

Backstory Timeline

Six Weeks Ago

- Emperor Coaltongue is killed in Castle Korstull and abducted by drow assassins. Teleportation becomes deadly. First Ragesian army under command of General Magdus is left stranded in Sindaire. Magdus orders retreat from flaming storm over Castle Korstull.

Four Weeks Ago

- First Ragesian army (Magdus) ordered to settle in for winter, then join Ragesian navy for blockade of Turinn, Sindaire's capital, in March.
- Second Ragesian army (Danava) marches for Gate Pass.
- Third Ragesian army (Revulus) held in reserve.
- Fourth Ragesian army marches through northern mountains toward Shahalesti.
- Ragesia coordinates with Black Horses to start abducting magic users in Gate Pass.

Three Weeks Ago

- Ragesia announces intention to retaliate against Sindaire and Shahalesti for their involvement in assassination of Emperor Coaltongue.
- Shahalesti sends diplomatic envoys to nearby nations, seeking allies.

Two Weeks Ago

- Rivereye steals case from Inquisition, arranges meeting with his contact, Peppin Tallman, and heads for Gate Pass.
- Torrent arrives in Gate Pass from Lyceum and makes contact with Resistance.

Ten Days Ago (Mon, Dec 21)

- Advance scouts from Second Ragesian arrive in Gate Pass and demand that the Council turn over hostile magic users.
- Gate Pass Resistance starts preparing for war. All senior members are diverted to planning defense and potential resistance.

Eight Days Ago (Wed, Dec 23)

- Peppin Tallman found dead by Resistance. Signet ring, pass phrase, and meeting with Rivereye recovered.
- Resistance assigns Torrent to meet Rivereye in Tallman's stead.

Seven Days Ago (Thur, Dec 24)

- Gate Pass council bows to Ragesian pressure and closes the gates. City guard starts rounding up magic users.
- Torrent decides to flee the city and travel to Lyceum once Rivereye's intelligence is retrieved.
- Resistance starts recruiting adventurers to escort Torrent to Lyceum on New Year's Eve.

Six Days Ago (Fri, Dec 25)

- Torrent questions elves about travel through Innenotdar Forest.
- Torrent commissions production of Cooling Draughts.

Three Days Ago (Wed, Dec 28)

- Torrent takes possession of Cooling Draughts.

Two Days Ago (Tue, Dec 29)

- Trehan Finner, owner of Poison Apple Pub, arrested by city guard. Wife Viv Finner joins Resistance.
- Resistance decides to use Poison Apple Pub as meeting point for Torrent's escort.

Yesterday (Wed, Dec 30)

- Black Horses learn of meeting at Poison Apple Pub, assume it is underground railroad for magic users. Decide to lay ambush in order to collect bounty.

Today (Thur, Dec 31, New Year's Eve)

- Second Ragesian arrives and launches assault to shock and awe Gate Pass.
- Inquisition sends strike force, led by Boreus, to kill Haddin Ja-Laffa. They take a difficult route through the mountains to avoid Gate Pass patrols and will arrive the evening of Jan 4.
- Black Horses lay in ambush at Poison Apple Pub.
- Torrent meets adventurers at Poison Apple Pub. Makes plans to retrieve intelligence, escape city, and head to Lyceum.
- Rivereye arrives in Gate Pass and heads to Depository to meet Peppin.
- Larion infiltrates Depository, captures Rivereye, and steals case. Rivereye convinces Larion that case is trapped to explode and requires passphrase.
- Larion sends henchmen back to headquarters with case and waits for Peppin.

Possible Adventure Timeline

Day 1 (Thur, Dec 31, New Year's Eve)

- Just before midnight: Torrent shares plans with adventurers at Poison Apple Pub. (Scene 1-1)
- Midnight: Ragesian wyvern strike throws city into chaos; griffon riders defend. (Scene 1-2)
- ✦ Midnight: Black Horses ambush party at Poison Apple Pub. (Scene 1-2)
- Party makes its way through chaotic streets to Depository. (Scene 1-3)
- ✦ Party unmasks Larion at Depository and rescues Rivereye. (Scene 2-1)
- Rivereye asks party to recover case. (Scene 2-2)
- ✦ Party heads encounters Ragesian wyvern rider en-route to safe house. (Scene 2-3)
- Party arrives at safe house, meets Buron, sleeps. (Scene 2-4)

Day 2 (Fri, Jan 1)

- Heavy snowfall starts near dawn, prevents further aerial incursions.
- Rivereye bedridden with pneumonia.
- Torrent scouts out Gabal's school.
- ✦ Buron asks party to take out Ragesian terror cell. (Scene 2-5)
- Buron uses ritual to cure Rivereye's pneumonia.
- Buron invites party to join resistance. (Scene 2-6)
- Torrent returns from investigating Gabal's school and shares knowledge. (Scene 2-6-1)
- Torrent and Rivereye leave to elicit Feris's help with Shealis.

Day 3 (Sat, Jan 2)

- Heavy snowfall continues.
- Buron learns that Singing Chasm will be completed today, wakes party, and sends them to stall Shealis until Torrent & Rivereye return. (Scene 2-6-2)
- Party encounters Diogenes at Gabal's school. (Scene 2-6-2)
- ✦ Party encounters Shealis. (Scene 2-6-2 or 2-7)
- Torrent & Rivereye show up with Feris. Feris leaves. Torrent joins party.
- Party makes their way to Shahalesti headquarters. Kurychek follows in form of raven. (Scene 2-8)
- ✦ Party retrieves case from headquarters and returns to safe house. (Scene 2-9)
- Afternoon: Weather starts to clear.
- Sunset: Inquisitors make ultimatum. Party learns of it and plans escape. (Scene 3-1)

Day 4 (Sun, Jan 3)

- Party meets with Councilman Menash. (Scene 3-2)
- ✦ Black Horse follows party from Menash's home and attacks. (Scene 3-3)
- Rantle meets party and asks them to take scroll case to Lyceum. (Scene 3-3)
- Party meets Cpt. Herreman. (Scene 3-Interlude)
- ✦ Just before sunset: Party joins Harreman's patrol and encounter Feris's robbery. (Scene 3-4)
- Sunset: Party leaves city, and camps two miles away. Inquisitors enter city. (Scene 3-Epilogue)

Day 5 (Mon, Jan 4)

- ✦ Party encounters Black Horse at Gauntlet. (Scene 4-1)
- Party travels out of mountains to Innenotdar valley. (✦ Optional: Scene 4-2, 4-3)
- Evening: Party encounters Crystin and Haddin. (Scene 5-1)
- ✦ Boreus's strike force attacks Haddin's farmhouse. (Scene 5-2)
- Party sleeps in preparation to enter Fire Forest.