

Unto Dame Brionna, Commander of the Archducal Guard and chief military advisor to the Archduke and the Privy Council
From Clarence Strawberry, Director of Military Intelligence
Re: Disposition in Hanal

I am delighted to be able to provide this map to you and the Council. This is largely the result of largess on the part of the Nolder. Most of this map was provided by courier by them. Our cartographers haven't had the time to pretty it up - but there it is.

The Inquisition is stalled in the territory they've taken, including three fairly major cities with attached Kavs. Snanurkazz holds out in his own city and that of a close ally and that of his childhood best friend (the Kav of Mem) with considerable land with smaller holds allied with them - though fighting on and near that land is making it difficult to take crops from it, as it is everywhere in the empire. The Kav of Bormark holds out as a "neutral" - he is known to be extraordinarily devout however, has not visited the court since the present ruler took power and is powerful, additionally his area is rugged, mountainous and quite heavily forested. His city is well fortified. I suspect that it is being "neglected" by the Queen and its defenses not tested because she does not want a three front war with one enemy in the middle. I also suspect that he is actually supportive of Snanurkazz, BUT does not want to bring ruin to his people, and if he openly declared such allegiance, she does have the power to take him down, albeit with heavy casualties - so it suits them all for him to be neutral. The Kav of Ruatha has also declared himself neutral, and he has strong forces, BUT no supporting farmland. It is our judgement that if nothing changes by late winter, he will join the Queen Empress in early spring to save his people

Lesser lords - including Stroms, Pallans and others are not indicated on the map, most follow their liege directly above them, though a handful are known to be sympathetic to Snanurkazz who are in lands held by the Queen Empress and traitors among his vassals are possible as well.

If I can be of further assistance on the analysis, please let me know, I am at your, and the Archduke's command.

