

Anarea *Forty Factions* Plot Information Sheet

Tarot Card	XIII Death
Alleyman's Tarot Card:	Death (bunny) (Page No. 192)
No. & Name of Plot:	35. <i>Dance of the Dead</i>
Expansion	Fifty Factions
Description	It is the Festival of the Dance of the Dead!
Specify	Exclaim "Dance of the Dead!" and do a little dance like a Skeleton or Ghost. During the first Caeriad of the Role-Playing Round, whenever a Player specifies they are role-playing a Character they must announce what Undead (or Clerical) costume that Character is wearing, or other Players' Characters may require that Character to perform forfeits. Most official business of the City will be shut down for the holiday and there will be parades and partying in the streets. Encounters with genuine Undead may occur, but some costumes are so realistic it can be hard to tell. This Plot may be played once per Game only - if it has already been played, you may choose to play it either as a Random Event or Wild Card.
Notes	The Festival of the Dance of the Dead is held in Tehmor once per calendar year. It was originally held on the official date of the Appearance of SOROK, but was changed to the date of SOROK's becoming Undead. During the Caeriad of the Dance everyone must dress up as an Undead or be liable to a forfeit if caught, and there are parades, dancing in the streets and much drinking and taking of drugs. The Temple of SOROK like to release a few genuine Undead onto the streets in order to liven up proceedings (including for example Zombies hidden under sheets as if dressed up as Ghosts). The Temple of KOROS and its Allied Temples officially disapprove of the Festival, but do not wish to be seen as killjoys, so take part by participating in full Clerical costume and pretending to Dispel or Turn the Undead (or actually doing so if they suspect the revellers are genuine Undead). This has become an accepted part of the Festival, so it is acceptable for anyone to dress up as a Cleric rather than an Undead (according to their beliefs) and pretend to Dispel the revellers, who respond by pretending to be Turned, or by pretending to attack the Cleric. If the Dance is held on the same date as the Carnival of the Animals, it goes on for 2 Caeriads and everyone has to dress up as Undead Animals (the Bunny of Death is a favourite costume) or as Beastmaster Clerics. No VPs are awarded for Majority or Minority Control of the Council or for being Overlord on the Game Turn when this Plot is played.