The Grail

The secret of Montsegur

"This is the blood of Christ…"

Montsegur hides a secret known only by few. Is it the Holy Grail? Is it a descendant of Jesus Christ and Mary Magdalene? During the truce in Act Four it must be relocated. But if it is discovered that somebody has left Montsegur, the truce is cancelled and the hostages will die.

Sicard Alaman

The traitor

"I had to do it."

The carcass of an animal is discovered in the water reservoir. Is the traitor revealed? Why did he do it? For revenge? For gold? Was he threatened? Was his only wish to shorten the unbearable waiting? You can choose to let the traitor be one of you own characters.

The Cathar Treasure

The earthly wealth of the faithful

"Gold, silver, and a large amount of money."

Montsegur hides a treasure of gold and silver, accumulated over decades by thrifty people. Not overwhelming, but enough to buy an army. Will it fall into the hands of the crusaders? Or will it be smuggled away to the faithful in Lombardy?

Ferrier

Inquisitor

"Every sinner that does not repent is a soul lost on the side of God at Armageddon."

Ferrier tries patiently and systematically to make sinners repent and return to God. A dying heretic has been captured after an attack. Can Ferrier save the soul of the heretic? You may choose one of your own characters to be the captive.

Durrant

Inquisitor

"It is in the detail that the Devil reveals his presence."

Durrant carefully writes down every detail. In a letter to the pope, Innocent IV, he writes about the siege. How does he describe the Cathars?

Mathieu de Belcaire

Bishop

"From that ledge we can bombard the outer defenses and force a withdrawal."

Mathieu de Belcaire knows how to transform theory into results on the battlefield. His arrival is bad news. Has he fought Pierre Roger before? Have any of the men at Montsegur previously rallied to his banner?

Pierre Amiel

Archbishop of Narbonne

"In this Synagogue of Satan, scores of depraved souls are hatched out daily."

Pierre Amiel has spent more time at the court in Rome than in spreading the word of God in his diocese. Now he represents the Church in the crusading army. How important is the crusade for Pierre Amiel? Who does he know in Montsegur?

Hugues des Arcis

Seneschal of Carcassonne

"When Montsegur falls, there can be peace once again."

Hugues des Arcis is an experienced commander, but his best soldiers do not know the area – and the ones that do are not the most loyal. A sentry has let a group of Cathars through. Can Hugues des Arcis restore discipline?

Armand de Vichier

Templar Knight

"I am here on behalf of the Grand Master. It is about a matter of utmost importance."

A templar knight sneaks through enemy line and meets secretly with the Cathars. Will templar knights arrive to fight on the side of Montsegur? Or is it about the grail?

Geoffroy de Donjon

Hospitaller Knight

”Let reason prevail and ask for mercy.”

The Hospitallers have sacrificed much blood in the fight in the Holy Land. A hospitaller knight arrives in an attempt to avoid new bloodshed. Can he be trusted? Can he convince Pierre Roger?

Brasilhac de la Baccalaria

New Hope

“What we need is wood, rope, and stone.”

After the fall of the East Tower, Brasilhac arrives. He offers to oversee the construction of a trebuchet. You may also let one of your own characters step forward and reveal hidden talents, bringing hope in the darkest hour.

Jourdain du Mas

Dying knight

”...”

A faithful knight is hit by a rock and knocked unconscious. He is dying, but cannot complete *consolamentum* without assistance. Is the ritual still valid if another completes it on his behalf? You may choose one of your own characters to be the person that is knocked unconscious.

Corbario

Catalan mercenary

”I can transform gold into soldiers.”

A Catalan mercenary captain offers to bring reinforcements. 25 soldiers for the outrageous amount of 500 sous. Has he been at Montsegur before? Can he find anybody that is foolhardy enough to follow him? Why does Corbario fail to fulfill the hopes of the besieged?

Jean Rey

Courier

”I bring news from our brothers and sisters in Cremona.”

Jean Rey arrives with news from the faithful in Cremona (Lombardy, Italy). Are reinforcements arriving? Is it about the treasure? Why does he choose to stay in Montsegur?

Witchcraft

Work of the Devil

”Abracadabra…”

The Devil shows his ugly face. The milk runs sour, the butter will not churn, the grain grows moldy. A chicken with two heads is hatched. Has a curse befallen Montsegur? Is someone practicing black magic? Can a satanic ritual save Montsegur?

Revelation

The voice of God

“Fear not! I am the first, the last, and the one who lives.”

A vision, a voice, a dream. A burning bush. The divine reveals itself to one of the faithful. Is it a message of salvation and hope – or an omen of defeat? Who carries the message? Is the messenger believed?