

# THE ORDERS OF WYNTER

VINLAND, A LAND OF FROZEN PLAINS AND ENDLESS SNOWS, WHERE THE WIND CUTS AS SHARP AS ANY BLADE. HERE STAND THE HOLDS OF THE ORDERS OF WYNTER: SOLITARY BASTIONS OF LIFE UPON THE LONELY HORIZON. THE CITIZENS OF VINLAND KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO GO WITHOUT, AND SO CELEBRATE SUCCESSES ALL THE MORE FERVENTLY.

## SOCIETY AND EQUALITY

VINLAND IS A PLACE OF FIERCE EQUALITY, WHERE THE UNFORGIVING CLIMATE AND THREAT OF MONSTROUS BEASTS FORGE A SOCIETY THAT VALUES BOLDNESS OVER BLOODLINE. IN A LAND WHERE DEATH COULD COME IN AN INSTANT, TITLES AND RICHES HOLD LITTLE VALUE. HERE SOCIAL STATUS IS DETERMINED NOT BY WEALTH OR ANCESTRAL LEGACY; IT IS MEASURED BY THE FIRE OF ONE'S SPIRIT AND THE BOLDNESS OF THEIR ACTIONS.

## LIFE WITHIN THE ORDERS OF WYNTER

DESPITE ITS OUTWARD APPEARANCE, THE ORDERS ARE NOT JUST A SOCIETY OF WARRIORS. THEY ARE IN FACT A VIBRANT COMMUNITY ENCOMPASSING PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. DAILY LIFE WITHIN THE COURT IS BUSTLING AND COMMUNAL. THE CLANG OF HAMMERS IN THE FORGE RING OUT MIXED WITH THE LAUGHTER OF CHILDREN PLAYING IN THE COURTYARDS. AND AS THE LOW HANGING SUN SETS UPON THE FROZEN TUNDRAS, ROARING FIRES ARE LIT AND THE SOUNDS OF FEAST AND RECITED SAGA CAN BE HEARD THROUGHOUT THE HALLS. HERE, THE LINE BETWEEN WARRIOR AND WORKER OFTEN BLURS. A FARMER MAY TAKE UP ARMS IN TIMES OF GREAT DANGER, JUST AS THE KNIGHT MAY WORK THE FIELDS DURING THE HARVEST. BOLDNESS AND VALOR ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FIELDS OF BATTLE; THEY TAKE MANY FORMS, AND ALL WHO SEEK GREATNESS IN THEIR DEEDS ARE HONORED.

## GLORY AND RENOWN

IN VINLAND, GLORY AND VALOR ARE HELD AS THE HIGHEST IDEALS. FROM THE HUMBLEST STABLEHAND TO THE MIGHTIEST KNIGHT, THE PEOPLE OF THE ORDERS SEEK A LIFE OF ACTION AND DEEDS. IT IS A COMMONLY HELD BELIEF THAT A LIFE WITHOUT RENOWN IS A LIFE UNLIVED. IN ALL WALKS OF LIFE COURAGE IS CELEBRATED AND HESITATION SCORNE. ON BOTH THE BATTLEFIELD AND WITHIN THE COURT, CHALLENGES ARE MET HEAD ON, AND TAKING RISKS IS ENCOURAGED. WHETHER FOR A RECKLESS CHARGE OR NEW FARMING TECHNIQUES, ALL PEOPLE SEEK TO BE REMEMBERED. AND WHILE MANY ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, IT IS THE LUCKY FEW WHO ARE TRULY IMMORTALIZED. THEIR NAMES ARE ADDED TO THE GREAT SAGAS OR THEIR LIKENESS EMBROIDERED UPON THE THREADS OF WYNTER (THE GREAT TAPESTRY MARKING THE DEEDS OF THE ORDERS SINCE ITS CREATION!): THOSE ARE THE ONES WHO LIVE ON FOREVER!

## STYLE AND FASHION

THE PEOPLE OF VINLAND SHOW THEIR FIERCE SPIRIT NOT ONLY THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS AND DEEDS, BUT ALSO IN THEIR VIBRANT STYLE. UPON THE BATTLEFIELDS THEY DON BRIGHT SURCOATS EMBLAZONED WITH STRIKING CRESTS, ARMOR THAT GLEAMS IN THE SUNLIGHT, AND GREAT CLOAKS AND MANTLES MADE OF THE MOST LUXURIOUS FURS. EACH KNIGHT AND SERJEANT IS DRESSED TO CATCH THE EYE SO THAT NO GLORIOUS DEED MAY GO UNWITNESSED. THOSE THAT REMAIN WITHIN THE COURTS DRESS JUST AS BOLDLY. THEIR TUNICS AND DRESSES CAN BE FOUND IN A MYRIAD OF COLORS AND INTRICATELY EMBROIDERED WITH CRESTS AND MOTIFS. THESE ARE OFTEN COUPLED WITH BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED BELTS AND EXQUISITELY CRAFTED JEWELRY WORN ABOUT THE BODY. IT IS RARE THAT THE FOLK OF VINLAND GO UNNOTICED.

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