

Malachi of the Winds of Uirtue

- Empress' ambassador to Urisen - of her chapter?
- Dates unclear
- Often cited as "Companion of Pride"
- Involved in the Cousins' War - how?
- Another Malachi?
- ?Lover of Tiberius Sunspire?

Myfanwy of hercynia

- Diplomat
- Critical in spreading the Empress' word beyond hG
- Retired after the Forging?
- Not often cited as "Companion" - but seems to have been a key figure; Why not part of the highborn Narrative?

Naomi? Naomi?

- hG Wayfarer/Battle-commander
- Cavalrywoman
- Preacher of the First Empress' vision
- Mentioned in only a few sources - generally contemporary ones? Sometimes called "Companion of Courage"?
- What relationship to Irida?
- Duelled with Robert? Or was this Irida?

Robert des Lemaitres

- "Rodrick's Spite"
- Dawnish Noble
- Despised the First Empress until Rodric married her
- Duelled with Naomi? Irida? Possibly just really enjoyed fighting highborn; this is depicted in a few pieces of art.
- Later part of Monarchist Controversy
- "Companion" in one or two sources, but no-one believes that!

Brigit of Dourfen

- Marcher
- Brought the Marchers to her, until Cousins' War
- Won Cousins' War
- Later, Imperial General? Cited as brilliant at high-end strategy.
- Indeed, architect of early-Imperial strategy: understood the keeping and taking of land.
- "Companion of Uigilance" in quite a few sources but not sure if was personally close to Empress?
- Co-ordinated foreign armies, ensured co-operation

Giovanni di Tassato

- Second Throne
- Consolidator, established houses of power, currency, Anvil as capital, &c.
- First Imperial Senator of Tassato
- Can't have worked with Empress personally - too young. Despite this, Companionists do try and include him a lot

Uiola di Tassato

- Giovanni di Tassato's mother
- We don't know that much about her - we know she existed because her name is on a lot of receipts: she clearly had some role in the provision and supply of strategic resources at that time, in a pre-"Bourse" era
- Supporter of Barell di Tassato - presumably from his side of river?
- Rival of Aldones
- There is really not much about her - I think she just doesn't fit the Companion narrative; nothing "inspirational" survives about her

Aldones di Saruos

- "Founder of the League"
- Paragon of Ambition
- Brought Maria Ivanova, Barell di Tassato in
- Companion - Ambition - sources unanimous
- But what relationship to Empress? Did they meet personally?
- Why no correspondence? Where did he go?

Barell di Tassato

- Prince of Tassato - which Tassato?
- Strange that this is unknown
- Joined Aldones' "League of Saruos"
- Not my area of expertise - need more books on foundation of League!!

Lrida Swift-Lance

- Empress' Master of horse
- Self-aggrandising, but Loyalty figure
- ?Companion? Little evidence they were close, possibly just a commander under her?
- Nevertheless cited regularly: hg equine prestige?
- Accompanied Tom Drake into Uarushka
- Disappears post Empress' death, ?killed at same time?

Maria Ivanova

- Boyar of Temeschwar
- Joined Aldones' League
- Outsider, not true believer
- Did she stay Boyar after Alderei? Did she leave?

Alderei the Fair

- Rebel king? of Uarushka
- Not sure of pre-rebellion history - little written; much history negative as would expect but not sure anything of note here
- Gathered Uolodny support, mortal army, to conquer Uarushka & the Empire
- Purged Sovereigns, attracted foreigners - why? Who would fight for a provincialist tyrant?
- Killed 5Y.E.? by Tom Drake, "in combat"
- Body never found

king Aloh Bearnig

- Last king of the Winterfolk
- Joined Way of Uirtue, left behind old ways
- Created divisions
- Military ally of the Empress
- Not Companion (But was converted?? So did follow a virtue presumably?)
- Malachi preached to? Is this Malachi W-U?

king Rodric of Dawn

- Last independent Dawnish Monarch
- Approached the First Empress to marry her?
- Married First Empress after she jumped the River of Sighs to Prove her Mettle - this is one of those stories that might not be true but good luck finding any other version - and the Dawnish are normally good for accurate recording of Tests
- Agreed after a night of "conversation" to abdicate (Empress was Queen regnant, not consort)
- What was said?! I would give anything to see that night

Lilith of the Iron Fist

- highborn infantry commander
- Commanded joint Imperial armies
- Joint-force tactician to strategist Brigit Dourfen
- "Conqueror of Wayford"
- Companion? Citation of past-self "Martin Wayfarer" stretches credibility
- Possibly a post-hoc invention: it is really noticeable how many highborn military commanders survive in their histories

Sheber, Empress' Guide

- First Empress' Guide-Priest
- Preached word of her Uision
- Advisor all her life
- Another fucking highborn
- Sheber recruited Myfanwy of hercymia?
- Companion, Wisdom
- There is a theory that this is h&K - that we have the Myfanwy relationship the wrong way round here and Myfanwy was the guide. (There is an odd poem that is cited in another book which indicates something like this?)
- Third-hand bollocks probably

Tom Drake of Redston

- Cousins' War - Imperialist/Steward
- Commander, Imperial armies in Uarushka
- knew Irida, Brigit, must have met Empress
- died in final battle vs. Alderei
- Recently reborn according to "Echoes"!

Long Tom Goodfellow

- Miraculous Exemplar of Prosperity
- Marcher? Uarushkan? Winterborn? Navarri?
- Advisor to Empress, diplomat in her service
- "Countryside" mirror of Aldones
- Travelled with Myfanwy

First Empress

- Unknown date of birth, chapter, name
- Even solid deeds aren't much there - lots of second-hand things
- Essentially almost completely a "highborn inspirational figure" - but who was she as a person?
- She lived, she loved, perhaps? What was she actually like?
- We know her only by her echoes: she is like a shadow. Is she a shadow of one of these?