Meeting Whitelock

27.9.675: 2:00 A.M. Agran arrives with an airship stolen from the airfield. The PCs dismantle the Ebaugh Crab and mount its cannons on the airship as they prepare to leave. Kiralyf stays behind. The cast now: Jaguar 6, Steady Hands, Swift Feet, NU5, Agran and fourteen vagrants of Limbo, Proof and fourteen Faithful Company loyalists. They leave for Gaunt. The journey begins… "Whitelock awaits."

Agran, sweating in the hot crystal-engine chamber of the Airsnips, lowers the ship below the thick clouds over the countryside outside of Arear. Breaking from the clouds you see the morning sun wash over the low lands, the thinning forests and rolling golden plains. The horizon’s haze is broken by rising foothills and mountains to the south; The Mountains of Hith, the wall of the realm of Gaunt.

The Airsnips slowly drifts down towards a high bluff, the grass browning in the late month. Agran’s men work to throw anchors over the side, and all help to pull the ship low enough to drop the rope ladder over the side.

Proof meets all of you on the wooden deck of the ship. “This is where he said to meet him; the prominent bluff leading east. Might be a few minutes.”

Figures below emerges from the trees, one with a pure white cloak billowing from behind it and two more with white tunics and shimmering weapons. Whitelock climbs the ladder and boards the Airsnips, dusting off his cloak. The two Faithful, assigned to guard Whitelock, board after. The “Faithful”, as Proof tells each of you as they board, are elite guards assigned to guard the Doves. Ace was a Faithful guard of the Dove known as Sparks, who retrofitted the bomb in the crystal engine.

Whitelock is tall and completely robed and hooded in white. A plain white mask covers his face, and gloves and tall boots mask the rest of him. He sets a pack down and nods towards Proof and the others. Proof welcomes them, and beckons all of you to the crew enclosed crew quarters, “Come, we have much to discuss.”

The quarters are cramped with Whitelock, the two Faithful, Proof, and each of you. The metal walls clang with the sounds of the engine behind you, and the only light is that of a candle carried by Proof.

Proof recounts the early destruction of Arear and the events at Truth’s Hospital; the reason for their interception with Whitelock, and the movement of Truth upon the hidden fortress of Gaunt. She also shows him the strange correspondence describing the plot of the destruction of Arear.

The old Dove speaks, “Ah. So they’ve discovered us… and it seems like we’ve been led by our heels like a bull to slaughter. They sacrificed thousands of their own innocent people just to get a chance at us. This mention of the Blade is most troubling…”