Thornblaze Hold

Creator Name: *Cris Boucher; revised by Whitney Ware; currently owned by Kat McNamara*
Hold Contact: *Kat McNamara*
Current Holder: *Lord Kabald*
Badge and Colors: *Blazing orange thornbush against a green field*
Minor Holds Beholden to Hold: *Fingerling Cothold, others TBD*

CLIMATE & ECONOMICS

Thornblaze is just north of 20º latitude, similar to Nerat and Ista. Around the edges of the peninsula sand, stony. Further in some gemstone mines. Somewhat of a rainforest climate inland -- hot and very humid. Farming, particularly fruit and medicinal herbs. In the winter, it gets a lot of rain, but doesn't get very cold at all. There are some considerable clay deposits to be found inland.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Hold itself is set on a rocky cliff outcropping, with forest to one side, the cliff face on another, fields on a third, and marshlands nearby. Thornblaze's primary business consists of cultivating, curing, packaging, and shipping medicines.

At the end of 2853, during a major gather which was being held to celebrate the wedding of hold Heir Ferdy to Lady Audri, daughter of Lord Rourke of Riverdance, an earthquake of disastrous proportions struck the Hold, killing hundreds, if not thousands of people trapped within. The entire family of Lord Ecidrik was among the victims, and the sole survivor was the newly married Lady Audri. A council of three Lords was appointed to act as regents of the Hold, and in the two Turns since, Audri's older brother Gordian, heir to Riverdance Hold, has been acting in the capacity of Hold Steward, and Lady Audri has been doing all she can to learn from him and help manage the Hold. It is the aim of the council to select a younger son to marry Audri and become Lord Holder of Thornblaze, but the political machinations of Lord Morgav succeeded in stalling the selection. until late 2855, when the Conclave finally confirmed Kabald, a son of Lord Kabur of Maori.

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

The pottercrafthall is located adjacent to the main hold.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Seasonal harvests are a time when every man, woman and child, get together to harvest that season's crops. At the end of harvest, weather and Thread permitting, a gather is held.

IMPORTANT PEOPLE

Audri -- F, HT= , H=black, E=violet-blue. A daughter of Lord Rourke of Riverdance Hold, Audri was married to Ferdy, heir of Thornblaze Hold, for all of about five minutes, before he and his entire family were killed in the earthquake which destroyed the Hold and killed hundreds immediately after the wedding ceremony. She now assists her brother Gordian with the management of the Hold, while awaiting the decision of the three Lords appointed to the stewardship council - Dracir of Kadanzer, Rourke of and Morgav - on whom she should marry. (Persona of Kat McNamara)

Kabald -- M, H=black, E=dark brown; HT=6'0". Kabald is a lot like his father, Lord Kabur of Maori; not one to shy from a fight or knuckle under to anyone. He now holds the position of Lord Holder of Thornblaze, having been chosen by the Conclave to marry the widowed Audri. Green firelizard Emerald. (Persona of Kat McNamara)

Quintana -- F, HT=5'0", H=dk. brown, E=blue. The illegitimate daughter of Lord Janol, Quintana was formally adopted into the Sunstone household upon the death of her mother, and spent several years fostering at Riverdance Hold. She cannot wait to "escape" into a life of marriage and proper ladyship. She was pampered to the point that it began to conflict with her innermost unruly nature. One moment she will demand to be brought something, and the next she will be infuriated that she could not get it herself. She throws frequent hissy-fits directed at her nursemaids, tutors, harpers, and anyone else who tries to keep her from getting her way. But she is not a brat all the time; she knows who she needs to be nice to. Around her father, her eldest brother Fallon, visiting holders, and anyone else she thinks she can manipulate, she is sweet as pie. Recently however she has begun to mature; she survived a harrowing experience in the Thornblaze tragedy along with Lady Audri, and currently is in residence there (as of 2854.TE) where she helps Audri manage the Hold and acts as chaperone. (Adoptible NPC)