

# GLOSSARY OF CHARACTERS



# *The Croatian Nobility*

## BARIC

**Mauro/ Mauritius** Radovan Baric: born 1624, Solgrad, Croatia. Fostered at Toth Castle from age 11. Well-traveled, careered army officer. Second son and reluctant heir to the Baric's barony. Forced marriage in 1648 to:

**Resi/Terese** Helena (Kokkinos): born 1628 in Thessaloniki. Unexpectedly likable, beautiful, well-read daughter of a Greek sea trader.

**Mateo** (Matej): 1621-1636. Mauro's half-brother who drowned in the sea.

**Lorenc**: 1594-1647. Second son of Fredrik. Baron of Baric 1614-1647. Mauro's misunderstood father. Died at age 53 of an undetermined illness (or possibly murder). Married twice: in 1614 and again in 1623.

**Margaret**: 1595-1622. Beautiful, amusing, beloved first wife of Lorenc. Died with their three children in a plague.

**Johanna**: 1601-1648. Mauro's mother. Sister to Renata Toth. Second wife to Lorenc. Unhappy, with a personality disorder. Died suddenly at age 47.

**Fredrik**: 1567-1614 in a hunting accident. Mauro's grandfather. Politically caught up in Venice. Savvy trader. Generous patron. Widower. Married in 1590 to his beloved:

**Anica**: 1570-1601. Sons: Vladimir and Lorenc. Died birthing twin girls.

## TOTH

**Vladimir** (Baric): Born 1592. Mauro's uncle. Regional governor, army general, titled count in 1613 after an advantageous marriage in 1612 to:

**Renata**: Countess. Lady Johanna's sister. Kind and generous to Mauro.

**Petar**: born 1616. Eldest of Renata's four children. Heir to Toth County. Traveled with Mauro as a youth. Mauro's least favorite cousin.

**Dominik**: Mauro's maternal grandfather. Influential Count. Died 1613.

## LEOPOLD

**Neven**: Nearest neighbor to the south. Mateo's childhood friend. Mauro's newest confidant. Navy occupies his port town. Married to:

**Nikolina**: Resi's aristocratic friend. Gossipy. Expecting her fourth child.

**Eleonora**: Neven's widow mother. Dowager. Smart and well-informed.

**Karloff**: Eleonora's husband. Neven's father. Killed by bandits in 1634.

**Cedomir**: 1570-1639. Neven's grandfather. Didn't get along with Fredrik.

## DUBOVIC

**Sebastijan:** Mauro's neighbor to the north. Landlord of an much over-sized barony. Scheming widower with two married daughters.

## RANERI

**Lord and Lady Raneri:** Aristocratic landholder south of Leopold's estate. Attended the ball.

## MARQUIS

**Lord Marquis:** Nobleman. Influential with the Venetian Navy. Landholder bordering the Republic of Ragusa. Attended the ball.

# *The Croatian Commoners*

## *The Castle Servants*

<b>Idita</b>	nanny and family nurse since 1593
<b>Nestor (Silvijo)</b>	steward to Lorenc, Mauro's advisor, widower
<b>Jero</b>	Mauro's childhood playmate/valet and steward
<b>Alberto</b>	stable master for over 30 years, father of six
<b>Geoff</b>	orphan, Verica's younger brother, stable groom
<b>Verica</b>	orphaned, raised at the castle, Resi's lady's maid
<b>Natalija</b>	Lady Johanna's lady's maid, tanner's daughter
<b>Davor</b>	Mauro's young valet/personal groom
<b>Nela "Cook"</b>	head cook, servant since 1601, aging spinster
<b>Franja</b>	baker, assistant to Nela, Simeon's lover
<b>Danica</b>	kitchen gardener, wife of Krsto
<b>Krsto</b>	head gardener, husband of Danica, Jero's friend
<b>Ranko</b>	assistant gardener to Krsto
<b>Tin (Martin)</b>	servant to Keep residents, Milan's oldest son
<b>Lazar</b>	servant to Keep residents, Milan's son
<b>Suzana</b>	temporary head cook after Lorenc's death
<b>Ana</b>	bathroom attendant
<b>Karl</b>	castle blacksmith
<b>Josip</b>	stable groom, Alberto's eldest son
<b>Aron</b>	water boy, hall servant, Alberto's youngest son
<b>Brigita</b>	kitchen maid
<b>Ivana</b>	kitchen maid
<b>Marija</b>	kitchen maid, sister to Natalija

Louisa house maid

Villagers

Dino Radic village constable  
Anton new bailiff after Grgur died  
Signor Sandrigo temporary village surgeon, apothecary  
Signor Martini long-time village surgeon, deceased  
Andrea 'Green Goose' proprietor, Tatjana's mother  
Tatjana barmaid, young widow, Mauro's lover  
Elizabeta Radic's third wife  
Darijo Tanner and saddle maker, Natalija's father  
Luka Natalija's brother, tanner's son, Verica's love interest  
Jakov Kuzjak salt mine supervisor, patriarch of ship's crew  
Branislav Tomsic newest Baric ship captain, Ivanoslav's son  
Ivanoslav Tomsic retired Baric ship captain, Branislav's father

*The Croatian Soldiers*

Mauro's New Guard:

Fabian best friend, artillery captain in Toth Army  
Stephan second best friend, squad leader in Toth Army  
Simeon seasoned soldier from Toth Army, widower  
Vilim favorite Toth cousin, squad leader in Toth Army  
Hugo youngest, commoner, former Toth Army scout  
Eduard seasoned carry-over from Lorenc's Guard  
Daniel young carry-over with a stuttering problem

Other Named Guardsmen:

Vik scout, soldier  
Denis scout, soldier  
Teodor scout, soldier  
Adrijan scout, soldier  
Henrik scout, soldier  
Bartol scout, soldier  
Neno scout, soldier  
Latif scout, soldier

Injured, Retired Soldiers Employed in the Keep:

Milan Keep cook. Father to Tin and Lazar  
Drazen Keep cook

**Andro** Keep cook

*Lorenc's Old Guard Officers:*

**Tomas** poisoned with Lord Lorenc  
**Bruno** poisoned with Lord Lorenc  
**Grgur** Guard captain, later the bailiff

*Other Characters:*

**Signor Rosso** Venetian Republic tax collector  
**Andrej** Baric crewman  
**Signor Donati** shopkeeper in Rijeka  
**Danko** courier/messenger for Radic  
**Captain Marko** Lord Dubovic's guardsman

## *The Venetians*

**Meister Uberti:** Baric sons' childhood tutor.

**Lieutenant D'Alessandro:** Commands the navy patrolling Croatian waters. Stationed in Leopold's port town. Gambler who beds only virgins.

**Captain Pasini:** Second in command to D'Alessandro.

**Orlando:** navy clerk and assistant to D'Alessandro.

**Roberto Carrera:** Fabian's father. Titled lord, councilman, wealthy silk merchant. Long-time friend of Lorenc and Vladimir.

**Carrera Siblings** in Venice:

**Gabriel:** born 1620. Married to **Perla**. Heir to the family fortune.

**Michele:** born 1622 Newly married. Runs the family fabric business.

**Fabian Carrera:** born 1624. Army Captain. Mauro's friend since 17.

**Cristina:** born 1626. Married and a new mother. Isabella's friend.

**Caterina Carrera:** born 1630. Engaged to Hungarian Viscount.

**Bianca:** born 1633. Youngest. Newly introduced to society.

**Paolo:** Carrera guardsman. Caterina's secret lover.

**Gino:** Carrera guardsman.

**Stephan Padovi:** born 1625. Son of a prominent Venetian aristocrat. Army captain and childhood friend of Fabian. Madly in love with Mira.

**Mira:** young wealthy fiancée to Stephan.

**Isabella Valli:** born 1625. Daughter to a powerful Venetian politician. Caterina's traveling companion. Childhood friend to the Carrera siblings.

**Alfonzo Valli:** Isabella's only sibling. Heir to the Valli family fortune.

**Lady Rosella:** Noblewoman, socialite, and Mauro's former lover.

**Lord Marcellis:** mentioned in a seduction trick with a Duchess.

## *Ottomans and Foreigners*

**Demetrius Kokkinos:** Resi's father. Thessalonian ship captain, trader, Baric's broker. Imprisoned six years for stealing from Lord Lorenc.

**Celine Kokkinos:** Resi's Catholic mother, who met Demetrius while he traded in her native Kingdom of France.

**Kokkinos Siblings** in Thessaloniki:

**Castor:** born 1619. Sea captain for his father's fleet. Lives at the family estate in Thessaloniki with his wife and their three children.

**Alexis:** Castor's wife.

**Patricius/Patrik:** born 1626. A mercenary sellsword since age 18.

**Terese/Resi:** born 1628. Married Mauro to pay a family debt.

**Hector:** born 1638

**Lander:** born 1641

**Phyllis:** born 1646

**Ruby (Rhoda) Spiros:** born 1630. Greek friend and companion to Resi.

**Angelos Spiros:** Ruby's father. Sea captain. Friend of Demetrius.

**Salar Nassim:** Born 1614. Persian sellsword and mercenary gang leader.

**Wives:** Hafza in Rhodes and Emine in Athens. Daughter, Shirin, is 16.

**Bem** (Emilio Chidubem Tavares): born 1625. Ethiopian/Portuguese raised by Jesuits, horse trainer, mercenary soldier, missing his wife Fatina.

**Soren:** born 1623. Mercenary soldier. Danish orphan traveling the world with his brother since age 17.

**Niels:** Soren's identical twin, killed October, 1648 in a battle in Prague.

**Cyro** (Cyrano Duarte): born 1626, Genoese nobleman turned mercenary, hiding from his future responsibilities.

**Bartal Soltesz:** Hungarian Viscount. Contracted to marry Caterina.