

The Compact

A loose alliance of dukedoms, free cities, tribes and domains that come together when faced with external military treath

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Geography

Flanked on both sides by nigh impassable terrain features, the compact has for the longest time suffered relatively little from foreign treats. The Blade of Thalros, a massive mountain range to the east of jagged peaks seperates the Compact from the Veridann Empire. On the other side the Talharan Dessert and Handar's bane form an impassable barrier which even the hardest of rangers would struggle to traverse. Any army would have to come trough the gaps at the north pole. This route has them contend with supply issues as the winter snows hinder logistics.

The midland is dominated by two broad rivers that meet in the middle, the Eldoras and the Khazrun. To the right of the eldoras there reigns a vast forest of desiduous trees until you get within viewing distance of Handar's bane. From there on out the thin mountain brooks only carry enough water to sustain shrubland and grasses. All this land is comparibly flat to that on the other side of the Eldoras. On that side the Khazrun, already a formidable stream when it leaves the Blade of Thalros, carves its way through its far stretching foothills.

Demographics

In the vast forest regions both high and wood elves dwell. The latter being migratory from Sylvania's Embrace. The elves preferred their communes, founding only a few townships in the forests. On the left banks sparse human villages grew into thriving baronies. Stout abbies and wealthy townships started to dot the land and the human merchants could soon be found in all the corners of the vast plains.

Politics

Although the compact comes together in times of greater threats, it is by no means a peaceful place. Local lords and tribes vie for territory and resources. Alliances are made and shattered. To draw a fixed map of the borders is to waste paper. Between all this the common folk are used as pawns or just trampled beneath the chaos of war. In this chaos only Eldoria and Karak Hur are the only semi peaceful places. The only true free cities in the compact.