

Fan War 2011-2012 Game World and Rules Update:



Twenty five years have passed in the world of Roekron and though the world felt poised on the edge of destruction, it has managed to come through a rough period, in surprisingly good shape. Many things have improved and most significantly, numerous plots to overthrow local governments were averted, not least of which was the discovery that for a time Queen Kunai Kendrai herself was being impersonated by a vampire shapeshifter! It took several years for things to become clear but with the help of a group of famous heroes Kunai Kendrai retook the throne of Dsesnor and has reigned for the past twenty years. Unfortunately the fact that she was impersonated cost her a great deal of her credibility. There are still those across the country who claim that the original Kunai Kendra was in fact the real one, and that the current ruler is an imposter. This has made it impossible to open any kind of negotiations with various countries across Roekron who have continued their battle and wars across the region. Attempts at peace were made, but all of them have been unsuccessful. Roekron is a splintered mass of countries, each with its own government. The Wizards Trade Order has become nothing but a powerful conglomeration of wizards and military forces operating almost as a separate government all on its own. It is believed that if relations do not improve between Serpention and Estorock a civil war will follow and Serpention may take the crown by force.

The Battle for the Fruit: At the end of a massive battle to defend first the Yavanna Tree and then after it died, the sole fruit it produced, a mysterious Elven woman now known to be The Dark Lady, appeared accompanied by an Ent army from the Dartark Forest. She is said to have gone first to the ocean where she retrieved the Elven Crown of Feanor, first of the Elf Kings in Roekron, and then, wearing the crown, she went to the fruit and somehow brought it back to life. The fact that the Dark Lady was seen to be wearing the crown has left many to speculate on who she truly was, as it is well known in Elven lore that the crown cannot be used by those not of the royal Elven line. It is believed by many that she was in fact Neana, first of the Elf Queens in Roekron, and the last of the first elves in Roekron. The Dark Lady is said to have confronted Eliana Starlight, one of the founders of the Wizards Trade Order. The reports from witnesses are that the Dark Lady banished or destroyed Eliana Starlight and then spoke, and the fruit and the lady vanished, many witnesses saying that she was actually drawn into the fruit before it disappeared in a ripple. The priestess of the Elder Goddess who have had a hand in the events surrounding the Tree (whom they to this day refer to as Ambarta the

Eiandori) state that the Dark Lady fulfilled a prophecy that was a part of their religion and that by doing so healed the world through her sacrifice. It is their belief that the fruit was part of a great fate which the world hung upon and that the Dark Lady understood this and sacrificed herself to complete the fate. Due to this the Priestesses of the Elder Goddess count the Dark Lady as one of their faith and many often call her the Elder Goddess and use the names interchangeably. This would seem to be true for not long after the Dark Ladies disappearance the powers the Followers of the Elder Goddess that had been thought dead burst forth with new life. The temple in Randwin bloomed with flowers and rebuilt itself. The great guardian known as the Stone Dragon returned to life though unlike before appeared to require no sustenance, and instead guards the Temple, ever awake, ever watchful. One of the great casualties of these events however were the Elves and the Fae, both of whom are now on the verge of extinction.

The Loss of the Elves: It became obvious to all the Elves shortly after this phenomenon that they were quickly losing a connection to the divine. Soon they would never be able to reach their afterlife. Panic swept across the continent and it is assumed across the known and unknown parts of the world and Elves are said to have taken their own lives in the thousands before their chance at an afterlife was gone forever. This period of time has become known as the Nierme Sangavalya and is spoken of in hushed tones among those elves that chose to remain in Roekron. The number of Elves who stayed is a tiny fraction of their original number. Having been few to begin with there is but a tenth of them left. The High Elves departed in the greatest numbers with more Wood Elves choosing to stay. Elves are now a very rare sight in Roekron outside of major cities. Even in areas of high population, meeting Elves is not an every day occurrence. Gone are the days of Elven hunting parties and armies marching across the land. Now, only a handful of them remain, a sad, scattered people, leaderless for much of this period as in one motion all of their kings, queens, nobles, and lords passed on, leaving a broken web of lineages all but meaningless. Perhaps the most poignant parting of the Nierme Sangavalya was the passing of Queen Chelsea Amethesta and Queen Eleventa. Long they debated the choice to pass on or remain to protect their charges. In a tragic story still told across the region, Queen Eleventa chose to pass on, leaving a note for her lover to follow her if she wish to. Queen Chelsea overwhelmed with loss finally decided to follow her love and took her own life only to discover that the passage was already closed! The haunt of Queen Chelsea Amethesta tore the entire city to pieces. It is said non dare set foot in the old city of Eines Mien now for fear of being overwhelmed with her plaintive cries and taking their own lives as well. The story has served as a warning to all Elves who now fear what they will become when they do pass on. Time has told and these fears have been realized as some of the most fearsome and terrifying haunts now roam the land unstoppable. Without an afterlife to pass on to, these poor creatures are unsolvable! Morganti seems to be the only way to stop them, and many cringe at the thought of using such means on their former friends. It is indeed a tragic time for the Elven people.

The Claiming of the Elven Lands: As Andionion and Ein Ion became less populated in a matter of years, humans across Roekron quickly colonized the abandon lands and set up their own governments. The false Kuni Kendrai did nothing to oppose these takeovers and even encouraged certain humans to push the remaining elves from their lands to secure a defense against Dagdeoth who had taken control of Illionass and still holds it to this day. Amir, Temnor, Odilwatch and Dsesnorian colonists as well as the displaced Illionass people flooded into the land and quickly made a new life for themselves. This succeeded in securing the land from Dadgeoth but left Andionion with nothing but its two capital cities and surrounding lands. Without a tree in Celendil, the Elves took to warring over the original Grove of Peace and Love but hostilities were limited and cautions with the discovery of the terrible haunts they became when they died. Do to these battles, many Elven haunts litter the Grove and make it difficult for anyone to approach safely. In their despair and depression the rest of the elves turned to saving what little was left of their culture. Closing their borders to any and all non elves, Andionion has become a dangerous zone for any non elf to enter. The penalty for entering their land is death, and repeat offenders are said to be treated with Morganti death as punishment.

The wood elves to the south faired somewhat better. Though assailed on both sides by Temnor and Geb, they rallies and fought for their home. As many and more of them left for their dwindling afterlife the war failed and Temnor and Geb began colonizing. It wasn't long before the two began fighting over the spoils and are still locked in battle tearing the region apart. The elves have pulled into the Wildwood where the Humans fear to walk, as well as keeping Spireguard, the only remaining true city of the Ein Ion Wood Elves.

The Battle against the Vampires: Upon the recrowning of Kuni Kendrai as High Queen of Roekron and the destruction of her duplicate a large scale battle against the forces of vampires across Roekron began to become public knowledge. While many had know about the false death of the feared and infamous Dark City and how vampires were still around, it became known that they were not just alive but everywhere, infiltrating governments, guilds, and organizations across the known world. As more momentum was put behind this battle to root out these infiltrations many countries viewed this as an excuse to seize power and take over their leaders. In many cases this was exactly the case as rulers across Roekron began to accuse anyone and everyone of being vampires and killing them on the spot, arresting them, or imprisoning them for questioning. The Wizards Trade Order debated about how to solve this problem and eventually came up with rules for the fair treatment of all countries and citizens of Roekron. The document resolved to ratify the rights of all individuals in Roekron and promised swift and decisive justice to all who would impinge upon the rights of the common people through use of power. This document was never voted into law unfortunately, as many lords found it offensive as it stripped them on many of their powers and many governments deemed it dangerous to the safety of Roekron saying it would keep governments from meeting out justice. The document was set aside and is still being debated

some sixteen years later. It is due to come up for a vote again this year. Thus in some counties it is still dangerous to speak up against ones lords for fear of being called a vampire and arrested or Morganti executed. While the battles against the real vampires were not as well known as many of the fake and imagined ones, they were non-the-less very effective. No great and powerful vampire lords have arisen and most accredit this to the tireless work on heroes across the land who have made it their goal to eliminate the threat of vampires everywhere. A few very influential pieces of information to come out of this war have been the fact that Odilwatch is now under investigation for suspicion of vampire infiltration and is currently at war with its neighbors and considered in breach of the Wizards Trade Order treaties and an enemy of Roekron. It is believed that Toby Oakenshade, the current king is indeed a vampire himself, and the people rally for his removal from the throne. Geb and Temnor both have been under investigation but not enough evidence could be found, though several vampires were destroyed in both regions. Svodlun also uncovered many vampire infiltrators but as of yet the government appears to be clean of direct influence. Most surprisingly perhaps has been the claim of a deep infiltration of Sorikonía by the infamous vampire Curves. The once peaceful island nation has suffered the bloodiest period in its history with much of its heritage, culture, and society destroyed in the first ever fracturing of the order of the Sorikonian Martial Masters who until now had been one united clan. Now they are in a civil war which threatens to spread onto the mainland with some factions looking to the Wizards Trade Order for aid while others seek help from Estorock and Icashí. Grimsoeoth preys upon the infighting, taking land at every opportunity. It is a tenuous time for the eastern land of Roekron. Honor is wearing thin, and Ronin are on the rise.

The Elder Dragons: During the early years dragons became very scarce in Roekron. It was believed that many of them had died in some great catastrophe. It is still widely believed by most Elder Sorcerers that indeed many dragons died or gave their lives in some great conflict. It is not known for sure what this conflict was, but approximately ten years after the Battle of the Fruit five ancient dragons were seen to be traveling across Roekron and meeting openly with people of various regions. These dragons, one Green, one Gold, one Blue, one Platinum, and one Needle dragon, are being called the Elder Dragons and are seen from time to time at the now popular dragon shrines and temples across Roekron. It is believed that these dragons take an active role in helping or assisting the people of Roekron but the numerous accounts of people being eaten or killed who approach them sheds a great deal of doubt on this hypothesis. Most simply view the Elder Dragons as one might weather, not directly hostile, but something to take cover from none the less. Only the Priests of the Dragons are said to speak with these Dragons directly and not always with complete success. Several wars waged by Kuni Kendrai have seen these dragons come to her aid and battle along side her. Thus, though her credibility may be in doubt, few wish to challenge her when she has allies such as this!

Dark Blades and the Black Rot: Over the past twenty five years what was first thought to be a disease but was later discovered to be more of a strange infection was discovered. It was first believed to be a type of bacteria that attacked wounds that were not healed right away, like those created by Dark Blades. But soon people all across Roekron were experiencing the symptoms which withered them, causing them to become prematurely frail. Many mages and herbalists tried tirelessly to cure this ailments and eventually came to the realization that those who either had prolonged exposure to a Dark Blade or were wounded by one were the ones coming down with the disease. Protesters swarmed the Wizard Trade Order palace in Serponton and demanded the something be done about this horrible affliction. The Wizards Trade Order looked into the matter and declared that there was no provable link between the creation of their Dark Blades and the Black Rot and that the best they could do was to put out a general warning that there might be some danger to using a Dark Blade. This was not acceptable to Kuni Kendrai who banned the weapons in Dsesnor and has been confiscating the weapons across Roekron. Still being produced by the Wizards Trade Order in defiance of the Queens ruling, the Council states that there is no law prohibiting the creation and distribution of their weapons and thus they are not in violation of any law. Thus, people across Roekron are often seen to be sickly, drawn or frail, some simply from having handled weapons.

A Series of Unfortunate Intentions: About ten years ago something unprecedented in the history of Roekron mage crafting took place. Mages began to die off with sudden rapidity. Almost all of their deaths were at first thought to be random at they occurred when each was in the process of making Elder Sorcery. Often enough spells can go awry and cause fatal harm. However, these mages were not just killed, but destroyed by their spells and an investigation by the recently rebuilt Pinicle school mages was to uncover a most chilling plot. As more and more mages began to die, not just when making spells but when casting Elder Sorcery across Roekron, and even in Astengrad, many schools began to take notice and began examining the elements of the arcane surrounding their art. It was through this investigation that Pinicle discovered that Svodlun was concealing a huge mana well eruption which it turned out was in fact the same mana well eruption from years ago on the island of Gwodo. Apparently rather than seal the well they had opted to divert the mana flow. Where this rampant mana flow was being diverted to is still not common knowledge, only that it was effecting Elder Sorcery across Roekron. This would have been the end of the investigation if one Embarcarious Petrfloutous had not accidentally discovered a pattern to the deaths. Those killed by the spell failures where by no means completely random, though there were enough random events to make it appear thus. Tracking the spells of each the Arch Mage of Pinicle discovered and correctly identified the Raustkuru, a Sentient Elder Sorcery Spell of extreme intelligence feeding on the raw mana from the rampant well which unfortunately eluded capture. This predator somehow travels through magic, though the schools remain silent on how this is accomplished. Many believe this Predator Spell to be a magical fumble of massive proportion, but Pinicle still holds

to the belief that it was created by something with a great hatred for wizards and non native spell casters. Who that being would be remains unspoken. Attempts to destroy the Raustkuru by Astengrad proved deadly to those involved. Thus, those who now undertake Elder Sorcery do so with even more hesitance, knowing that something waits to destroy them with each cast of their spell. Thus, Elder Sorcery has seen a strong downturn in recent years. There has been a great loss of spell knowledge and experimentation. Few mages use Elder Sorcery outside of their schools for fear of becoming a victim of the Raustkuru. While schools provide little protection, students at least feel that due to the number of mages present and casting, there are less likely to be the one targeted by the predator. As of yet there are no known protections against it other than to keep ones mana levels low, as it seems to be attracted to large amounts of mana. The Wizards Trade Order has agreed to look into the matter. As with so many other powerful events the Raustkuru became the focus of certain mage fearing groups and quickly became a new religion, with many followers across Roekron. Though they are looked upon as something of a joke, there is a growing worry in recent years that they are becoming more powerful and seem to be plotting the destruction of mage schools altogether.



Time Jump Info - Politics, Magic, Economics, and Play Locations.

Current Date: 15955 - 2012 (25 year jump)
Early/Middle Sixth Age

The current political scene in Roekron is one of guarded nationalism. The Wizards Trade Order does nothing to impose its regulations and leaves the managing of the laws to the high Queen Kuni Kendrai. She still uses the Sorikonian's for her military while Serpenton keeps its own guards and army. There is rumor of a civil war in the future and tension between Estorock and Serpenton is high. The relations with Sorikonian are also tense, as the signs of vampire infiltration were deep and the last twenty-five years has seen a destruction of the Sorikonian culture in an attempt to root out the evil. All the nations are protective of their borders and mostly govern themselves. Kuni Kendrai has more influence with Amir and Hostor currently. Temnor is volatile, and is often at war with its neighbors. Geb continues to pirate the Western Reach and encroaches on Hostor. Andionion is in a

state of recuperation, and does little politically. Illionass, has carved out a new life for itself south of their homeland and works fairly well with their neighbor to the south though battle with Odilwatch are frequent to the north. Svodlun continues ever on in it's churning out of equipment and supplies. There are rumor that they are seeking the designs for the making of Morganti and have petitioned the Wizards Trade Order for an exclusive right to produce it. The negotiations are always heated and blocked by many members, most decidedly High Queen Kendrai. Dagdeoth appears to be recovering from a civil war as well. The undead and living troops were known to be at war at times of the last twenty five years and while they are not currently fighting, the tensions are still high between them. Grimsoeoth appears to be the most organized and dangerous. They have large armies that raid into Dsesnor frequently and while they do not use as much undead as Dagdeoth, their raw force is often enough to break many armies. There is rumor they are making common cause with Blackspire, and if so, Roekron has great cause to worry. Blackspire is as dangerous and chaotic as ever, and if organized would allow Grimsoeoth access to the center of Roekron. Over all politics are churning, and most people trust only their own government, and even then, not very much depending on where you are from.

Due to the Raustkuru disrupting the casting of Elder Sorcery, Roekron is in a tough time for mages. Already rare, high level mages are even more scarce. The upside of this is that magic items have become more common. Since mages can't be counted on to be able to cast a spell, magic items were crafted that could simulate the spell. The Raustkuru does not seem to target magic items and thus this allows for powerful magical works without the need for a true Elder Sorcerer. Simple magic items are also more common, as various groups began to take over the job that Glimindel and Sorikonía use to play in the creation of items. Nothing of the caliber of the old items has been seen however, as Glimindel and Sorikonía have a long tradition of item crafting. Hostor has barely recovered from the destruction of their school and is only now beginning to make items again. Stormwatcher Tower may be making items, but if so, they are not common knowledge. Thus, most items are locally crafted, simple devices.

Overall Roekron has done well over the past twenty five years regarding its stability and resources. The economy is picking up as the colonization of the lost elven lands has given jobs to a myriad of occupations. Prices are steady for equipment supply and repair and are fairly consistent across the region as are the availability of equipment.

In Game Play Locations for Spring Season 2012

Christopher's Leagues

- 1) Palo Alto Adventure/Battle League: Any and All cities and provinces.*
- 2) Palo Alto Character/Quest League: City of Icashí, Province of Dsesnor*
- 3) Palo Alto Club League: City of Sashí Eten, Province of Sorikonía*
- 4) Napa Character/Quest: City of Hew Town, Province of Dsesnor*

5) *Adult League (Petaluma): City of Sashi Eten, Sorikonía.*

6) *Adult League (Ukiah): TBA in March.*

Tony's Leagues

1) *Petaluma Character/Quest: City of Cliffwatch, Province of Shaloba*

2) *Berkeley Character/Quest: City of Oldmarket, Province of Gritten*

3) *Palo Alto Character/Quest: City of Braknik, Province of Skilhavien*

4) *Palo Alto Advanced: City of Braknik, Province of Skilhavien*

5) *Ukiah Character/Quest: City of Oldmarket, Province of Gritten*