythian* goods from the *Larun* of *Cherafir*) come into western *Hårn* through the port here. The increased trade has bolstered Aleathean prosperity and mercantile skill.

Mayor *Gurin* of *Pomada* is an honorable, hard-working and effective administrator. He is a progressive man who tries to ensure the poor of Aleath are not forgotten in the prosperity that he and so many others enjoy.



CAER ERYNROTH

The royal citadel of Aleath was constructed between 633-45 by *Andasin II* as part of the agreement that made Aleath a freetown.

Constable *Sir Denil Chahryn* is charged with the defense of Aleath and the administration of the crown's extensive local interests. *Caer Erynroth's* garrison patrols the city and castle walls, leaving the streets to the mayor's policing forces.

Caer Erynroth is home to an elite company of veteran medium foot, a company of equally experienced shortbow, plus a score of servants. The latter are burdened by a number of lesser bureaucrats and dissolute hangers-on who fill their hours with petty political sniping and schemes to improve their fortunes.

Sir Denil Chahryn is the grand-nephew of *Sir Grolis Chahryn*, Earl of *Selvos* and lord of all of northwestern *Kanday*. With the help of the unscrupulous mercantylers *Damaen* of *Hilome*, *Sir Denil* has grown wealthy importing the drug *Fanosel* for the recreational use of the more dissipated of the courtiers and a veteran manus of archers. The servants know that the king would dismiss *Sir Denil* if the scandal ever reached his ears, but they are afraid of *Sir Denil* and his warriors. *Sir Denil* knows this as well; he has never used the drug himself. Much of his personal wealth is in gold and silver jewelry hidden here and the balance is cached in an oaken chest buried near *Selvos*.

The constable's fiscal reputation is excellent. His payments to the royal treasury are always on time and usually exceed the demand. *Sir Denil* personally owns a 40 percent stake in the *Geldara's Butterfly*, a coastal *nivik* owned by mercantylers/usurer *Damaen* of *Hilome*.

Sir Denil is a strutting peacock who takes every opportunity to be the center of attention. He hosts monthly events for local nobility, and stays in close contact with the *Mangai* as well.

HEROTH [E7] 2

Narath Hundred, Noreashire, 570



Heroth controls a major commercial and military crossroads. It is the market center of one of the richest agricultural areas in western Hårn and a tempting target for expansion by Marshal Kronas of Tharda. If not for the cost of defense, the earl would be a far wealthier man.

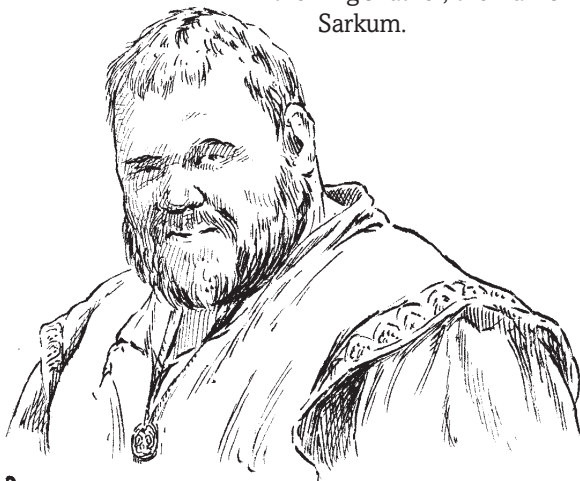
The dense Ravenath Forest enables the Timberwrights' and Charcoalers' guilds to contribute significantly to

the local economy. The forest is also a prominent source of yew for longbows, and an infamous refuge for outlaws.

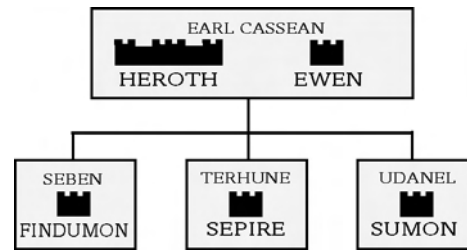
The castle was originally built as a Corani Empire fortress in 421. Its seizure by Xuaka of Aleathia in 443 sparked the war between the two states that resulted in the annexation of Aleathia by the Empire.

Following the collapse of the Theocracy, Heroth was ruled by a series of violent despots who styled themselves lords of Norea. In 623 it was captured by the *Order of the Checkered Shield*. The earldom was created by Andasin II in 647.

Earl Cassean, an ambitious aristocrat in his late forties, is currently attempting to marry his daughter to the king, an event which is not viewed favorably by the king's father, the Earl of Sarkum.



Earl Sinel Cassean



FIEF	HUNDRED	HOLDER	AC	LQ	HD
HEROTH	Narath	Cassean	1940	1.05	114
Cetha	Ravin	Pymarin	2310	1.06	39
Anedas		Bailiff	1840	1.07	31
Ecoze		Bailiff	1920	1.07	31
Crimos	Narath	Ulgatty	1810	1.05	28
Bord		Reeve	370	1.05	8
Deged	Narath	Hynkella	2250	1.06	38
Dunat	Tadlry	Cassaryn	2110	1.07	34
Stelunt		Bailiff	1830	1.07	30
Toffin		Bailiff	1580	1.06	27
Tralinel		Bailiff	1980	1.08	33
Zevurn		Bailiff	2020	1.07	32
Govendel	Narath	Bailiff	1830	1.04	29
Hilasen	Narath	Bailiff	2140	1.05	31
Juleme	Narath	Arwyn	2350	1.06	36
Chunem		Bailiff	1820	1.05	33
Fybaz		Bailiff	1960	1.06	32
Leth	Narath	Bailiff	1890	1.05	27
Nedoryn	Narath	Nedor	1940	1.05	32
Ovean	Narath	Vunasdyne	2350	1.04	41
Raldel	Narath	Yurelda	1960	1.05	33
Salkim	Narath	Derweyan	2340	1.04	40
Selaty	Narath	Selaty	2030	1.04	29
Sullin	Ravin	Inkathyn	2440	1.06	44
Nustane		Bailiff	1930	1.06	31
Smaddew		Inkather	2010	1.07	33
Hilisa		Bailiff	1640	1.08	29
Teverny		Bailiff	1350	1.08	23
Ventur		Reeve	440	1.07	9
Towey		Narath	Yisgaraen	1690	1.04
Lasord	Reeve		450	1.04	8
Undater	Bailiff		1730	1.04	28
Trakalin	Kandis	Bailiff	2120	0.95	35

TORTHAN [E8]  

Alatar Hundred, Torensire, 350

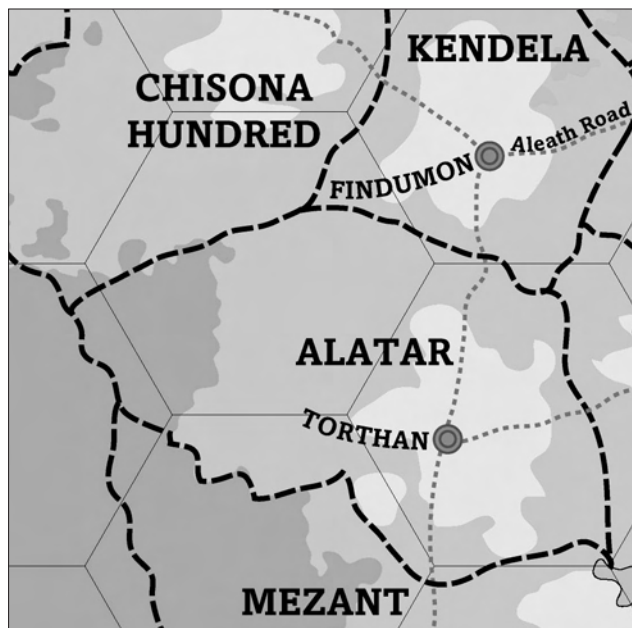
Built in 431, Torthan was the center of the petty kingdom of Alatar ruled by Clan Dargen until 687. The kingdom was in the midst of a succession crisis when the fall of Sarkum and Hebon caused most of the minor states in the area to unite with Kanday. The nobility of Alatar, seeing a chance to resolve their difficulties, swore fealty to Andasin III in 689.

Torthan is old and long-settled. It enjoys its isolation and the people actively discourage outsiders by providing them with misinformation and other petty annoyances. This has led to the common belief in Torensire and southern Urienshire that the folk of Alatar Hundred are especially inbred and degenerate. There are fanciful tales of savage secret cults that worship long-forgotten gods and practice human sacrifice.

The Sheriff of Toren is Sir Marik Dargever, a descendant of the first kings of Alatar. Sir Marek's younger brother, Varek, is married to the sister of the Baron of Pinide. Both are Odivshe Viran at Chyrefal in far-off Melderyn.

FIEF	HUNDRED	HOLDER	AC	LQ	HD
TORTHAN	Alatar	Sheriff	2120	1.01	70
Alatar		B/H	1400	1.00	20
Holik		Reeve	570	1.01	12
Mezanda	Mezant	B/H	1820	0.98	30
Iteyn	Chakre	B/H	2160	0.99	33
Ecune	Alatar	Lorayn	1930	1.00	30
Ijaza		Bailiff	1350	0.99	20
Spalad		Reeve	290	1.04	5
Dnora	Alatar	Bailiff	1820	1.00	28
Huvern	Alatar	Dargever	1370	1.02	20
Miona		Bailiff	1810	1.01	29
Relna		Bailiff	1770	1.00	28
Swik		Reeve	600	1.00	10
Demas	Alatar	Demas	2240	1.01	39
Wasyndel	Alatar	Bailiff	1320	1.01	21
Voras		Reeve	310	1.05	5

Kingdom of Alatar



Borders approximate the current Alatar Hundred.



Sheriff Marik Dargever