KNIGHTS OF THE LIVING DEAD

LEADER: Vampire Queen **INCLUDES:** Vampire, Witches

AT NOON:

See if Gandalf has gone to Rohan. If he hasn't, stay on the horse path between the cemetery and Rohan to try to cut off anyone bringing the Red Arrow tokens to Rohan/Gondor. If Gandalf has already gotten there (most likely), make your way around the Entwood to the Rivendell/Isengard crossroads. Anyone who wants to go chasing hobbits may go chase hobbits. Anyone who wants to sack citadels, get to Rivendell before 1:00 pm.

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STRIKE FORCE MORTIS

LEADER: Designated Red Eye Orc

INCLUDES: Characters assigned to start on east side of Long Lake Bridge

AT NOON:

Don't interfere with the battle between the Good Paladin and the Evil Paladin. Instead, get to the Lothlorien/Iron Hills crossroads as quickly as possible. Don't wait for Me! Scout along the road down to Lothlorien and up towards the Iron Hills, but not too far. Your object is to prevent Radagast from getting to Lothlorien with the Wind Lord token! If you don't have the points for a pitched battle, try to delay action as much as possible, as the Cruel Haradrim, Angmardrim and Morguldrim (the latter accompanied by Me) will be coming to support you. If you can capture Radagast and bring her and the Wind Lord token to Me, excellent! If not, do whatever you can to prevent her from getting to Lothlorien with it. Warning! She may hand off the Token to Beorn or the Rangers, and she may try to cut across country to Gondor or Rivendell. Again, do whatever you can to get the Token and delay or capture her!

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SKULL SQUADRON

LEADER: Captain of the Corsairs **INCLUDES:** Corsairs of Umbar

AT NOON:

Bounce Imrahil, just to piss him off. I understand that you guys want to run—excellent! I suggest that you take the Harad Road to the Rivendell/Isengard crossroads and decide there what you want to do. If you want to chase hobbits, go for it! Mike knows what he's doing, so no other immediate instructions, except to please note the "save your energy" instruction below! I will need all my Corsairs at Mt. Doom!

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THE INFILTRATORS

LEADER: Grishnahk

INCLUDES: Red Eye Orcs assigned to Isengard

AT NOON:

Try and see if you can trick Saruman into attacking the Ents (even if it means being dead for fifteen minutes yourselves). I don't expect him to fall for it, but if he does, the delay at the start of the game should minimize his chances of a lucky quick-strike at the hobbits. Stay with Saruman and fight along side him as practical, and be sure to note what questions and answers he may ask of any prisoners! And if he should get his hands on the Ring, report to Me immediately!

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THE WIGHT BRIGADE

LEADER: Barrow-Wight Hayes (or as designated if Hayes isn't a Barrow-Wight)

INCLUDES: Barrow-Wights, Trolls, Bill Ferny, any Red Eye characters assigned to start in the Shire area, Gollum^{*}

AT NOON:

Stake out the Shire, try to keep an eye on the hobbits' movements and move to intercept if possible. The trolls should do what trolls do best—bounce Aragorn (take his Token and *take him prisoner*) and sack Bree at 12:30. No further immediate instructions—use your own discretion re: hunting hobbits and other Good characters you find in the area. Please be sure to note the "save your energy" instruction below!

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I expect Gollum to be an independent operative, but if he loses the hobbits and wants to join up with you, he may do so.

THE HIGHLAND ROGUES

LEADER: Dunlender Chief

INCLUDES: Dunlenders

AT NOON:

I'm assuming that you're going to hook up with Saruman and help him try to get the Ring, ya bastiches! Assuming that he's woefully unsuccessful, I'll be counting on you to support the overall Evil cause on Mt. Doom. An Evil victory may not be as sweet for ye all as a Saruman victory, but it sure as hell-fire beats a Good victory or another of those pansy-ass ties! Are ye with me, laddies? "They may take our lives, but they'll never take our Ring!"

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MY BELOVED CHILDREN

LEADER: Dark Elf Chieftain

INCLUDES: Dark Elfs, any Evil Wo/Men-at-Arms who join up with ya

AT NOON:

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AT 3:00:

I will be gathering My army at the Lothlorien/Iron Hills crossroads. Most of this Army will be going to take up position on Mt. Doom, but I do plan to assign whatever forces you need to help you take the Lothlorien flag. Once you have the flag (I'm assuming you'll already have the Rivendell flag by this time; if not, I'll make sure you get it), haul ass to Mt. Doom and meet me on the Saddle. I'll have need of My Chosen in the Final Battle!

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THE MORGULDRIM

LEADER: Designated character starting at Barad-Dur

INCLUDES: Shelob, Lagduf, Mauhaur, Oliphaunt, Radbug, Ufthak (and later Shagrat)

AT NOON:

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THE CRUEL HARADRIM

LEADER: Man-at-Arms Bob

INCLUDES: Any Men-at-Arms not going off to be faux dark elfs

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THE BLACK RIDERS

LEADER: Lord of the Nazgul Bondoman! **INCLUDES:** Nazguls who want to go hobbit-hunting

AT NOON:

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THE ANGMARDRIM

LEADER: Mouth of Sauron Maury

INCLUDES: Nazguls who do *not* want to go chasing hobbits

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SIR KIX-A-LOT

LEADER: The Evil Paladin **INCLUDES:** Nobody, you're on your own!

AT NOON:

Kill the Good Paladin. There will be a group of Red Eye Orcs starting at the east end of the bridge, but they are under orders *not* to interfere with the honorable duel between you and your Good counterpart. If you are victorious, run to catch up with Strike Force Mortis and assist them in their efforts to roust out Radagast and the Wind Lord Token. If you are defeated, by the time you come back to life, either the Cruel Haradrim, the Morguldrim, or the Angmardrim should be to the bridge, and you can join up with them.

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