

Deed to the High Monarchy of All Markland

In order to receive the title of High King or High Queen of All Markland, an individual must agree to all of the terms and conditions herein. Accepting either of these titles shall be considered proof of acceptance of these terms, in a real and legally binding fashion.

Either the King or the Queen shall be the Reigning Monarch, as explained below. The Reigning Monarch may hold no other title or office in Markland or any other similar organization.

The Reigning Monarch is required to accept challenges of war. No other contest may be substituted, although either the Monarch or the Challenger may win by default, if the opposition does not appear at the agreed place and time for the war. Note that single combat does not qualify as war, and that the Monarch is not required to accept challenges more often than once every six months.

The Challenger must be eligible to become the Reigning Monarch; that is, he or she must be a Markland member, may not hold title or office in Markland or any other similar organization, and must be willing to abide by all other terms listed herein.

War shall be conducted under the current Markland rules of Fratricidal Combat by armies of unrestricted size. All combatants must be current members of the Markland Medieval Mercenary Militia, and shall of their own free will place themselves under the command of either the Monarch or the Challenger.

The Challenger must be present at the aforementioned war (hereafter called the Civil War), although the Reigning Monarch may designate a representative to command the loyalist army. No other person may substitute for the original Challenger, should that person become ineligible before the war is concluded.

If the Challenger wins the Civil War, he or she becomes the Reigning Monarch. If the Reigning Monarch is female, she must take the title of High Queen of All Markland, and will be expected (but not required) to bestow the title of King on a male Markland member of her choosing. If the Reigning Monarch is male, he shall in like fashion bear the title of High King of All Markland and may choose a female Marklander for his Queen. The Reigning Monarch retains control of both titles, and may reassign them as allowed within the bounds of this contract and Markland's regulations.

The time and place of the war shall be decided by agreement between the Reigning Monarch, the Challenger, and a third party, accepted as neutral by both sides. The third party will arrange the conduct of the war; procuring a site, obtaining reeves, and determining the winner. The Challenger is required to post notice of the challenge, as well as the pertinent data about the war, in the Official Newsletter of Markland (currently the Plague).

The Reigning Monarch may not resign without passing the title on to an eligible successor willing to abide by these rules. Should the Reigning Monarch be elected Aeldorman, struck dead by lightning, or indeed becomes ineligible through any other circumstance, the title will revert to the companion Royal, should that person be eligible, or the eligible person designated by the same.

Should the Reigning Monarch prove to be a fraud, that is, in violation of these terms, he or she must immediately take the necessary steps to remedy the violation. If the violation is not repaired the crown shall revert to the previous Monarch.

Should all measures herein fail, leaving no valid claim to the throne, the title of King shall revert to William A. Heath, and the title of Queen to Heather Priestley Brooks. If either of these is unable or unwilling to come to some agreement allowing fulfillment of the rules as laid out above, both titles shall be auctioned off to the highest bidder willing to abide by these rules. Monies raised in this fashion shall be applied to the Land Fund, or, if Markland already holds land, shall be utilized at the discretion of the Witan.