



•ACTION FLOW•

[GM] We've finished gathering Income and paying Expenses, we'll now proceed to Step Five: Faction Actions. I need you both to roll for Initiative. As The Northwest Mages' Guild is currently important, I'll roll their Initiative too so you can plan around them. *rolls dice* The 5 roll plus their Leader's highest Faction Skill of +2 puts them on 7.

[Harry] I've rolled 8, plus Jisha's highest Skill of +3 gives me 11.

[Kay] Princess Severina is still only at +1 Skill, but I rolled a 15 so I guess I'm going first?

[GM] Absolutely, then Harry, then The Northwest Mages' Guild. Any other NPCs might take Actions during the round – if they become important, they'll be added to the Initiative.

[Harry] (To Kay) We'd better watch our backs!

[Kay] Right! Speaking of watching our backs, I'm expecting the Northwest Mages' Guild to cause us more problems this Season. I need an alliance with a Faction that can perform Realm Magic... Ok, I'm going to use the Diplomacy Action to visit Leanad and formally ask for aid.

[GM] Looking at the Diplomacy Action, you're close enough to perform this in one Season, taking your Court with you, and given your Official Relationship with Leanad is Aligned, they have no reason to refuse it. Make sure you mark off the 1 Wealth you spend for the Action.

[Kay] Done! I'm taking my Court with me of course.

[GM] Your journey to Leanad's Seat of Power is unremarkable, save for witnessing the devastation from the magical plague to your Realm. On arrival, you're greeted with a modest feast and are invited to the Sovereign's Council Room, a Throne Room in all but name. Both of your Courts are present and will be aiding your rolls if required. The Prestige Building Level 2 at the location may also work against you. What are you asking for? Both Courts await your petition with suspense.

[Kay] I seek magical aid against the destruction of my land caused by The Northwest Mages' Guild! I would be prepared to pay for this.

[GM] Ok so you're using a Resource Modifier for this to improve your roll? How much Wealth are you going to pay?

[Kay] No, I'm going to use this as payment for magical services if he agrees.

[GM] Your Court Level is 3, Leanad's is 4, Their Prestige Building at level 2 is going to aid them further so you're currently rolling on -3. Your Faction Skill in Culture is 0, but Leanad's is 1 which makes it -4 in total. Given Leanad's stance on being impartial and not involving themselves arbitrarily, the DC for this is 15.

[Kay] Got it, here goes nothing... a 12. My result is 8. I fail.

[GM] You do, and the Leader of Leanad shakes his head: "I'm sorry my most noble neighbour, we must remain impartial in these affairs. Though I must wonder what has you so convinced that it was The Northwest Mages' Guild in the first place."

[GM] "I appreciate evidence may be hard to come by, but there are others who are capable of causing famine in your country." Leanad's Sovereign stands up and gazes out the window. "Is it me or has there been a steady wind blowing from the North this month?"



[Kay] Princess Severina clenches her fist and mutters under her breath. "Kedohaw..." She nods thanks for the information, orders her Court to pack swiftly, and heads back to Cadelania as fast as possible.

[GM] Harry you're next in the initiative; what's your Action?

[Harry] Ok, I'm still trying to find out who caused infighting in my Trade Asset in Kiethien. I'm going to perform an Espionage Action there. I want to gather rumours and common information.

[GM] Espionage is a Trade Action so you'll use your Trade Skill of +3 to modify your roll. Your Asset got reduced to Level 1 so will give a further +1. It's unfortunate that the Loyalty of Kiethien is Unfavorable as that gives you a -5 modifier to the roll, which now stands at -1. As Princess Severina is the Sovereign of Kiethien and has an Order Asset there of Level 1, Kay, do you want to help or hinder House Dressan in their investigation?

[Kay] Given the potential political ramifications of this, I'd better not.

[GM] Harry, it seems that someone is spending Resources to stop you, 2 in fact for a further -2 modifier making it -3 now. Are you spending any Resources on this aside from the initial 1 Wealth for the Action?

[Harry] I'm trying to save Wealth but I'm fed up of this failing so I'll use 3 Influence for a +3 bonus.

[GM] That makes your total modifier 0. Cadelania may now bid some Resources if they wish.

[Kay] No, sorry Harry.

[Harry] The person responsible for this really does not want me to succeed! Let's do this – DC 5... A 9!

[GM] Good enough for a success so let me reveal to you some rumours... Apparently there's been far more patrols and inspections along the border between Cadelania and Kedohaw, and a huge one-armed man was spotted near one of your Assets just before the infighting began.

[Harry] Troops on the border? I bet that's Kedohaw's Advisor; I saw him at Court in Kedohaw last Season... Just what are they up to? I'd better go see the Princess about this. An invasion is likely and I'll need her protection.

[GM] Not so fast - that's your entire Action.

[Harry] I'll use my Advisor to perform a Diplomacy Action while it's still my turn and use that to send Cadelania some war funds. Bank-rolling the Princess is probably why I'm in this mess in the first place, but her Army is likely the best way out.

[GM] Understood, let's do your Advisor's Diplomacy Action right now. Luckily, by the time your Advisor gets there, the Princess has just arrived at her Seat of Power after rushing back so swiftly. Your Advisor and the Princess are about to have a hastily prepared meeting when the throne room's doors burst open, and a wiry messenger declares:

[GM] "It's war, Your Royal Highness." He gasps, "Kedohaw has declared war!"

[GM] I've added Kedohaw to the initiative track, after Kay but before Harry; they used their Action to declare war using an Edict Action.

[GM] Now Harry, let's continue your Advisor's Diplomacy Action with the Princess...

