

Gronvang



Gronvang is a small town of ~1500 people, and a thriving farming community. The river Drunstrom runs bisects the town, which is surrounded by a tall wooden palisade. It is ruled lightly by Squire Edgar Gronvang, whose family founded the town several centuries ago. It does a thriving business with Runcibor, about 20 miles to the east, and also provides foodstuffs to Dunor City.

Squire Edgar's manor is a beautiful 3 storey house, in the Tudor style, and two small decorative towers with peaked roofs – one acting as a messenger pigeon coop. It was erected by his grandfather, with beautiful landscaped gardens. However, his son, who thoroughly disliked his father, applied stucco to the whole house, replaced the gardens with stone terracing, and built a wall around the manor. Squire Edgar, his second and rather shy son, inherited the lands and house, but so far has done little to add or subtract to the house. He is unhappily married to the daughter of a neighbouring wealthy landowner, and it is perhaps out of spite he refuses any makeover – as a result the building is looking rather shabby, and the walls show signs of no upkeep for the

last 15 years. Instead, he lavishes all his love and concern on his only child, Rosamund, now 13 years old.

The priest of St Remlinz, Father Dietrich Bachlinzer, is a doddering old man, with wispy hair, and a white beard. However, he is not doddering at all, but a keen observer, and is blackmailing both the Squire's wife, Anabel, for her series of supposedly secret illicit affairs, and the Mayor for his embezzlement of town funds, and the Klein Inn-keeper's son, Freimund Kleinson, for murder of his rival for the prettiest daughter, Bettina Damozein, of the owner of the Purple Butterfly Inn.

None of his victims are aware that it is the priest who is blackmailing them. What his motivations are beyond wealth are not known to any; but if they knew he was an agent of the Holy Spiros Order, trying to make money to restart a monastery in Gronvang, they would be truly horrified.

The Enchantress, Ingrid Borgfrau, openly offers her services, and tuition for sale, and is very suspicious of the priest. She has no direct evidence though. She has a number of lovers, which she is open about, but which incurs the opposition from the priest (no blackmail opportunity), distaste from the Squire (typical upperclass hypocrisy), jokes from the middle class, and admiration from the lower classes, whom she generously aids from time to time.

The Townhouse indicated is a ruined 3 storey building, reputedly haunted. In fact, it is, by the vengeful ghost of Norbet Berend, the man killed by Weimar Bomein, the Klein Inn Keeper's son who is now being blackmailed.

Flar Mill is owned by Desmond Flar, a fair-haired, well built, tall and very handsome immigrant from Peredur. He is an excellent worker, has designed a very efficient mill, and also has designs on the pretty daughter of the Purple Butterfly Inn's Keeper, Bettina Damozein (which she returns). But of course, other women are also all over him, so his secret is safe from Freimund Kleinson so far.

The Tollhouse Keeper, Hans Greinvel, is a very sociable man, and is often found drinking in the Purple Butterfly's Inn with his mates. And he is the most amazing gossip in town. His wife, Gretel, often has to drag him home when he gets too drunk to walk.