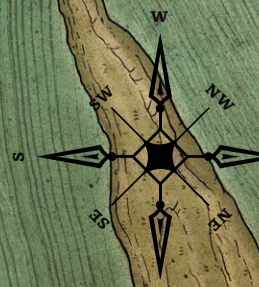




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MAP OF THE CITY OF
Vindras
 DRAWN YEAR 21 AFTER THE VINDRAS
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The Secrets of Lindaros

ARONGAI'S SUN TEMPLE

"Father Arongai owes everyone money. He says he's being blackmailed, but he's just a degenerate gambler."
"One of the initiates is plotting to replace the good father. She's aiming for the very top."
"Their famous relic is a fake. The real one was lost, though the church won't admit it."
"That pig-eyed drunk Arongai harbors apostates and heretics! If only I could prove it..."

CAPTAIN'S DOCKYARD

"The Captain presents himself as a war hero, but he's nothing but a looting deserter..."
"An armada of freight ships has been coming in lately, flying unknown flags."
"A 'special vessel' is under constant construction, 'cause someone keeps burning it down."
"Some boys at the shipyard are in league with pirates... Maybe the Captain is too."

DAKOVAK TAVERN

"There was this guy who ate there all the time. He was never sick, tired or even in a bad mood. Until he snapped! Good thing the watchmen got to him quickly, or more would have died..."

"The Silver Tree is not just ornamental. There's a vast tomb beneath!"
"By Prios, some statues appear to be weeping. Every moon or so."

THE AMBRIAN CONSERVATORY

"The music masters are too harsh on their students. Brutal. Cruel. But no one will expose them."
"Old Master Vigaró is the finest composer alive. Some would even call his talents... unnatural..."
"The Conservatory was approached by the Queen's Rangers. There's some kind of collaboration going on."
"A student said something about a great archive of barbarian chants, elven harmonies, even troll songs. Lies, I'm sure..."

THE CAMP CAVERNS

"The refugees have excavated a huge underground area beneath the camp site, where they can do whatever they want without being detected by the Watch."
"A distant relative of the Queen rules the Caverns, living like a King down there, the Cavern King they call him. Rich as a troll, but disgraced. That's why he is hiding."
"I am pretty sure those caverns are nothing but a garrison, with provisions, weapons, armor and other things Captain Kathia needs for the rebellion. It will be a slaughter..."
"Believe you me, when the refugees speak of the 'Black Market', they are referring to the Caverns. You can find ANYTHING down there!"

THE CISTERN

"Someone has poisoned the water supply, I'm sure of it! It's even changed color!"
"The guards have stopped going down to the cistern itself. They seem scared..."

"Yes, it is named after a legendary site in Dark Davokar. You know why? Because it is owned by the elves, and it is full of spies!"
"You think the staff is human, but that's just what those changelings want you to believe. Changelings, all of them!"
"I've heard that the food really tastes horribly; that the delicious taste is nothing but an illusion. True perfection is never that cheap!"

LILYPAD CLINIC

"The chief medicus is a great surgeon, but he's too obsessed with making people beautiful..."
"There's a laboratory where beggars are used as guinea pigs!"
"The exotic herbs being grown in the greenhouse are quite rare, if not unique."
"If you look closely, you'll see that the goblin helpers all have the same scar on their foreheads..."
"There's a foul stench coming from the backroom. Like nothing I've ever smelt."

MADMAN'S MANSION

"The owner lost his family long ago - murdered them, according to some. Hence the nickname."

"The place is infested with tiny lizard creatures. Tiny but numerous beyond count."
"You didn't hear it from me, but there's a secret passageway leading all the way to the palace."

THE GOODWILL SOCIETY

"The place may not look like much, but they have stupendous resources, especially for being a charity..."
"Such kind souls! They've helped lots of refugees and beggars off the street, for good."
"The government is trying to shut them down. Why? To keep us in the gutter, of course!"
"Goodwill, my foot! It's all a scam by Captain Kathia and her rabble!"
"My cousin started donating, just a little. Then more. Then everything. Bastards drove him mad."

THE KEEP

"The door never opens. Ever. Yet the City Watch keeps it guarded at all times."
"There the Watch keeps prisoners, and weapons, they don't want us to know about."
"Not long ago, a prisoner escaped the Keep. But the authorities covered it up."
"The place is a hellhole of torture and death. Haunted, by the souls of the murdered..."

THE ORACLES

"The Oracles know everything. Your past, present, and future. Even your dreams."
"One of the Oracles went missing a while back. Kidnapped by Odbolg, they say..."
"Don't buy their crystal orbs! They work alright, but at a terrible, terrible cost..."
"Those hags are no soothsayers, but puppets of a dark spirit. Yet the church does nothing!"
"The real secret is the well in their backyard. That's where they go each night."

"I heard he's one of the richest people in the city. Imagine the treasures he left behind!"
"The Madman is still alive! He never comes out, but I saw someone in an upstairs window."
"Apparently there's a secret entrance somewhere. A woman I heard of found it, but never returned."
"The house is cursed. The Madman wasn't its first victim, and he won't be its last."

MARLINO & SON

"Marlino's trading house is almost bankrupt, because of his son's drug abuse!"
"There's talk of an illegitimate daughter laying claim to the company."
"Marlino's wife had another kid, but you never see it. I heard there's something wrong with it..."
"Someone keeps painting strange symbols on their front door and walls."
"From what I've heard, they're peddling contraband on the side."

NECTARS OF PRIOS

"Their wine, the White Nectar, is amazing. But the best stuff is kept secret... The Black Nectar."

THE THREE AUCTIONEERS

"They are even auctioning slaves, late at night. But only the richest are invited."
"Their antiques have not been examined by Ordo Magica! Some are fake, others downright dangerous."
"The three brothers are not really the owners, you know. Just employed, by some dwarf."
"Their guard, Morgo, is as huge and ugly as a troll. In fact, he is a troll!"

THE UNSEEN BANK

"There's no safer place to store money and items, as the vaults are only visible to the Bankers."
"A man-eating monster is locked inside one of the vaults... Or was it a monstrous man?"
"The actual vaults are not in the building, but in an underground maze."
"Something is shielding the bank from mystical influence. Magic is useless in there."
"The guard force can't be human. They're too skilled. And they never say a word."

THE VELVET LODGE

"During the day it's a respectable club for nobles and fat cats; at night, a place of unspeakable depravity."
"Membership requires an invitation. And that you pass the Ordeal, of course. Unless you are royalty..."
"It's like a sect! Members who talk about what happens there are severely punished."
"The founding members bribe the Watch to stay away. The Lodge makes its own laws."

TWILIGHT RETREAT

"They're taking great care of the old, but don't allow visitors for more than an hour a week."
"The patients seem to grow notably stronger, even younger... Much younger."

"You're not allowed to leave the mansion with a bottle. You gotta drink it then and there."
"It doesn't taste like you'd expect. It barely tastes like wine. I'm not even sure it is!"
"The grapes are grown deep underground, among the ruins of Lindaros, or deeper..."

NEW TOWN PARK

"Several youngsters have died in the park in just a few days. No bruises, no blood, no nothing."
"I swear, there was this strange light at the bottom of the pond..."
"The squirrels in the park have gone m-murderous! The birds too! I'm not crazy!"
"More and more trees appear to be dying, fast. Ordo Magica can't explain it."

NIGHTBANE CEMETERY

"It's true, there are ghosts hiding in the mist of the cemetery. But they mean us no harm."
"Some nights, a strange group gathers around the statue of Ofelya Attio. And they sure aren't priests."
"Listen, don't talk to the Undertaker. And don't look him in the eye. He'll bury you!"

"Some say the place was built on a Lindarian burial ground. Can't be good."
"One night, a friend saw corpses being hauled from there. But no patients ever seem to die."
"Matron Solana is really a master alchemist. Maybe a witch. She just pretends not to be."

WIDE-EYE INVESTIGATIONS

"Orlinda Wide-Eye is a terrible investigator. But now she's stumbled upon something she shouldn't have."
"She's just pretending to be inept, when really she's spying for the Realm of the Order!"
"Believe me, she's not working alone. Her office building is the base of an entire organization."
"The door to the office is protected by powerful magic. Talk about paranoia!"

Guidelines for Use

What awaits the characters at these locations is entirely up to you - you decide which rumors are true and which are not. Our suggestion would be that you vary: arriving in the site, the characters will sometimes find that all the rumors they have heard are true, sometimes that only one or two of them are, and sometimes that everything they have been told is completely misleading.

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