



A great rockslide tore through the northern wall, but the breach was still protected by several hundred feet of sheer cliffs, and Archaon's forces were unable to capitalise on this opportunity. At last, with the news that Emperor Karl Franz and Valten, the Exalted of Sigmar, were approaching from the south and east, the attackers lifted the siege. Some moved southward into the Drakwald and east along the Talabheim road to face this new threat, while others retreated northward into the Middle Mountains.

AFTER THE SIEGE

As the attackers withdrew, the fighting forces of Middenheim pursued them. Graf Boris Todbringer led his Knights Panther from the city, along with High Priest Ar-Ulric, accompanied by the Knights of the White Wolf and the elite Teutogen Guard. Each left a deputy to rule in his place: Graf Boris gave military

command of the city to Watch Commander Ulrich Schutzmann, while Ar-Ulric appointed Deputy High Priest Claus Liebnitz to temporary control of the Temple and cult of Ulric.

The siege has left its mark on Middenheim, both inside and outside the walls. The four causeways still stand, but are pitted and cracked from the battle. The gates and walls show signs of the heavy fighting and powerful magics that accompanied the siege. Many of the city's towers are seriously damaged by attacks from Chaos Dragons and other airborne attackers. In the Undercity, many tunnels have collapsed—some caved in during the fighting, and the defenders destroyed others as a precaution against Skaven attacks. Hook-handed Flayerkin hang in their dozens from the walls and the cliffs beneath, fixed where they died from the defenders' fire. Repairs are under way, but it will be months—if not years—before Middenheim is restored to its former glory.

— THE POWERS THAT BE —

Everyone knows that Graf Boris Todbringer rules Middenheim, but of course there are a great many other individuals without whom the city could not function. In the following pages, key figures in Middenheim's government and administration are described briefly. Although many of them are presently away with the Graf chasing down the retreating forces of Chaos, there will come a time (most people devoutly hope) when they will return to the city and life will take on some semblance of normality. If these individuals do not return, their offices will remain to be filled by suitable replacements.

THE TODBRINGER FAMILY

Unlike many nobles in the Old World, Graf Boris Todbringer has not surrounded himself with an extended family of aunts, uncles, cousins and the like. His wife is long dead, and his immediate family consists only of his daughter Katarina. He did have a son, Stefan, who was troubled by illness and died a few years ago—according to some, as a result of some plot by cultists.

His only other offspring is illegitimate, a son called Heinrich whom he has formally recognised as his own and permitted to