

Legend of Lugdana



In the age of legend, Lugdana, an orphan, found shelter in the embrace of Lord Argynvost, who nurtured her as his own. He, a master of war, tactics, and blade, imparted his wisdom. She embraced these teachings, becoming a formidable warrior.

When Lord Argynvost established the Order of the Silver Dragon to guard Barovia, Lugdana sought to join. Though her skill was unquestioned, the lord hesitated out of love, fearing her unwavering determination might lead to her demise. She reminded him of his own words, "How you live is as important as how you die!" She passed the Knight's Challenge, becoming Dame Lugdana Argynvost, the only knight bearing that name.

Her valor earned renown, as she never shrank from battle, always leading the charge. In times of peace, she tended to her fellow knights, the elderly, and infirm at the Abbey in Krezk.



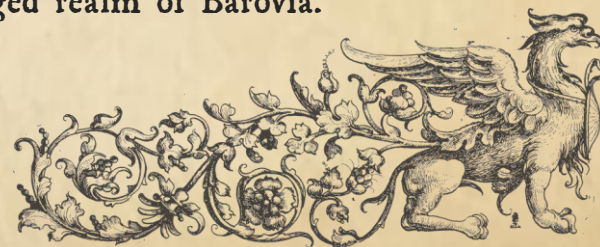
Lugdana found favor at the Abbey, growing close to Sister Constance and Blessed Sister Markovia. Even the esteemed Countess von Hapsburg respected her and listened to her counsel. When asked why she didn't rest at Argynvostholt, Lugdana explained her unwavering commitment to serving Barovia, tending to the sick, and defending against enemies. Her sole pleasure lay in service.

But the tides turned. Count von Hapsburg and his knights fell in a dishonorable ambush at the Battle of Berez. Strahd declared Argynvost and his knights traitors, and tension escalated. Argynvost prepared for a siege at Argynvostholt.

Now, the Silver Dragon knights fought two adversaries: the Terg forces which the valley had battled for a quarter of a century, and Strahd's forces who lay claim to the throne, both seeking Argynvost and his knight's annihilation and erasure from history. Argynvost divided his forces between Tsolenka Pass and Argynvostholt, prioritizing the defense of Tsolenka Pass and the protection of the Amber Temple.

At the Battle of Raven River, Lugdana faced a grievous wound and was taken to the Abbey for care. Sister Constance suggested it was time for her to rest, she had proven herself as a valiant knight, but Lugdana couldn't comply. She uncovered a new threat in Barovia, the undead who began terrorizing the valley. Her concern for the Barovian peasants drove her to recover swiftly. As she prepared to return to battle, she prayed not for herself or victory but for her service to bring peace to Barovia, echoing her father's wisdom: "How we live is as important as how we die."

Hearing Lugdana's prayer, Sister Constance bestowed upon her the Holy Symbol of the Sun, an ancient relic with a forgotten history, secretly treasured by the Abbey. With this symbol gracing her, Lugdana fearlessly confronted hordes of undead, emerging as the celebrated Knight of Light, a hero to the beleaguered people in the war-ravaged realm of Barovia.



Lugdana had emerged as a formidable adversary against Strahd's undead forces. Strahd seized one hundred villagers, demanding her surrender or a villager would be executed daily. As her fellow knights set out to free the captives, Lugdana remained at Argynvostholt with her father, Lord Argynvost.

Strahd cunningly anticipated the knights' actions, which left Argynvostholt unguarded. In the cover of night, Strahd infiltrated the keep, slaying Lugdana as she slept and defeating Lord Argynvost. The Holy Symbol of the Sun eluded his grasp, disappearing and returning miraculously to Sister Constance at the Abbey. Lugdana's spirit cast a curse upon Strahd, condemning him to an unending existence devoid of genuine love and solace.

In his rage, Strahd desecrated the body of Lord Argynvost, the Silver Dragon, taking his skull as a morbid trophy to Castle Ravenloft, denying the knights a proper burial for their lord.

A haunting whisper, bearing the words "Strahd Must Die," lingers in the Abbey and Argynvostholt—a testament to Lugdana's indomitable spirit. Some believed she had become a Revenant, hunting the undead as she did in life.

