

The definitive guide to Runefangs of the Empire

The Runefangs are 12 enchanted swords borne by the Elector Counts of the Empire as badges of office. Following the first Battle of Blackfire Pass, Sigmar founded the Empire and as a sign of friendship the Dwarf High King had the legendary runesmith Alaric the Mad forge the Runefangs, one for each of the chieftains of the tribes that now make up the Empire. Due to the perfectionism of the dwarves, they were not finished before all of the counts had perished and was delivered to the second generation of Electors.

Original owner	Owner in 2512	Owner in 2515	Runefang	Power of the sword's master rune? (beyond being magical, i.e. can harm spirits)	Current bearer (2512)	Future bearer (2515-)
Averland	-	-	Mothers' Ruin	Bearer is immune to all <i>Fear/Terror</i> tests	Grand Countess Ludmilla von Alptraum	Elector Count Marius Leitdorf (dies in 2520)
Drakwald => Middenheim!	Middenland	{Hochland	Beast Slayer	All blows inflict double damage vs. Beastmen	Grand Duke Leopold von Bildhofen	Elector Count Adelbrand Ludenhof
Hochland	Moot*	-	Goblin Bane	All blows inflict double damage vs. Goblins	Elder Hisme Stoutheart	-
Middenland	Middenheim	-	Legbiter	All blows inflict double damage vs. Giants	Graf Boris Todbringer	??? Todbringer
Ostermark	Talabheim	Ostermark	Troll Cleaver~	All blows inflict double damage vs. Trolls	Grand Duchess Elise Krieglitz-Untermensch	Elector Count Wolfram Hertwig
Ostland	-	-	Brain Wounder	Bearer is immune to all forms of magick	Grand Prince Hals von Tasseninck	Grand Count Valmir von Raukov
Reikland	Emperor's champion	Emperor?	Dragon Tooth	Bearer is immune from the fear of dragons & their fire breath	Emperor's Champion Ludwig Schwarzhelm	-
Solland◊	Reikmarshall	Reikmarshall	Grudge Settler§	For each blow suffered, roll a D6. If a 6, the blow is turned back on attacker.	Reiksmarshall Kurt Helborg	-
Stirland=> Sylvania°	Stirland%	-	Orc Hewer	All blows inflict double damage vs. Orcs	Graf Alberich Haupt-Anderssen	-
Talabecland	-	-	Stone Breaker	Each attack counts as Ulric's Fury, i.e. ruins parrying weapon/armour (-1AP)/inflicts +1 crit	Grand Duke Gustav von Krieglitz	Elector Count Helmut Feuerbach (regent)
Westerland#	Sudenland^	Nordland}	Crow Feeder	Warps through (ignores) <u>any</u> armour, including magical protection	Grand Baroness Toppenheimer	Grand Baron Theodoric Gausser
Wissenland	-	-	Blood Bringer	Bearer is healed D3 <i>light</i> wounds or 1 <i>heavy</i> wound per round	Grand Countess Emmanuelle von Liebwitz	-

Runefangs that could be used by PCs in final encounter

Runefang wielded by NPC during the final encounter

Historical footnotes

! Appeared in Nuln after disappearing from the vaults of Cathedral to Ulric in Middenheim (cult of Ranald refers to this as “The Great Caper”) in 1550 IC. The Emperor of Nuln then bestowed the Drakwald Runefang to Magnus von Bildhofen in return for supporting their claim to the Imperial throne.

{ Hochland is declared independent of Talabheim and bestowed with Electoral status via the Volkshalle Edict of 2515.

* Created from the fertile lands of Stirland and Averland by Emperor Ludwig Hohenbach (aka “The Fat”) in 1010 IC.

~ Lost in Mordheim when a comet hit the city destroying practically everything including the Elector. Later recovered by the church of Sigmar. Rumoured to be tainted since.

□ Absorbed into Wissenland in 1712 after Gorbald Ironclaw’s invasion of 1707.

§ Captured by Gorbald Ironclaw during his invasion of 1707. Recovered from a chimera’s lair beneath the mountains of the Worlds Edge by an expedition of men & dwarves.

° Sylvania gained its independence from Stirland in the chaotic aftermath of the Night of the Restless Dead of 1681 IC.

% Sylvania was returned to the Stirland in recognition of the Count’s valiant defeat of the Manfred von Carstein at Hel Fenn 2145 IC.

At some time past, the Baron of Westerland invaded and ruled the Wasteland, declaring himself the Prince of Marienberg. This is why many, mistakenly, call the Runefang of Westerland, the Runefang of Marienberg. Centuries later, during the Great Incursions of 2303, the last of the Van der Maccht lineage and Baron of the Westerland is killed but leave no heir (poor Graf Paulus was only 15). Quickly a council of powerful merchants offered to rule in absentia. Thus Westerland lost its electoral status and the Endals Runefang was awarded to the newly-created Wisseneland.

^ separated from Wissenland and ruled by von Mecklenbergs since times of Magnus the Pious in recognition for their outstanding services during Great Incursions of 2303

} In 2515, for undisclosed reasons, the Grand Baroness surrenders her Electoral status and the province was reunited with Wissenland. Rumours have it that Toppenheimer’s heir and adopted son of a distant relative, Baron Olaf Sektliebe, was somehow involved with this strange turn of events...