
A Quick Guide to the History of the Kadanzer Weyr

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The recent history of Kadanzer Weyr is covered in more detail with our club's Timeline document, which includes a snapshot summary of every story in our archive. Since club members have been writing stories for the club since 1994, the Timeline is long and sprawling, and filled with lots of trivia. This summary is intended to give new members (and new readers) a short introduction to the background and highlights of Kadanzer Weyr's history.

The Ninth Pass saw Pern's Southern Continent open up for the first time in millennia, the settlement of Southern Hold and Weyr prompting a stream of Northern emigrants willing to carve out a place for themselves in the vastness of the South. The discovery of the Ancient settlement at Landing and the machine within caused great excitement for Hold and Weyr alike. Once reactivated, AIVAS accessed those orbiting observation satellites that were still functioning and announced to the awestruck Pernese that the Ninth Pass would be the last, the positioning of the other planets in Rukbat's solar system acting to throw the Red Star out into deep space to continue its wanderings. This information was made freely available in an effort to placate the uneasiness felt by many towards the machine from the past, and Pern was finally able to look forward to a future without Thread.

The Ninth Pass was not yet over, however, and as the population of the South expanded, it became clear that Southern Weyr could not provide cover for all of the settled lands. Eastern and Landing Weyrs were founded in the Dragonrider Lands of the east, providing cover for the growing Paradise River Hold and for the crafter enclave studying the wisdom of the Ancients. Further cover was needed to the west however, and thus begins the history of Kadanzer Weyr.

The Weyr itself was founded in 2440, ten Turns before the end of the Ninth Pass, deep in the Western Barrier Range. It was originally known as Barrier Mountain Weyr, but was renamed Kadanzer at the end of the Pass to honor the Weyr's first Weyrleaders, Weyrwoman Kadana and Weyrleader An'zer. Barely nine months after Barrier Mountain opened, tragedy struck the South when the sudden, catastrophic collapse of one of the minor Istan isles triggered a massive tsunami that wiped out Southern Hold and Weyr and much of the South's tropical coastline in a pre-dawn moment.

With Lord Toric dead and the main supply route from the North destroyed, the Holder Lands fell into chaos. The Leadership of Barrier Mountain Weyr was quick to step into

the breach, offering to help provide communications and infrastructure to the desperate holders... at a price. With the backing of the other Weyrs, principally Benden and Fort, and of the only surviving Southern Lord, Jayge of Paradise River, the document known as the Compact was drawn up. This granted the ownership of all Toric's lands to Kadana as Weyrwoman of Barrier Mountain, and to the Weyrwomen who would follow her, giving the Weyr ultimate power over those who held in its territory. The Weyr agreed to remain aloof from Holder and Crafter politics for the most part, allowing the formation of Lordships and Crafterhalls in the territory, but using the Compact as a way to ensure that the title would not stop in the long Thread-free centuries that followed the Pass.

As the Turns went by, the population of the South grew and the lands were subdivided into Lordships. A series of poor harvests led to resentment of the Weyrs and their continued demands for tithes, and the Weyrleaders of Pern implemented a policy of isolation and austerity in an attempt not to provoke the general populace. At much the same time, the Farmcraft noted that the grubs that had done so much to protect the South from Thread had fallen victim to a fungal blight that almost wiped them out. However, with Thread believed to be gone forever, this was regarded as little more than a minor curiosity.

In the Turn 2822, the Starcraft Hall announced that the Red Star would return within decades -- the Ancient machine had been wrong and the promised end of Threadfall had proven to be nothing more than another Long Interval. As the Pernese reacted with shock and denial, the social relations between Hold, Hall and Weyr deteriorated yet further, with accusations flying on all sides. The Weyrs began to prepare in earnest for Thread's return, nonetheless, having never allowed the old knowledge of Threadfighting to fade. The queens began to rise more frequently, producing ever-larger clutches... and an ever-greater strain on relations with the Holds.

The first Threadfall of the Tenth Pass came on 2850.03.11, falling over Kadanzer Weyr's territory. Weyrleader V'ron and Weyrwoman Charayn led the Wings against the ancient foe and Kadanzer acquitted itself well in its first Threadfall in 400 Turns. Thread had returned, but the Weyr was ready to face it.

Turn 2850: The Start of Our Storyline

The true fictional beginning of Kadanzer Weyr lies with the Kadanzer Poisoning. On 2850.09.12, with the Pass just

six months old, Farah, a disgruntled Lower Caverns woman, laced the evening meal with a fatal poison and over the following three days hundreds of lives were lost, including all but 75 of the Weyr's dragonriders. Of the Weyr's golds and bronzes only the two Weyrleaders, Tanara and her Renorath, and two weyrling bronzeriders, S'kash and G'nan, survived. Charayn and V'ron, however, were lost when Charayn's Eliath rose on 09.15 and the riders were too grief-stricken and exhausted to control the flight, bronze Golteth catching the gold almost immediately and both falling *between*.

The other Weys of Pern rallied to Kadanzer's rescue, sending enough combat riders to allow the stricken Weyr to rise to meet 'Fall. However, they refused to send goldriders until the mystery of the Poisoning was solved. So, at the age of just 20, Tanara became Weyrwoman, and on 2850.09.26, Renorath was caught by bronze Asheth, making K'rel, a Telgar transfer, Kadanzer's Weyrleader. That mating flight produced a large clutch, including a queen egg, and on 13.28 K'rel's young sister, Lauria, Impressed gold Trinith.

Turn 2851

Kadanzer slowly began to recover after the tragedies of the previous Turn. Weyrwoman Tanara's Renorath twice rose to mate, and Asheth's triumph in both flights confirmed K'rel's position as Weyrleader... and as Tanara's weyrmate. Weyrling Lauria was courted by at least two different bronzeriders, and K'rel's senior wingsecond, brownrider D'zan, asked for Farah's hand in marriage, unaware that she was the one responsible for the 2850 Poisoning.

Turn 2852

On 03.15, the inhabitants of the Weyr were shocked when one of their own, a young woman from the Lower Caverns, was found murdered after a Gather; the following day, another woman's body was discovered, this time with a note from the murderer threatening the life of Weyrwoman Tanara. Despite furious investigation, the identity of the killer (later to be known as the Riverman) remained undetermined.

Events took a happier turn when another gold was clutched on Kadanzer's sands, the result of Renorath's fourth mating with bronze Asheth, and on 05.17, D'zan's sister, Darby, Impressed gold Evath. In Month 11, shortly after the birth of a son, Farah's secret was discovered, and she committed suicide before the Weyr could demand justice for the 2850 Poisoning. Soon thereafter, Kira and gold Nanyth transferred to Kadanzer to serve as Tanara's Weyrwoman-second, much to the distress of the domineering -- though still a weyrling -- Lauria.

The Turn ended with another mating flight between Tanara's Renorath and K'rel's Asheth, their sixth together... and, as it soon transpired, also their last.

Turn 2853

2853 began with immediate tragedy: on the first day of the Turn, Weyrleader K'rel, goldrider Lauria, and

Wingleader J'ret all died in a weather-related flight accident while visiting Telgar. Weyrsecond D'zan inherited the Weyrleadership until Renorath's next rising. To add to the body count, at the end of the first month, one of the daughters of Lord Morgav of Cibola Hold was murdered at a gather, and evidence suggested that the elusive Riverman might be the culprit.

Kadanzer added two new goldriders to its roster during the Turn -- on 04.11, Kielani Impressed gold Virankath from Nanyth's first Kadanzer clutch and, later in the Turn, Valenne and gold Nicareth transferred from Ista Weyr to add their maturity and experience to the Queens' Wing. Renorath rose to mate on 07.15, and was flown by bronze Dormiath, making K'din -- a recent High Reaches transfer and Tanara's former lover -- the new Weyrleader. Tanara and K'din easily renewed their affections after the flight and Kadanzer's Weyrwoman once again took her Weyrleader as a weyrmate.

In month 13, however, events took a turn back toward the tragic. On 13.09, the Riverman struck again, murdering Weyrlingmaster L'ward's newborn son and kidnapping the infant's greenrider mother, Salla, right from her weyr. Salla was later tortured to death, an event broadcast to the rest of the Weyr by her stricken green. The Weyr launched an immediate hunt for the killer but the Riverman once again evaded capture.

Little more than a week after Salla's death, a major earthquake struck Thornblaze Hold during the wedding of Heir Ferdy and his bride, Audri of Riverdance Hold. Heir Ferdy, his family and many guests (including dragonriders, the MasterPotter, the MasterHealer and three Lord Holders) were killed in the collapse of the Hold. Weyrwoman Tanara and brownrider D'zan were among those trapped in the ruins; while they were eventually rescued, D'zan's leg was injured badly enough that it was later amputated. As a result of the earthquake, MasterHarper Forelen, MasterHealer Talloren, Starsmith Jerez, and MasterPotter Emendin all became the Senior Masters of their respective Craft halls, while Lords Lomcoli of Rubicon and Kairo of Dorado inherited their respective Holds. An emergency Conclave decided that since the Thornblaze bloodline had been wiped out, the Hold would be left to Ferdy's young widow, Lady Audri, who would have a new husband chosen for her as soon as possible to become the new Lord of Thornblaze.

Turn 2854

On 2854.01.05, Renorath rose to mate and was again caught by K'din's Dormiath; the mating produced another queen egg, and gold Nioranth Impressed to Dunia, a Kadanzer native who had survived the Poisoning. K'din created a fourth Flight, FireFlight, on 02.01, and the following month saw the arrival of goldrider Leddi from High Reaches. On 10.09, Weyrlingmaster L'ward was badly injured in a flying accident and D'zan was promoted to Weyrlingmaster when it appeared that L'ward would not survive. In the event, L'ward recovered, but D'zan retained the position.

All was not well between the Weyrleaders, however, as K'din began to realize that Tanara and D'zan had fallen in love in the ruins of Thornblaze. Tanara's pregnancy with D'zan's son Barton effectively signalled the end of K'din's commitment to Kadanzer Weyr.

Turn 2855

K'din's last action as outgoing Weyrleader was to arrange for his own transfer back to High Reaches, taking many of his close friends, including goldrider Leddi, with him. Renorath's habit of starting new Turns with mating flights continued, and 01.10 saw her flown by bronze Rath, making B'deras the Weyrleader of Kadanzer.

On 07.18, gold Evath died of complications while trying to pass conjoined eggs; her rider, Darby, survived and later departed the Weyr. Amongst those Impressing from Evath's last clutch were Luka, previously a young mistress of Lord Morgav, who Impressed gold Savukath, and G'tin, a holdless youth from Dark Moon Caravan, who bonded to bronze Fordath. Savukath was not the only queen to find a partner on Kadanzer's sands that Turn -- on 11.24, Cassidorina Impressed gold Amisseth from Virankath's virgin clutch.

On 08.28, Lord Holders gathered at a Conclave to confirm Kabald as Lord of Thornblaze Hold --and as Lady Audri's new husband. Danis of Delta, and Gibran of Drake were also confirmed as Lords at the meeting.

Turn 2856

Renorath rose on the first day of the Turn and was caught by bronze Wardreth, making Th'rin the new Weyrleader. On 03.23, an early-hours earthquake rattled the Weyr, causing damage and several deaths. It was quickly discovered that the Weyr's volcanic caldera was no longer dormant and, having survived disasters enough, Weyrwoman Tanara began an immediate campaign to relocate the Weyr. Over the next two sevendays, she overcame disputes over the severity of the situation and finished negotiations for possession of the long-abandoned site of the original Southern Weyr, the only place in Kadanzer's territory with a suitable Hatching Ground. By 04.06, the majority of Kadanzer's population had relocated from Kadanzer's mountainous home to the lush jungle of the new Weyr. This relocation proved to come not a moment too soon, as on 04.15 a massive eruption tore the old Weyr apart, killing many dragonriders who were still moving stores and personal items. Among those killed in the blast were Weyrwoman-second Kira and her gold Nanyth.

The Turn ended with another Weyrleadership Flight, Renorath rising a few days earlier than expected, and on 13.26, she was caught by A'nar's bronze Garath. The new Weyrleader began to experiment with the Weyrleader's traditional role, while the Weyrwoman ended her romantic relationship with Weyrleader D'zan.

Turn 2857

Turn 2857 proved to be another exciting Turn for Kadanzer Weyr. On 02.10, a tornado touched down during a

Threadfall, devastating an entire Flight. A'nar dissolved StarFlight as a result, redistributing its riders to other Wings.

On 09.24, the Riverman kidnapped Weyrwoman Tanara from her weycot and a panicked Renorath had to be euthanized after fatally injuring herself attempting to go to her rider's rescue. Valenne assumed the role of Weyrwoman but almost immediately began to clash with Weyrleader A'nar as they struggled to find Tanara and capture the Riverman. Tanara was recovered alive and relatively unharmed, but chose to die rather than face living without her queen. The Riverman remained free, his identity still a mystery.

The relationship between A'nar and Valenne remained strained, and no one was surprised when Garath failed to catch Nicareth when she rose on 11.12. However, the Weyr was shocked when the bronze who did catch the senior queen proved to be young Fordath, whose rider was the 17 Turn-old G'tin. Valenne decided to back G'tin as Weyrleader, and the young bronzerider decided to allow the Flightleaders to lead during Threadfall, while he scrambled to learn as much as he could about leadership. G'tin spent the next Turn struggling to earn some respect in his position as Weyrleader, in the face of a skeptical Weyr.

After all the tragedy and controversy, however, the Turn ended on a happy note when, on 13.24, Zherra Impressed gold Velcroth from Savukath's maiden clutch.

Turn 2858

In response to the demands of other Weyrwomen, Valenne bowed to pressure and agreed to transfer her young Weyrwoman-second, Kielani, out in favor of an older, more experienced rider. Lybelle and gold Ihyanith transferred from Telgar on 03.06 and on 07.05, Faydra Impressed gold Yttrith from Ihyanith's Telgar-sired clutch, her Impression coming after the hatchling mauled another candidate to death on the Sands.

Nicareth rose to mate on 11.22, just days after G'tin outraged the rest of the Weyr's bronzeriders by promoting himself to Wingleader of SkyTamer Wing. Despite the tide of popular opinion, G'tin's Fordath flew Nicareth a second time, and Valenne continued to support her young Weyrleader.

On 13.08, greenrider Alysia was brutally murdered in her bed, in a style instantly recognized as that of the Riverman. This time, however, the Weyr caught its man. With the evidence assembled and weighing heavily against him, Journeyman Tanner Karin -- although he protested his innocence to the bitter end -- was hanged for the murder of Alysia, Weyrwoman Tanara, Sallah, and others.

Turn 2859

Although Nicareth's mating flight of 2858.11.22 was long and vigorous, by early 2859 it was obvious to everyone in the Weyr that the senior queen was not carrying a clutch of eggs. It was determined that a high fever sustained late in 2858 may have made Nicareth infertile, and the dragons themselves made Lybelle the new Weyrwoman when her

gold Ihyanith was recognized by the others as the eldest fertile queen. Valenne and Nicareth transferred back to Ista Weyr, unwilling to serve under Lybelle.

On 02.11, goldrider Dunia and her Nioranth vanished *between* following a crippling Threadfall accident that also claimed the lives of a bronze pair. Unbeknownst to the rest of the Weyr, who thought them dead, Dunia and her badly injured gold had misjudged their attempt to return to Kadanzer and accidentally timed it back to the Southern Weyr of the Ninth Pass. Dunia resided at Southern -- where her presence convinced the Weyr that they should not abandon their fighting skills after the supposed end of Threadfall -- for almost ten Turns, falling in love, having

children, and witnessing firsthand the founding of Barrier Mountain Weyr. It was only when the tsunami struck that Dunia returned to the Tenth Pass, dragging with her her small family and a ragged band of other survivors that included Southern's Weyrleader, J'hanos, and a weyring gold pair, Revanne and Orylath.

Dunia and her companions returned to Kadanzer on the night of 02.14, the day after Ihyanith's first Weyrleadership Flight, which was won by Flightleader L'ars's bronze Phanth.

What happens next? Wait and see....



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