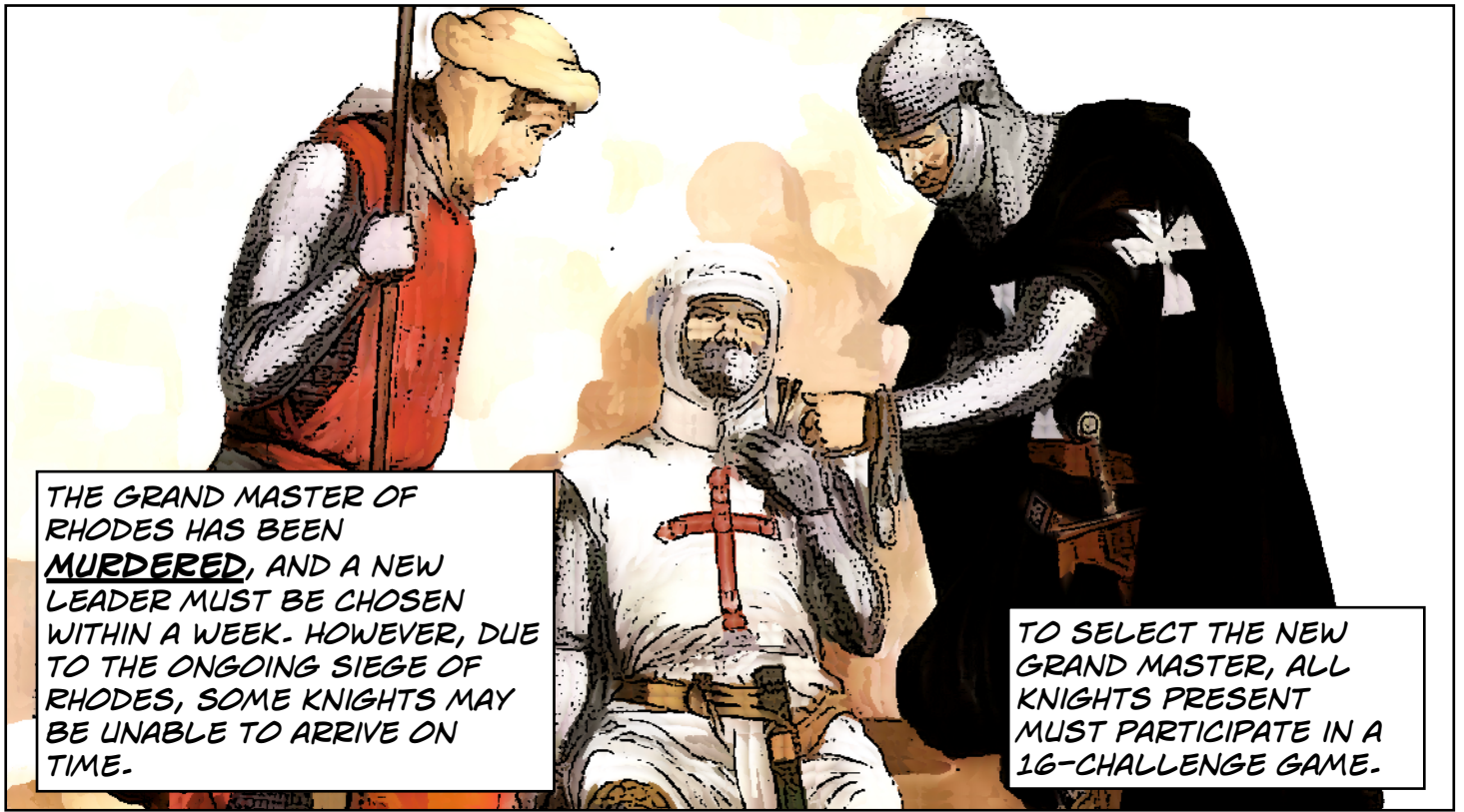


# GRAND MASTER CHALLENGE

**THE COMIC**

*SIEGE OF RHODES, (JUNE-DECEMBER 1522). LED BY SULTAN SULEIMAN THE MAGNIFICENT, THE SIEGE OF RHODES WAS THE SECOND ATTEMPT BY THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE TO DEFEAT THE KNIGHTS HOSPITALIER AND TAKE CONTROL OF RHODES. CONTROL OF THE GREEK ISLAND WOULD CONSOLIDATE OTTOMAN CONTROL OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. CAMPOBASSO ...*





THE GRAND MASTER OF RHODES HAS BEEN **MURDERED**, AND A NEW LEADER MUST BE CHOSEN WITHIN A WEEK. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE ONGOING SIEGE OF RHODES, SOME KNIGHTS MAY BE UNABLE TO ARRIVE ON TIME.

TO SELECT THE NEW GRAND MASTER, ALL KNIGHTS PRESENT MUST PARTICIPATE IN A 16-CHALLENGE GAME.

GANDOLFO DANDOLO, HASSO VON BERCHTESBURG, LORENCIO MALATRAYA Y HIMENEZ, SIR GEOFFREY SMITHES, AND HENRI DE NOGARET ARE IN RHODES. DESPITE THE POTENTIAL DELAY, THE COMPETITION WILL PROCEED ON SCHEDULE. MANY KNIGHTS ARE OPPOSED TO THE PROMPT COMPETITION AND CLAIM AN INVESTIGATION.



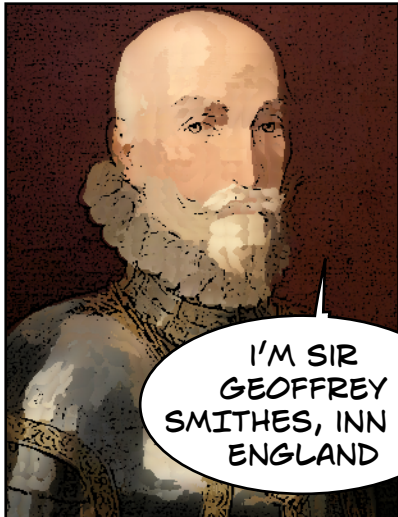
I'M GANDOLFO DANDOLO, INN OF ITALY



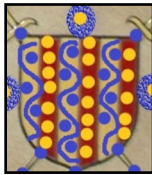
I'M HASSO VON BERCHTESBURG, INN OF GERMANY



I'M LORENCIO MALATRAYA Y HIMENEZ, INN OF SPAIN

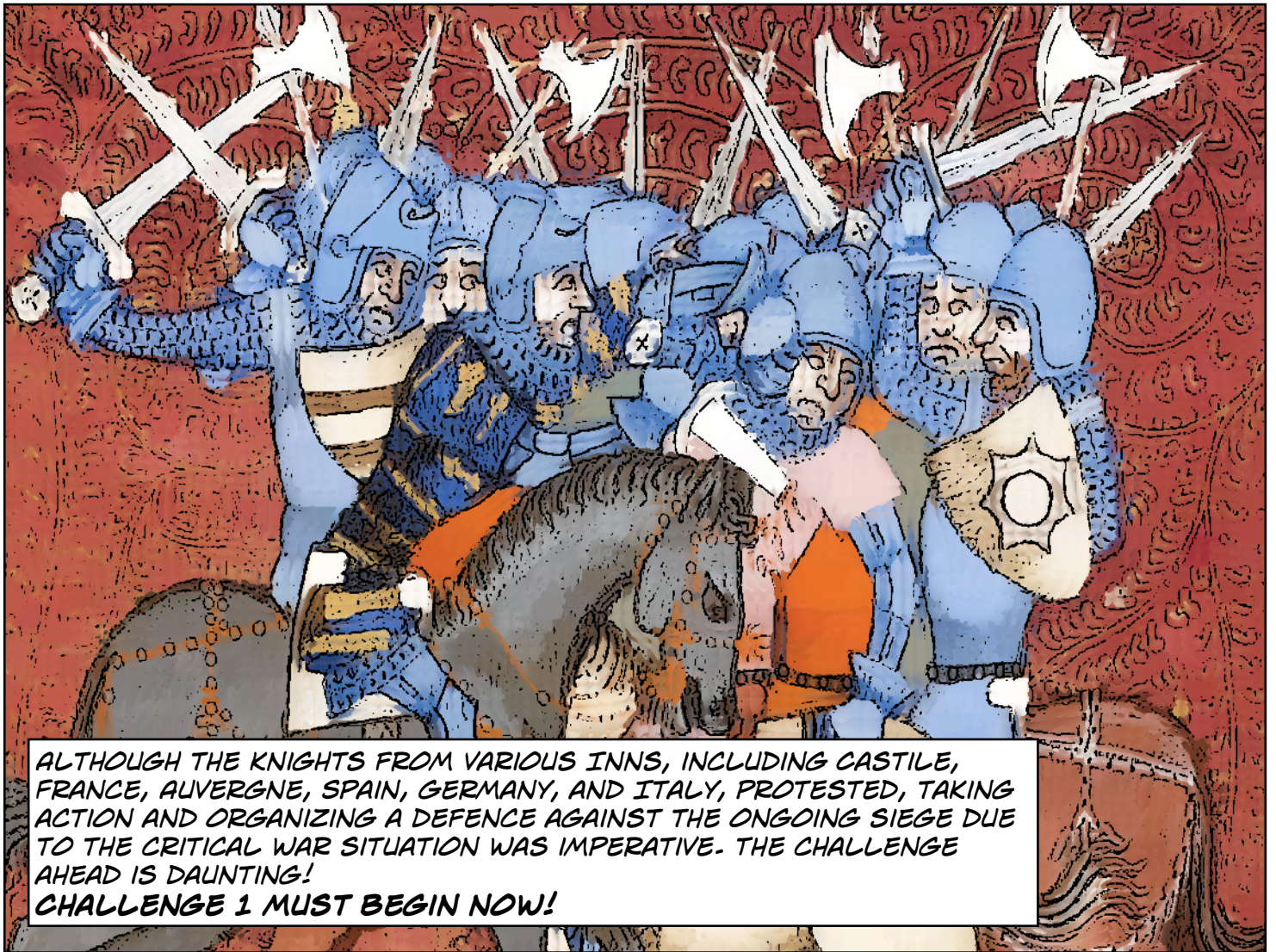


I'M SIR GEOFFREY SMITHES, INN OF ENGLAND



I'M HENRI DE NOGARET, INN OF ALVERGNE





ALTHOUGH THE KNIGHTS FROM VARIOUS INNS, INCLUDING CASTILE, FRANCE, ALVERGNE, SPAIN, GERMANY, AND ITALY, PROTESTED, TAKING ACTION AND ORGANIZING A DEFENCE AGAINST THE ONGOING SIEGE DUE TO THE CRITICAL WAR SITUATION WAS IMPERATIVE. THE CHALLENGE AHEAD IS DAUNTING!  
**CHALLENGE 1 MUST BEGIN NOW!**



THE KNIGHTS, THE POPE, AND THE CARDINALS ARE CONSIDERING THE COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY CONSEQUENCES OF LOSING RHODES AND THE APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION IF THEY CANNOT SECURE A NEW GRAND MASTER. WHILE THEIR PREFERRED CANDIDATE IS HONORÉ DE MARECHAL, HE HAS NOT YET ARRIVED IN RHODES.

# CHALLENGE 1

## DO YOU WANT TO PLAY?

A NEW CHALLENGE EVERY WEEK



"OUTSIDE OF THE COMMERCIAL PORT, CLOSE TO PORTA MARINA, YOU OVERHEAR A GALLEY CAPTAIN SAYING THAT HE CHEATED ON PAYING THE CHAIN TAX TO THE RHODES PORT AUTHORITY. WHAT DO YOU DO?"

# PORTAMARINA



I WALK AWAY THINKING THAT THE GALLEY CAPTAIN IS A VERY POWERFUL MAN AND THAT YOU CANNOT PUT YOUR LIFE AT RISK



I SUMMON THE ARMED KNIGHTS FROM YOUR INN TO FIND THE GALLEY CAPTAIN AND ARREST HIM. YOU PARTICIPATE THE FIGHT AND THE ARREST.



I RUN TO THE GRAND PRIOR, WHOM I KNOW PERSONALLY, TO REPORT THE INCIDENT. THE GRAND PRIOR IS OUT OF TOWN. I DECIDE TO WAIT UNTIL HE COMES BACK.



I WALK AWAY THINKING THAT THE GALLEY CAPTAIN IS A VERY POWERFUL MAN AND THAT YOU CANNOT PUT YOUR LIFE AT RISK



I SUMMON THE ARMED KNIGHTS FROM YOUR INN TO FIND THE GALLEY CAPTAIN AND ARREST HIM. YOU PARTICIPATE THE FIGHT AND THE ARREST.