

Volta – Let Slip the Dogs of War

Castle Narvik, Glen Teig

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An Open Report to the South,

The winter has been harsh. We have suffered, here, in the north. We have suffered hunger and assault, warfare and the cold. We have seen strong men struck down, and weak men taken by the Wendigo, becoming little more than beasts. We have suffered all manner of atrocity, but we have endured. As Voltans, we endured.

The winter, now, has ended. The heavy snows have retreated back to the peaks of the mountains, leaving the thaw to take us. We have started to bury the uneaten, unresurrected dead, and sent out scouts to find the lay of the land.

The forces of Redpath maintain a line of battle not far from us, just to the north. Commander Tristan Eastwyck has taken a force of scouts south, to see to the support of Baron Theon Dayne. Initial reports suggest that the Baron has been pushed north, and the Commander sought to help him establish a line of skirmish in the face of the Abomination Gerling's forces, to avoid being pinched between the forces of Redpath to the north and Gerling's to the south.

The forces of the Wolf Nation seem disjointed. There is unrest in their ranks, an uneasiness that seems to work in our favor. Many are the reports of skirmishes with the undead that ended with Barbarians of the Wolf Tribe siding with our forces, or staying their hands when striking meant the spilling of Voltan blood. Some small tribes have made their way south to our lines. Of that number, some stay and fight against the undead, others continue south in peace.

With the thaw comes the potential for true warfare again. I fear that death moves on the wind in Volta, and I wonder to whom it will blow.

By My Hand,

Glen Teig,

An Open Letter to the South,

Let those who fear for we who have found shelter within the walls of Tallon's Hold know peace.

Those who have denied themselves the generosity and care of Baron Gerling have suffered; the rest of his people have not. You in the South have known cold, fear, and want. We too have heard the howls of the Wendigo, the screams of the dying, and known that we are safe within the stewardship of Baron Gerling. While you, our families and companions, have worried for us in the few moments that could be spared in the effort to survive, we have worried for you without cease. Know peace in that no hardship that could be spared us has been suffered by any who would throw off the yoke of ignorance long enough to accept the practicality of Baron Gerling's nobility. You have starved; we have eaten. You have frozen; we have told our teaching stories in firelight. You have feared the ever rushing twilight of incessant blizzard; we have waited for the dawn.

The farmers have begun their work once more, the spring lambing yielded a fine crop. All is in preparation and readiness within Tallon's Hold. The camps of Baron Gerling's forces are once more tidy and equipped for the road.

Take heart fellow Voltans. We have survived this long dark winter, and while some are undoubtedly at a loss as to where to begin this spring, those of Cathym are coming to your aid. We are Voltans together, and the kind and strong must uplift the weak and suffering.

Take heart, and help one another.

The back of the winter has broken.

By my Hand,

Tove Gunnvor

Stellari to Baron Ian Gerling

Barony of Cathym

Rejoice, Rejoice, People of Volta!

A time for celebration approaches! On May the 2nd of this year, the Shining Courts of Summer and Winter are holding a celebration in this realm, in the place of Volta.

Long ago, our Courts had a burgeoning outpost in the Shining Realms near Volta. It was abandoned many years ago. Only now have forces been gathered to reclaim the abandoned lands, to resurrect fallen Caer Afallach.

To celebrate the start of this brilliant campaign, Countess Annaday Blissborne and Count Koll Evercold have sanctioned a celebration. This Festival of Apples is open to all who wish to attend, though they must accept either the hospitality of one of the Courts.

Join us, fine folk of Volta! Join us to commemorate this great occasion!

Baron Kell Everlight,

Court of Summer.

Greetings to all people of Volta, and congratulations on surviving the winter just past.

As put forth by the Baron Everlight, a celebration is to be held on the second day of May, in your realm, in Volta.

Many of you have accepted invitations from either myself or my courtier; I regret that I had neither time nor opportunity to meet with all interested parties. It is my intention to be available on the first day of May in Volta, to speak with those I may perhaps have missed.

I will not tax the reader with a redundancy of what Baron Everlight has so... exuberantly... placed before you.

Join us if you will, good mortal folk. The Festival of Apples promises to be a diversion.

Dame Fortid Shiverstorm

Court of Winter

An Open Letter to Volta:

Brothers, Sisters, the time has come.

The fundamental forces of the universe, long buried in these lands, have risen. Power, long denied, has come to us once more.

Like the stone upon which a foundation is built, let this be the root of your thoughts: that the present day is deeply flawed. Outsiders, newcomers, have made choices dictating what our future should be. These choices should not be let to stand. Our futures should be our own to decided, and the time comes to rise up and decide.

Like water flows to fill a vessel, let this belief fill your spirit: that a time of change is coming. Those that hold power wish to keep that power, and to bar those who do not have it from ever receiving it. This should not be let to stand. Power should come to those with the knowledge to call it, and no barrier should stand between.

Like air blows upon a sail, let this thought move you to motion: that already change has come. In the face of tyrants comes those who love the land, and who stir in it forces and powers long denied. Love of the land is their motivation, demonstrated by food for the hungry, and defiance in the face of bastard leaders.

Like fire destroys corruption, let this burn within your breast: protection exists for those who will stand. Look to those that call and see who answers! Look to those who truly love the land and its people, and seem them made powerful by the forces long denied.

Change comes to Volta!

Revolution, I say, and Change!

Out of Game Announcements

It is our pleasure to announce the Volta event at Camp Clara Barton for May 1-3, 2009!

1. The cost for the event will be \$70 PC (free to NPC).
2. The price of a New Player Pack is currently \$40 and this includes a 1-year NERO membership, a NERO rulebook, and one free event.
3. While there is no additional fee for payments received at door, such payments must be made in cash and we would greatly appreciate it if you would pre-register at <http://nerovolta.com/preregister.htm> so that we know you are coming.
4. Anyone taking an NPC shift will receive grab-bag equipment as additional compensation.
5. There is no food service at Camp Barton so please plan accordingly. For those who are interested (PCs and NPCs) we will be offering a 'bag lunch' service at the event. The cost will be \$7 cash/check, \$8 if paying by PayPal and you must pay in advance. You will receive:
 - Sandwich on a bulky or similar roll (choice of Turkey or Roast Beef)
 - Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup packets
 - Bottled water
 - Banana
 - Candy bar

We need to get all orders by Wednesday April 29th. Please email me at aelbirt@nac.net if interested - the lunch will be delivered Saturday morning of the event.

6. Camp Barton quiet hours are from 8 PM to 8 AM. Conversational combat must be used during quiet hours in all areas except the barn/module building and the fields/trails across the street.
7. Players are welcome to arrive at Camp Barton any time after 5 PM. We will start the event at 10 PM with in-game opening ceremonies occurring around 11 PM.
8. Camp Barton is a SMOKE FREE camp. Smoking is not allowed on camp grounds. If you must smoke, please do so on the road alongside the camp grounds.
9. Please come to monster camp in White House cabin to get your cabin assignment for the weekend. Please keep all areas as clean as possible to minimize event clean-up. A map of Camp Barton is available at <http://nerovolta.com/images/Campus%20Map.jpg>.

Please feel free to contact me at aelbirt@nac.net with any questions and please contact all of Volta staff at Volta_Staff@yahoo.com to indicate specific storylines that your character would like to pursue. The staff and I are looking forward to entertaining you!

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May 1-3, 2009 Event Information

1. All players may turn in up to 100 goblin stamps for 400 production points.
2. Please email Adam Elbirt at aelbirt@nac.net no later than April 29, 2009, with requests for new player equipment and production.
3. Please see Adam Elbirt when arriving at Camp Barton so that you can check in, pay for the event (if necessary), receive your tags and character card, and drop off any donations for goblin stamps. Character cards will be provided when checking in for characters in either the NERO Boston or International databases. If your character is in another database, please bring your character card.
4. The event takes place at the Ducal estate of Unity, the Capital of Volta, located in Zarkym and all in attendance are enjoying the hospitality of Lord Anton Valence, Regent of Volta.
5. Please see the newly published NERO 8th Edition Rules Errata available at <http://nerovolta.com/NERO8thEditionOfficialErrata.pdf>.
6. NERO Playtests in Use:
 - NERO Formal Cantrips v4.1
 - Base 5 Damage/Healing v1.2
 - One Handed Block v1
 - Critical Parry Modification v1
 - Critical Slay/Assassinate Modification v1
 - Stop Thrust v1
 - Meditate v1.1
 - Additional Spells (Volume 1) v1
 - Magic Item Slots v2.0 (5 Item Slots)
 - Resurrection Modification v1.1
 - Racial Skills v1
 - Archery Aura v1
 - Base 5 Alchemy/Harmonics v1.2
 - Blade Fury v1
 - Carrier Attacks v1.1
 - Damage Types v1.1
 - Formal Magic Logistics v1.1
 - Master Craftsmen v1.0
 - Modified Detect Magic Spell v1
 - New Character Rebuild v1.1
 - Return <type> v1.2
 - New Player Deaths v1
 - Physical Attacks v1
 - Spell Crossover v1
 - Staff Thrust v1.0
 - Storage Locker v1.0
 - Limited Reset v1.0
 - Magic Skills Playtest
 - Magic Spells Volume 2
 - Smithing Playtest

Getting to Camp Clara Barton

From Boston: Take the Mass Pike West to the AUBURN exit (#10).

**After the tollbooths, take the ramp on the right marked Route 12 South. Follow Route 12 South through three sets of traffic lights. Bear left at the fourth set of lights (by Wal-Mart and Cumberland Farms).

++ Proceed 1.2 miles. You will pass St. Ann's Church on your left. Shortly after St. Ann's, CLARA BARTON ROAD will be on your right. Turn right onto Clara Barton Road and proceed .7 miles. The George and Marie Chabot Health and Education Center parking lot will be on your right (approximately 1 hour from Boston with no traffic).

From Springfield and West: Take Mass Pike East to the AUBURN exit (#10), and follow directions above, from the asterisk (**) (approximately 50 minutes from Springfield with no traffic).

From Hartford: Take Route 84 East into Massachusetts. Take exit for Route 20 East (Worcester). Proceed on Route 20 through eight traffic lights (you will be on Route 20 for about 10.5 miles). At the ninth light, (next to a Shell gas station) turn right onto Route 56 South. Bear right onto ENNIS RD. At the first stop sign, turn left. The George and Marie Chabot Health and Education Center is on your left (approximately 1 hour from Hartford with no traffic).

From New York City: Take Route 95 North to Route 91 North to Route 84 East. Follow directions from Hartford.

From Westchester/Putnam County Area: Take Route 684 North to Route 84 East. Follow directions from Hartford (approximately 2.5 to 3 hours from NYC area with no traffic).

From Worcester: Take Route 290 West to Route 20 West (the first exit after the Mass Pike). Take Route 20 through four traffic lights. At the fifth light, take a left onto Route 12 South (by Wal-Mart and Cumberland Farms). Follow directions from Boston, beginning with the plus signs (++) (approximately 20 minutes from Worcester with no traffic).

From Providence: Take Route 146 North. Take exit marked Central Turnpike. At the end of the ramp, turn left. Proceed for approximately 10 minutes crossing over Route 395 to Oxford Center. At the first traffic light, take a right. This is Route 12 North; proceed for approximately 3 miles. Take a left onto CLARA BARTON ROAD (watch for the sign for Clara Barton Birthplace and North Oxford Carpet Mills). Proceed 0.7 miles to the top of the hill. The Health and Education Center will be on your right (approximately 50 minutes from Providence with no traffic).