

# Armyn ab Treanid

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**A**rmyn ab Treanid, loose Gaelic for "Arms of Valour," has an interesting history, and structure. They are a small guild on the Genivere server in the Hibernian realm. This is a short story of a few of their members.

Back in 1996, two members of the United States Air Force, then called Sir Elledan and Sir Giles, started playing a game called *Ultima Online*. They could always be found together, and were always working together. They found that this game was a great way to stay in touch, even if one was deployed or had recently changed duty station. Although they had not yet created the name Armyn ab Treanid, they were always together. Over time, they also managed to gather a few friends to accompany them.

In 1999, they migrated to the world of Norrath as Larian and Gascon. While they still had not created the name of Armyn ab Treanid, they stayed together, and continued to adventure together and build the number of friends they contacted in this brave new world. Some of their friends from Britannia joined them here as well.

Then the realm of Hibernia beckoned them! Larian made it his home right away, while Gascon had other issues to attend to.

Christmas of 2001 was a great day for the friends, when Larian presented Gascon, now Clamargh, with a small box containing the



key to Hibernia, and they had a way to stay in touch again. When Larian journeyed to the world of Hibernia with a few of his friends from Norrath, he at first looked for a new group to join, but they never quite worked out. Then Clamargh joined Larian in Hibernia, and they gathered together with a few friends they had brought with them, as well as some they had met in the new world. Upon consideration of the situation, Larian, Clamargh, Dunverys and Shadowtracker decided they should follow



their own path as a guild. With Larian at the helm, they grew from the ashes of failed attempts by other people to forge a band of warriors, poets and ne'er-do-wells.

As it stands, Armyn ab Treanid is growing, proving itself upon the field of battle, and a member of the largest, strongest alliance in the realm (according to *The Herald*, our alliance, led by Vae Victis, not only holds the most realm points for the realm, but the entire server, by a margin of nearly two to one). When the Alliance fields an army, not only do our enemies tremble, but so does the very ground we walk upon!

We are also considered the official guild of the forum for the Archer classes, The CritShot (<http://critshot.com>). While these accomplishments may not be noteworthy compared to other guilds, we do have one thing that makes us truly unique. We are sponsored by Arms of Valour, our namesake. This is a corporate sponsorship that offers us special deals and incentives on products as well as web hosting fees. No other guild that I know of can say that.

As a guild, we are attracting members to our banner. Our reputation is that of kind folks who look out for each other to encourage a positive gaming experience. We are not so much concerned with your level or skills as a player, as we are about the type of person you are. We look for those who are kind, helpful, mature and willing to commit to the guild. While we celebrate all successes, our

primary focus is on each member as a person. As we often say, "Your true worth is not in your level or realm points, but rather in your heart!"

To foster not only the guild's enjoyment of the game, but also enjoyment for our whole realm, you will often find members of Armyn ab Treanid hosting small events. We started off by holding *The Love Festival of the Goddess* while the Albions celebrated romance in the name of some celibate saint. Many people enjoyed tales, riddles, scavenger hunts, a game of *Mehgan Says*, and gift giveaways. Another big event Armyn ab Treanid organized was the *Riverdance of May*. The sight of dancing Moose was something to behold! On other occasions, members of Armyn ab Treanid gather in Ardee or Tir na Nog to hand out gifts to members of the realm, as well as send them out on quests and missions to better the realm.

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