

Palace of the Emperor by Tom Cartos

Background

Since the city's founding, it has been ruled over by the Dorran dynasty. For most of the family's history, there has been peace and content within the empire. Through trade and negotiations, the city of Dorran has grown fast and strong, and their external enemies have been kept at bay.

However, the previous emperor and his wife died under suspicious circumstances while at sea. The current emperor is their young daughter, Tillith Dorran. Due to her age and inexperience, she is advised by a group of ministers. In the years since her reign began, corruption has seeped into the higher echelons of society, while poverty takes over those at the bottom. Groups have appeared throughout the city and the empire, talking of overthrowing the emperor through open rebellion.

Some believe that the source of corruption is her Prime Minister, Eli Trasp, whispering lies and deceit in her ear. In the hope of averting civil war the party have been hired to assassinate the Minister by one of the larger rebel groups. However, he rarely leaves the young empress's side and is protected at all times by both her royal guard and his own. In order to carry out their mission, the party will have to sneak into the palace and catch him unaware.

Grid Information

GRID SIZE – 44x34 (300DPI)

VTT SIZE – 6160x4760 (140DPI)

RECOMMENDED PRINT SIZE – A0/ANSI E

Design Notes

Palace 01 – Throne Room

- **01** – Lobby – A large golden statue of a winged warrior guards the lobby. It's eyes seem to follow as you enter.
- **02** – Secretary's Office – Entrance to the Palace and grounds is by appointment only. To make an appointment, visit the secretary during working hours. Please note waiting times are currently in excess of 6 months.
- **03** – Meeting Chambers – Used by the council of ministers who advise the emperor.
- **04** – Waiting Room – If application for an appointment is successful, visitors will be required to wait here until called. Please note, the emperor is very busy. You may need to return tomorrow.
- **05** – Toilets
- **06** – Prime Ministers Office – For personal appointments.

- **07** – Banquet Hall – Stairs up to **16**
- **08** – Kitchen – Stairs up to **21**
- **09** – Drawing Room – For entertaining guests. Stairs up to **16**
- **10** – Conservatory
- **11** – Throne Room – The family's motif is emblazoned on the floor, two dragon heads in perfect balance, symbolising the need for balance between rulers and their people. The Emperor takes court here every day. In the past this would be open to all citizens, now only the council of ministers and the royal guard are allowed to be in attendance, for the young emperor's safety. Stairs up to **15**.
- **12** – Guardhouse – Dozens of guards patrol the palace and grounds at all times. This small post is where they refresh and restock.
- **13** – Fountain Courtyard
- **14** – Hedge Gardens

Palace 02 – Gallery

- **15** – Gallery – Looks down over the Throne Room. Stairs down to **11**.
- **16** – Royal Library – Stairs down to **07** and **09**.
- **17** – Balcony – Overlooks the expansive palace grounds. High windows light the throne room.
- **18** – Emperor's Quarters
- **19** – Bathroom
- **20** – Staff Quarters
- **21** – Staff Mess Hall
- **22** – Guest Bedrooms
- **23** – Prime Ministers Quarters – The only minister who lives within the palace itself. The others live in the many guest houses in the palace grounds.