

Advanced Rules: Throne Glory and Faction Reputation

Throne Glory!

What is Glory?

Glory is a metaphor for your own personal legend in the game world and within your Throne.

Why is Glory important?

Glory is a way for you to measure your presence with off-stage Throne entities and NPCs. It is not a substitute for on-stage actions, but it does enable players to get a sense of how the game world reacts to your hero.

How do I earn Glory?

Glory is earned by attending events in End of Seasons, participating in the Game of Houses, and doing on-stage acts of heroism for your Throne. You never know when you'll have an opportunity to gain Glory for your throne, but good Role-Playing and dynamic actions are ways to do it. Maybe you heroically fought and died facing evil alone and outnumbered, or perhaps you arranged the elimination of one of your Thronemates' greatest enemies. It may not always be a public event, but someone of importance may have noticed.

It should be noted that the larger the Throne, the harder it is to gain glory. One hero stands out among four, but one hero amongst twenty is another matter.

What does Glory do for me?

Glory enables you to automatically gain training (see Teaching); it enables you to use certain Throne Based Items or Throne Powers. It also will be important in the upcoming Banner system, since the greater your Glory, the more powerful your momentum, both spiritually and physically.

How do I find out what my Glory rating is?

Glory can be found in two ways:

- It's on the front page of the vocation station under your character tab, the greater your glory rating the higher your rank.
- The in-game title you receive on stage is actually a reflection of your Glory. Generally most thrones do a ceremony when a hero rises in rank. The Glory rating is nothing more than a metaphor for your dedication to

your Throne. So if you are a Spirit Fighter from Spring or a Man at Arms from Autumn, you already have a certain amount of Glory in your Throne.

Glory Titles

Ward

Adept

Mentor

Guide

Sage

Steward

Advisor

Faction Reputation

What is Faction Reputation?

Reputation is a representation of your standing with a particular off-stage organization. The Realm of Seasons is far larger than just the two game settings we use and this enables you to see where you stand with them. It reflects the chance that someone may have heard of you and wants to help you out. Unlike Glory which is Throne wide, this only extends to a particular organization. So you can have Reputation with many organizations. (This may even include Factions which belong to other Thrones.)

Why is Reputation Important?

Reputation is a way for you to measure your presence with off-stage Organizations. It can secure you cheaper goods, better training, and coin for doing work. Factions are at the heart of the politics of the Realm of Seasons and whom you know could one day prove to be important.

How do I earn Reputation?

Reputation first and foremost can be earned by doing on-stage favors for certain organizations. If you delve into a secret crypt in the name of a Duke or to secure parts for the Clockwork guild, the chances are that you are earning some reputation toward that faction. This increases your Reputation with the entire faction.

Advanced Rules: It's also possible to earn Reputation by donating Production Points and Items of Value to an organization, though this is less efficient, since you can only direct your points toward one of the Grandmasters in that faction. It effectively represents you "bribing/cajoling" a Grandmaster to take notice of you. This is good if you want a specific set of training from a faction, since "bribing" the Grandmaster directly may get you what you wanted.

Example: Salladin wishes to gain the favor of the Magus Collective, since he is very interested in learning to be a Grandmaster Scholar. Every month he begins to transfer some of his Production points and goods to the Grandmaster in charge of Scholars in hopes of raising his reputation with him so that he may gain training.

It's also possible to use Pride Points to artificially accelerate your advancement in a faction though, like every other method, you are limited to a certain amount of Pride Points per month, and it only affects one of the Grandmasters in the faction.

Why Reputation at all, it's just a number?

In the past we've had some complaints that players are treated unfairly when dealing with NPCs or gaining favorable attention by emailing the board a lot. By giving out a reward to players that is a bit more uniform you have a better idea of where you stand in the game. Obviously everyone is human and mistakes will be made, but ultimately we're starting from a similar system for everyone. Though we do guarantee that in the end Role-playing and on-stage action is the most highly weighted factor in everything, it's meant as an aid to RP not a box to trap you. Remember this number has little impact on those you RP with day to day; its main focus is to represent faceless offstage entities.

What does the Grandmaster in a Faction do for me?

The highest ranking members of a faction are very likely Grandmasters. In order to get their favor you'll have to bribe or earn their esteem. (Or maybe even... eliminate them.) So if a Faction has a Grandmaster of the discipline you want to learn, you can try and "butter-up" that person.

Advanced Rules: It may be possible to eliminate the Grandmaster of a faction and take it over yourself. This is not an easy task, and requires that you not only be a Grandmaster yourself, but also be of high enough reputation in the Faction in order for them to respect your leadership. However if you do, you'll gain access to another level of wealth.

What does Reputation do for me?

Reputation enables you to automatically gain training (see Teaching); it enables you to gain access to certain vocation skills and recipes that are unique to an organization. In time it will also enable you to earn a little extra coin for being on an organization's payroll, though this will be less than if you were a true member.

Wow, Factions sound like the road to true power! Can I join one?

Definitely! Though be warned, once you join a Faction they can become a jealous lot, and it is likely that you can only be a true member of one. They may require your Reputation with them to be quite high before they accept you as a full member. Full membership, however, confers the benefits of more money and greater availability of the special offerings of that Faction.

How do I find out what my various Faction Reputation rankings are?

Faction Reputation can be found on the vocation station character tab. It will list the Reputation you have earned with all the organizations in the game world.

	Faction
<i>Rank</i>	<i>Opinion by Faction Members</i>
Unknown	You've done a small favor or two but most members don't know you.
Acknowledged	A few of the key players on the island know who you are. Your name has been mentioned by those in power to people back home.
Known	You may be one of the key players on the island in this faction.
Friendly	People know your name back home and are looking to support you.
Respected	You are the first choice for jobs this faction wants done.
Admired	If you are not leading this faction on the island, you are doing so out of desire and nothing more.
Venerated	

Vocation Station Example:

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying `http://vocations.endofseasons.com/character.php?cid=662-1`. The page content is as follows:

Cook
Doctor
Explorer
Laborer

Welcome, Erryll of the Dawn
(logout)

Glory

Guide of the Throne of Spring Rain

145 out of 205 glory

Reputation

Acknowledged with Clan of the Dawn (10 out of 50)
Friendly with Forest Deep Merchants (150 out of 250)

Bank
Transfer
Withdrawal
Receipts
select a different character

In order for other players to see your character (to have other merchants mail you backpacks, share Production Points, etc.) you must have the following box checked. If you don't, other players will not be able to see your character.

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