

## **A Brief History of Tel Fortura and Arma Banu Andira**

The Armored City received its name from Arma Banu Andira after assassinating her husband, King Felix. She attributes the name to the glimmering metal shields and splint mail of its warriors. "When they form a spear wall, it's as if the enemy are facing the sun," she said. "There is no greater armor in darkness than the light."

After Arma assumed the throne, she had many challengers. To the west, the sons of Jurien, Marcel and Roland, were angered by Felix's destructive campaign. They launched a counterattack, but were no match for the mountains and desert or Arma's appeal for reconstruction. To the east, the despot Ulburban, believed himself the successor to the frontier. He held a desert fortress called "The Heap" and rallied bandits and irregular troops to raid and winnow Arma's supply trains, but could not field enough fighters to defeat Arma. Rather, her domain has a perimeter of enemies.

Arma's largest challenge comes from the Palm and the Northeast fog. Felix enlisted orc mercenaries in his western campaign; his demise ended this already uneasy alliance. The orc tribes respect shows of strength. Arma sent her most beloved general, Neesa, to fight them. Neesa succeeded, however, she recognized that fighting would be unceasing and relinquished her title, joining the original Burning Palm Hermitage in the Mawiti Desert. Worst still were the threats to the North—giants and giantfolk persistently attacked villages or passersby. Gangs of ogres were known to hunt and eat travelers too close to their territories. Hill giants teamed up on supply convoys heading across the mountains. Arma met the giants eye-to-eye in battle astride her war elephant and is responsible for slaying a number of them, earning great fear among monsters and men.