

The Knight's Primer



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Chapter I: The Dark Period

- I. And so it was that, in the fifteenth year of Aldreth IV of the line of Hugor, the Spirits of Darkness once more did raise their heads.
- II. And espying the kingdom of the People of the Seven, they didst make amongst themselves wretched noise and wicked plots.
- III. For the light and glory of the Seven ever is a burden on the minds of the wicked spirits, who knoweth no cause or purpose other than the destruction of what has been made good.
- IV. For by rejecting the Seven did they lose the spark and breath of life which hath been given to the people of the Divine.
- V. And so the Spirits of Darkness did put their powers to the good of the enemies of the Holy People, devising fires of hell which brought forth destruction upon the fields and homes of Hugor's Line.
- VI. To wicked men of ill heart did they give these fires, tinged green with the evil in their hearts. And the Holy People could not stand against them.
- VII. Then reigned the Age of Darkness, in which the Holy People were at the mercy of their enemies, and many began to waver in holiness themselves, tempted by promises kind.
- VIII. Aldreth IV, seeking the peace and misled by the wicked words of men, offered the hand of reconciliation to the people of the Spirits of Darkness, and did cavort upon their altars.

- IX. And to their gods did he sacrifice flame and wheat, and did lie with the priestesses of Lustful Spirits. This was ill in the eyes of the Seven.
- X. This Age reigned for two hundred years, through the reign of Hugor IX the Wicked, whose wickedness was no less than the Spirits of Darkness themselves, and the Faith found itself repressed and pushed back on all sides.
- XI. Hugor IX cavorted daily with the priestesses of lust, and himsel partook in the burning of the Faithful Septons of Hugor's Hill.
- XII. In the fifth year of his reign did he take to his sword the highest Septons, desiring for himself the wealth and gold of the Faith. Thus darkness abounded.

Chapter II: The Shining One's Decree

- I. But the Seven never long leave the prayers of their Holy People unanswered, and in the same year in which the High Septon was slain by Hugor IX there was born the Death of Darkness.
- II. In the Death of Darkness was found the virtues of the Seven in abundance, and it is said from his crib shone forth light radiant.
- III. And it was as if he head was crowned with Seven Stars, and throughout his life did he illumine those around with the Seven's Virtues.
- IV. His hands never touched a weapon or were put to any evil purpose, and never did his eyes fall upon a woman with lustful countenance, purity ever belonged to the Death of Darkness.

- V. And Hugor IX, aware now by the Spirits of Darkness of the arrival of the Death of Darkness, did order him to be slain.
- VI. Yet the swords of Hugor's men could not touch the Death of Darkness, and their arrows broke upon his cloak, each bursting in a flash of holy flame.
- VII. For the Death of Darkness was protected by the Hands of the Seven Themselves, for he had in Their hearts been made their avatar.
- VIII. For Hugor IX had appointed as High Septon a man abounding in wickedness almost as much as he, and decay spread through the Faith.
- IX. And in his thirteenth year, the Death of Darkness found for himself a man wise and old, a warrior of renown, to serve as his mentor.
- X. Any sword or blade picked up by the Death of Darkness was infused them with light and flame of righteousness, and he was marked to be the Saviour of the Holy People.
- XI. For three years did the Death of Darkness bind himself to the service of this Holy Warrior, until the time came when the Seven called upon him to take up his burden.
- XII. And the Death of Darkness marched into the city of Hugor IX, and the guards dare not strike him for the radiance he emitted.
- XIII. The Death of Darkness came into the Sept where the corrupt High Septon did reside, and yet could not bring himself to finish him, for he saw still a spark of life.
- XIV. And the Death of Darkness did sit and converse with the High Septon, and all who came were amazed to silence and inaction.

- XV. And by the power of the Seven did the Death of Darkness save the heart of the High Septon, and every guard whom Hugor IX had sent to the Sept to murder the Death of Darkness.
- XVI. From that day forth, the High Septon was known as The Shining One, and he bolstered himself with the love and virtue of the Divine.
- XVII. And The Shining One did issues a decree declaring Hugor IX anathema, and removed of all his holdings.
- XVIII. For unto the High Septon have the Seven given the power to bind and loose all things of those fallen to the Spirits in Darkness.
- XIX. And upon the head of the Death of Darkness and all the guards whose hearts had been changed, The Shining One conferred scented oils blessed in the sight of the Gods.
- XX. And the Death of Darkness, and all there anointed did take upon the title of Knight.

Chapter III: The Seven's Response

- I. And at this the Seven were overjoyed, for Their Holy People at last again had hope.
- II. And they declared amongst themselves the choice to have Themselves appear before the Death of Darkness in one of Their aspects.
- III. And by this they have at one time left the Holy Halls after their returning there, and shall not do so again until the next Death of Darkness is born.
- IV. And they amongst themselves drew lots, to see which of themselves shall be sent, for in one there is all.

- V. So it fell to the Stranger to be their witness, the aspect which should appear unto the Death of Darkness.
- VI. And he did appear unto the Death of Darkness as a shadow, a mist creeping through the land and over the land, swallowing it beneath its shadow.
- VII. And the Death of Darkness was amazed, and found his back stooped with age, his hair turned grey.
- VIII. For to lay eyes upon the Seven in any aspect will cause one to be filled with Its belonging, and to the Stranger belongs age and decay.
- IX. And the Stranger did say unto the Death of Darkness,
 - X. “Behold, a great hero shall you be. And unto the men of the world I give to you and your kind the task of ensuring Light’s Safety.
 - XI. Take up for yourself this cloak, and bear it with your brothers proudly.”
- XII. And there wast suddenly in the Death of Darkness’ hands a cloak of all the colours of the rainbow, except for black, which is that of the Stranger.
- XIII. “But what am I to do, when so many are arrayed before me”
The Death of Darkness did inquire.
- XIV. And yet the Shadow of the Stranger did extend his hand, and all fell silent.
- XV. “You shall become for the people a great hero, but no lordship will be yours. You are a son of the Warrior, and now do give away the right, with your brothers, to any mortal thing.”
- XVI. To this the Death of Darkness bowed his head. “Let it be so.”

- XVII. And the Shadow of the Stranger did reply, “You will lead the Holy People north, to the islands filled with mazes. And you shall there settle and establish kings, until one greater does come.
- XVIII. And there the title of your anointing, that of Knight, shall be forgotten for an age or more, until time has come for The Great Undertaking.”
- XIX. Such was the will of the Seven.

Chapter IV: The Honour of a Knight

- I. Here follows the Decrees of The Shining One on the Honour of a Knight:
- II. “Let him who is deigned to be granted knighthood be held to a standard higher than any other, Septon or Lord, within our realm. For upon them are both the sword and holy oils, doubly blessed in all they do. Therefore let any knight who does not hold the code of Honour be declared anathema.”
- III. “A knight shalt be chaste, taking unto himself but one woman, and cherishing her as The Maiden Herself. For in woman does a knight find his compliment, with virtues and graces to truly make him, when they become one, an image of the Seven. Any who do not follow this, let it be removed them.”
- IV. “In the same chaste way, a knight shall never deny a maiden’s request if it be virtuous, no matter the danger it place themselves in. For the knight is to be as the Warrior, a constant devender and avenger against the Spirits of Darkness.”

Chapter V: The Duties of a Knight

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Chapter VI: The Sacred Duty

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