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Later at the English camp, the Earl of Warwick, Richard de Beauchamp, discusses the recent French victories with his chaplain, de Stogumber. They attribute the heavy English losses to sorcery, and maintain that Joan must be a witch.

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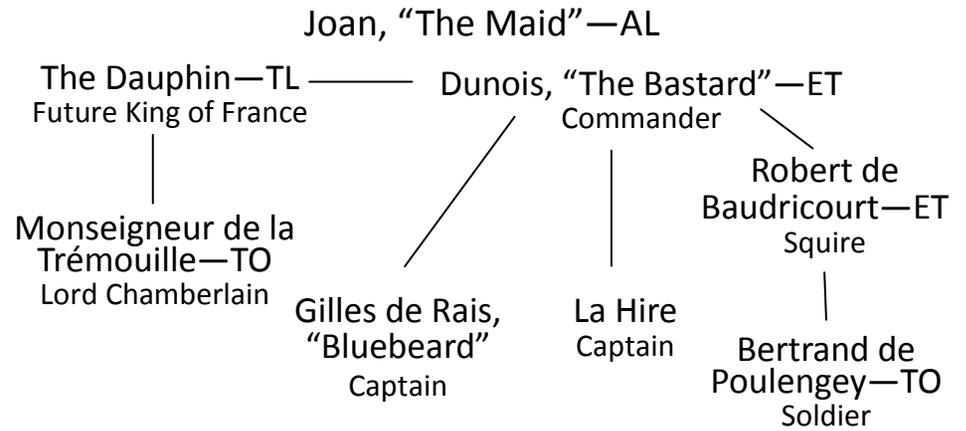
After more victories, Joan has Dauphin crowned king and is anxious to drive the English from Paris. The Dauphin, however, is content with what he has recaptured, Dunois is hesitant to start another campaign, and the Archbishop thinks she is proud and selfish. Joan decides to stand alone in spite of the Archbishop's warning that neither the military, nor the state, nor the Church will help her.

Joan is betrayed and captured by the English army. After nine months of imprisonment, she stands trial for heresy. The accusers force Joan to admit that the voices were from Satan, not heaven. After being sentenced to a life of imprisonment, Joan tears up her recantation. She is carried to the stake and burnt as a witch. The Executioner announces that her heart will not burn.

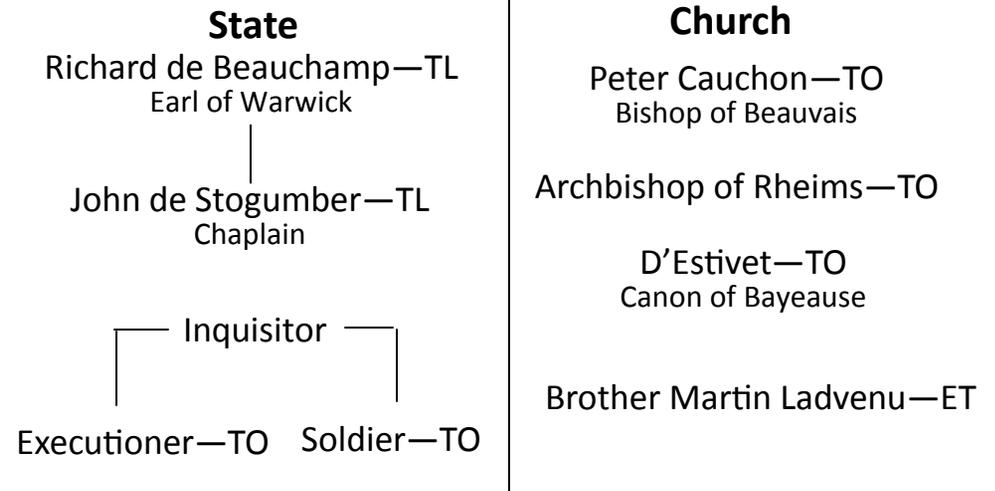
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Meet the Characters

Allies



Opponents and Accusers



Actor Key

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Andrus Nichols (AL)



Tom O'Keefe (TO)



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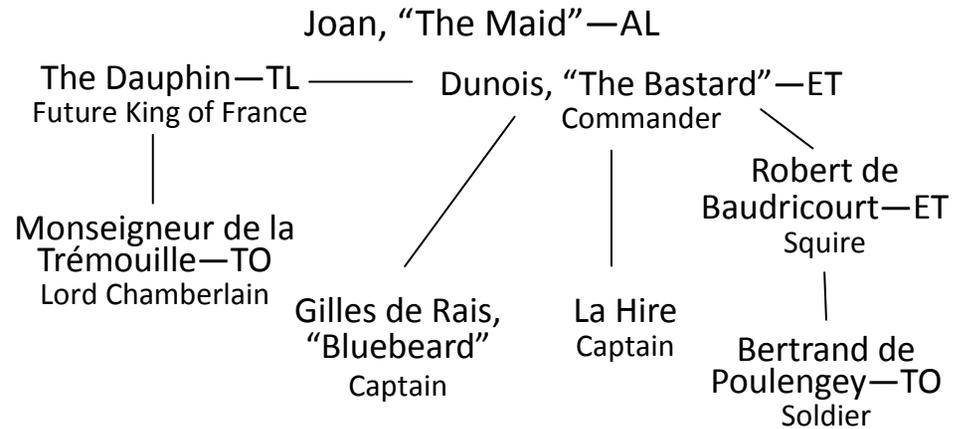
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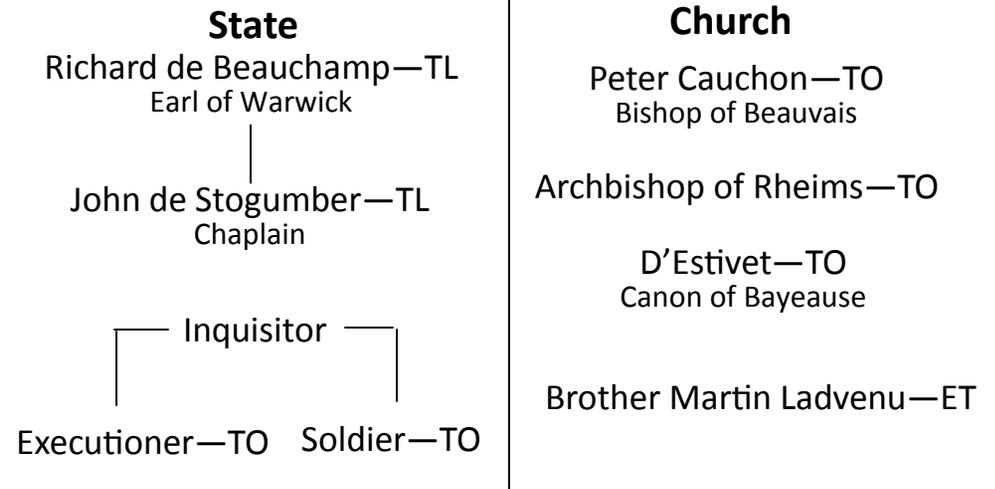
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