

The History of Théah

The Official 7th Sea Timeline

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AUC (Ab Urbe Condita)

After the Founding of “The City”

1: The city of Numa is founded near the mouth of the Tigres river in what would later become Vodacce.

102–228: Numa expands her borders, conquering or absorbing her neighbors. The Old Republic begins in earnest.

213: Outnumbered Numan soldiers defeat a superior Crescent army at the Battle of Pulo di Olimpia

228: Numa and Acraga (located in what would eventually become Castille) sign a mutual trade treaty, intended to strengthen ties between the two powers. Their relations slowly sour over time.

236–255: Numa launches a series of campaigns against the Eisen barbarian tribes. They are ultimately turned back.

~250: Several primitive Vestenmannavjnar tribes fight a war for dominance on the eastern Vesten isles. The losers — a tribe known as the Novgod — are exiled to the northern coast of Ussura.

255: The Republic constructs a huge wall on the southern bank of the great River to keep the Eisen hordes at bay.

268: Precious metals are discovered in the Acragan mountain ranges. Numa launches an attack to seize the resources, beginning the Acragan Wars.

344: Acraga suffers its final defeat and becomes a Numan colony for the next seven hundred years.

365: The Novgod tribe, with the support of primitive Ussurans, fight a massive battle against invading Eisen barbarians on the fields west of modern Donskoy. The

invaders are soundly defeated, and the Novgod changes its name to the Novgorov.

366: The Novgorov found the city of Ektar (later Ekaternava) as a bulwark against future Eisen invasions.

~375: Founding of the kingdoms of Rurik and Somojez.

424: General Julius Caius conquers Avalon. Numan-controlled territory now covers almost half of the known world, with millions of people under its rule.

425: Caius declares himself Imperator, seizing power from the Numan Senate. The act marks the beginning of the Age of Imperators, transforming the Republic into an Empire.

502-508: A series of huge barbarian raids destroy the Republic colonies in Eisen.

573: Contact with Avalon is suddenly lost and the island nation seemingly vanishes amid a hail of storms and fog banks. The Numan Imperator declares the nation cursed and refuses to endorse another invasion

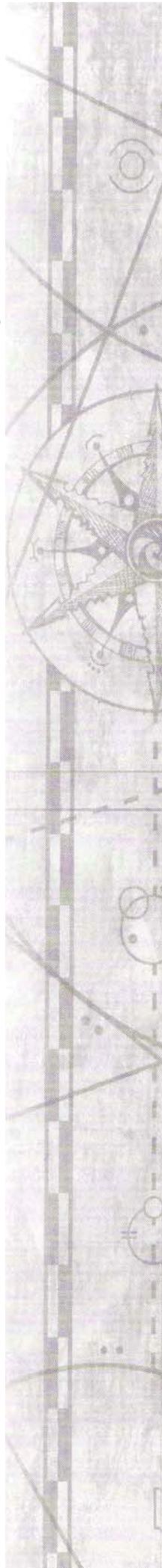
581: The Age of Imperators ends with the rule of Clementes the Mad. A popular uprising restores the Senate to power.

623: The storms around Avalon cease. The inhabitants have not aged a day and are unaware that anything has happened.

698: General Gaius Philippus Macer declares himself Imperator and seizes power from a corrupt Numan Senate following an extensive campaign in Eisen.

724: The Bargain. In an effort to regain power, a small group of senators makes contact with an unknown supernatural entity. They bargain for magical powers, forming the foundation of Théah’s modern sorcerous bloodlines. With their newfound abilities, the Senators force Gaius to give up his authority, and rule with absolute power for another fifty years.

724: Matushka awakens from her slumber. According to Ussuran Orthodoxy, she has a conversation with the First



Prophet (“The True Prophet”) some fifty years before his arrival in Numa.

734: Senator Edwardus Ajax Gallen flees Numa in an effort to escape his sorcerous peers. He and his followers found the kingdom of Gallenia near the distant land of Cathay.

735: The Firewall rises on the eastern Gallenia border, apparently the result of Cathayan sorcery. The towering barrier traps numerous savage Cathayan tribes — known collectively as the Tumens — on the western side.

736–740: The Tumens commence a brutal invasion of primitive Molhyna, conquering it and driving the native Zakut tribes into the far north.

~740–765: With Molhyna as a base, the Tumens launch a series of attacks against the newfound Gallenia. Bolstered by Numan tactics, the Gallenians defeat the Tumens at every turn.

774: The arrival of the First Prophet in Numa. Marked as AV 1 in the Théan calendar.

AV (Anno Veritas)

The Year of Truth

1: The First Prophet appears on the floor of the Senate, advocating an end to sorcery and the worship of a single deity called Theus. The Senate arrests and executes him, but word of his teachings spreads, forming the beginnings of the Vaticine Church.

32: The Empire of the Crescent Moon ejects Numa from its territory.

98: Legio II stops a barbarian invasion from Ussura just short of Numan territory.

98: The Numan Empire is divided in two: the Eastern Empire (governed in Numa) and the Western Empire (governed by what will become San Cristobal.) Twin Imperators head each Empire, although the senate still has nominal power over both. The date is generally considered the beginning of the end of the Old Empire.

~100: The kingdoms of Rurik and Somojez embrace the teachings of the Prophet. Pagan dissenters, led by Vladimir Aryov, emigrate to the lands around the Azov forest, where they found the kingdom of Veche.

105: The Eastern Emperor recognizes the legitimacy of the Prophet’s faith. The Western Emperor soon follows suit.

130: Most noble families in Numa now practice some form of sorcery and magic has become genetic, passing from parent to child with each successive generation.

203: Eastern Emperor Danatius announces his conversion to the Prophet’s faith. Sorcerous nobles are forced to flee or face the wrath of an entire religion.

297: The Fall of the Numan Empire: Eisen hordes sack Numa and burn it to the ground. The kingdom of Rurik takes up some of the slack in the east, absorbing Somojez and parts of upper Vodacce, and forming a bulwark of civilization between the Eisen hordes to the waest and the Tumen raiders to the east.

299: Josémaria de Castillo is crowned the first King of a united Castille.

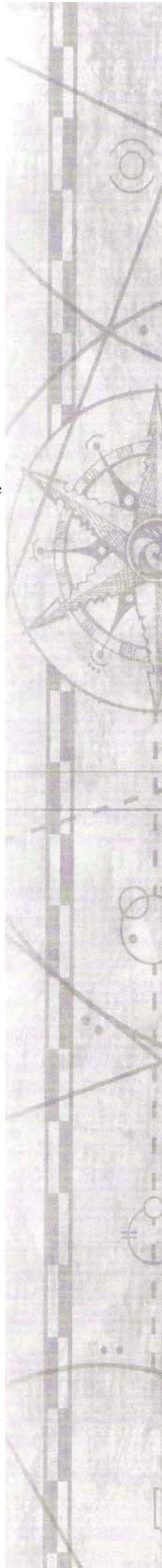
305: The Second Prophet appears from the Crescent Empire, preaching a message of piety and departure.

306: The Second Prophet gathers large flock and leads them on a pilgrimage to the Crescent Empire. They are slaughtered by marauding tribesmen, and the Emperor orders a crusade against the “infidel murderers.”

306: A coup within the Crescent Empire claims the life of the ruling Caliph.

306: Warlord Jaala Khan of the Kosar tribe unites the Tumen raiders beneath his rule and launches a war of conquest. He quickly take Molhyna and upper Gallenia, and prepares to move against the passes in the Bolshoi mountains.

306: Jaala Khan’s advance is halted at the Battle of Demetrian’s past. The Tumens as a people gradually become known as the Kosar, a name which has remained to the present day.



312: Emperor Corantine comes to power, conquering most of western Théah. He declares the Faith of the Prophets to be his Empire's official religion.

313: King Alonzo Al-Mahmud de Josémaria is named ruler of both Castille and the Crescent Empire, marking seven centuries of cooperation between the two nations. Emperor Corantine severely limits his power, however, and the Crusades bitterly divide his subjects.

325: The Corantine Convention presents the Vaticine Credo to Corantine, which effectively unifies the bickering cults of the First and Second Prophets into a single entity: the Reformed Vaticine Church.

325: Rurik Knias Ostor Pavtlavich Nikolai Novgorov travels 1800 miles to the Corantine Convention, only to spit at the Emperor's feet and renounce the teachings of the Second Prophet. He is executed, but his scribe escapes with the coded transcript of the proceedings. The incident marks the beginning of the Ussuran Orthodox Church.

326: Grand Duke Vsevolod of the city of Soudal declares his city safe haven against the newly founded Vaticine Church. The Church sends an armed force to take the city, but Vsevolod defeats them in a vicious battle which lasts for two days.

~327: Formal founding of the Ussuran Orthodox Church, with Soudal as its capital.

347: The Vaticine Church founds the holy order of the Knights of the Cross (die Kreuzritter).

376: Corantine dies. His three sons divide the Empire between them; their lesser kingdoms quickly fall apart.

~400: First appearance of the White Plague.

446: Following a period of slow decline, the Komnenian family seizes control of Rurik.

452: The Molhyni tribe ferments a revolt against the ruling Kosars. They usurp power following a fierce battle at the city of Goroduk, and establish the nation of Molhyna.

492: Rurik's peasantry revolts against its ruler and Somojez declares independence, effectively destroying the kingdom as

a viable political entity.

520: Koshchei Pietrov becomes ruler of Molhyna.

522: Matushka confronts the incestuous Saska Tomiech — ruler of Veche — in an epic battle of dark sorcery. The Little Grandmother defeats Saska, imprisoning her and her infant son in a coffin of ice beneath the Tomiech palace.

523: An Eisen warlord named Johann von der Velde launches an invasion of Ussura. His army is buried by an ice storm that strikes in the middle of summer.

525: By command of Matushka, the five kingdoms of Gallenia, Molhyna, Rurik, Somjez, and Veche unite as a single political entity: Ussura. Matushka chooses a ruling Gaius — Baveroc Fyodovich — from the peasant class, and a council of ruling kings — the Knias Douma — to advise him. This system of government has existed essentially unchanged for over a thousand years.

600: The rise of Emperor Carleman. Carleman conquers most of Western Théah, forming the foundation of several modern nations.

609: Carleman is declared High Emperor of Théah by the Vaticine Church, legitimizing his rule.

654: Carleman dies, leaving his Empire to three sons: Charles, Stefan and Iago.

659: Charles dies, leaving his kingdom in the hands of his wife, Isabeau. She marries her cousin, Léon Montanus, and renames her newly-claimed nation "Montaigne."

686: Dracheneisen is first discovered in the Eisen mountains.

691: Stefan officially founds the nation of Eisen.

782: Eisen Emperor Gottschalk I conquers much of Vodacce, including Numa.

818: The fierce barbarian tribes of the northern oceans unite under Gunnef the Ravenhaired. She gives them the title "Vestenmannavnjar," and launches an attack against the Avalon Isles. Their coastal raids will plague Théah for centuries.



818: Construction of Thngvallavatn in Vestenmannavnjar.

~900: Death of Gunnef the Ravenhaired. She is replaced as Vesten's High King by Ash Dagfinnrson.

~900-1300: The White Plague runs rampant throughout Théah. It spreads for centuries and ultimately claims one-third of the population; Castille is spared the worst effects, due to its connections with the Vaticine Church.

918: The inbred von Drachen family is destroyed by a popular uprising. Their sorcerous line is wiped out and their kingdom ultimately absorbed into Eisen.

~1000: Highlander Leila MacDonald travels to the Vesten Isles. Legends hold that she transcribed the Vesten's Grumfather Cycle into Théan — a text which might explain countless aspects of the nation's past. No copy of her translation is ever found, however.

1000: The Third Prophet arrives in Castille. Preaching words of bloodshed and zeal, he deposes Castille's sorcerous kings and receives the blessings of the Vaticine Church.

1002: A Vaticine bishop is murdered by a mob of Crescents in the Castillian city of Malaca. The Third Prophet declares a new crusade against the Crescent Empire. Civil war erupts in Castille, as the Prophet's forces battle with pro-Crescent loyalists.

1009: The pro-Crescent High King Garcia is defeated in El Fin del Ciclo. His death marks the end of sorcerous power in Castille.

1011: Vodacce's "Mad Queen" Marrietta Lorenzo attempts to end the Crusades by using Sorte to wipe the Crescents from existence. The result destroys her family, her servants, and the island fortress from which they rule.

1011: The Crusades sputter to a halt, with Vodacce in disarray and the Vaticine forces too exhausted to continue the attack. Fighting will continue for another three centuries however, waxing and waning according to the current Hierophant's zeal.

1012-1019: The Hieros Wars. The Third Prophet moves the seat of the Vaticine Church from Vodacce to Castille, starting a new war between those two countries.

1014: Roman Sandoval is crowned High King of Castille, the first in a long dynasty of Sandoval rulers.

1014: "Mad Jack" O'Bannon returns to Inismore and drives the Vestenmannavnjar invaders away from its shores.

1019: Vodacce forces are decisively defeated by a defending Castillian army, ending the Hieros Wars. The capital of the Vaticine Church moves from Numa to the newly-founded Vaticine City.

1021: Jack O'Bannon abdicates the Inish throne and wanders away. Infighting erupts over his successor.

1028: Henri du Montaigne invades Avalon, Inismore, and the Highland Marches. He defeats the army of King Herygh at the Battle of Three Roads, and annexes the three nations. The Sidhe flee Avalon, taking the powerful Graal with them. Glamour ceases to function and Montaigne begins a lengthy occupation of the country.

1030: The Third Prophet dies.

1034: The Eisen launch an invasion of Ussura. A series of freakish earthquakes and blizzards forces the army to retreat before it is destroyed.

1088: The five Vodacce cardinals place the libraries of Alexia — books and scrolls stolen from the Crescent Empire — in Numa as a "gift to the Hierophant." The move consolidates Vodacce's power base within the Church.

1118: Hughes Allais du Crieux establishes the Poor Knights of the Prophet to protect lands captured from the Crescents during the Crusades.

1153: Queen Eleanor of Montaigne has her husband declared dead while he is fighting the Crusades and marries the King of Avalon.

1157: Robin Goodfellow is born.

1175: Eleanor's brother-in-law Charles arrests and executes her on charges of treason.

1175: The last public member of the Serrano family falls into financial ruin, effectively ending the sinister Lorenzo line of Vodacce.



1177: Robin Goodfellow returns from the Crusades and launches a guerilla war against King Charles.

1199: Goodfellow is killed during a skirmish with King Charles' men, but legends of his deeds grow. Avalons continue to report sightings of Robin Goodfellow for another twenty years.

1207: Eisen launches a third invasion of Ussura. As before, disastrous weather inflicts heavy casualties and forces the army to retreat.

1215: King Charles of Avalon is defeated by a Montaigne army, losing Eleanor's claims to Montaigne lands.

1215: The rise of Robert the Dark in the Highland Marches.

1216: Charles' nephew, the true King of Avalon, returns from the Crusades and deposes his uncle.

1218: Robert the Dark defeats the Avalons at the Battle of Dun Vahl.

1219: Robert is declared High King of the Highland Marches.

1267: Eisen Emperor Stefan III orders the construction of a military base on the Rotstrom River. The base, known as the Stein, serves as the heart of Eisen's defense for three hundred years.

~1300: The Vodacce renaissance begins, forming the foundation of a great mercantile empire. Vodacce traders dominate Théah's economy until the rise of the Vendel League in the sixteenth century.

1308: The Poor Knights of the Prophet are condemned as heretics. The Knights are executed and the Church declares the Crescent borders closed to all faithful, effectively ending the Second Crusades.

1347: Another rash of the White Plague breaks out across Théah. It lasts only a few months, but still has an effect. Avalon is particularly hard-hit.

1348: Eisen launches an invasion against Ussura. The army, lead by General Ernst Heilgrund, advances to the Ekaterina river before a massive flood destroys the entire force. The

Eisen Emperor issues an edict forbidding further invasions of Ussura.

1355: The notorious pirate Justice Rogers disappears while being pursued by Montaigne warships.

1386: The Castillian capital of San Cristobal is struck by an outbreak of the White Plague. It kills the entire royal family, launching a flurry of political infighting for the throne.

1394: Cristoforo Scarovese publishes Means to Ends, which becomes a pillar of Vodacce political thought.

1398: The Vestini family of Vodacce receives permission to destroy the infernal Bianco family. The Biancos use strange powers to defend themselves, however, and manage to stave off all direct attacks on their territory.

1400: After nearly two years of fending off Vestini assaults, the Bianco family is finally wiped out with the aid of a young Vodacce knight named Andare del Casigula Rosa.

1402: Cristobal Gallegos leaves San Cristobal in an effort to sail around the world. He is never seen again.

1411: The holy order of die Kreuzritter is wiped out at the Battle of Tannen in Eisen.

1413: David III assumes the throne of Avalon.

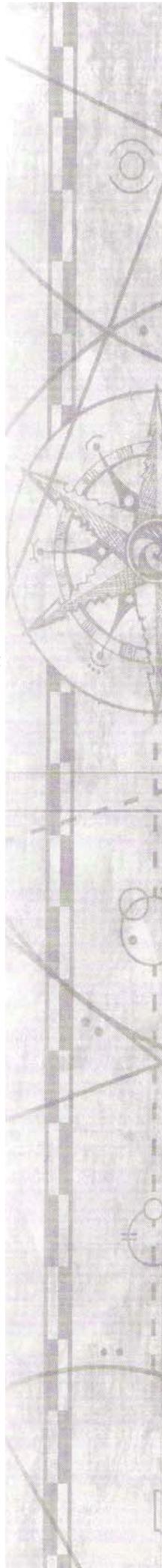
1418: David invades Montaigne, defeating a superior army and laying claim to several western provinces.

1422: David dies, leaving his ten-year-old son, David IV, on the throne. The younger David soon falls victim to political infighting.

1425: Avalon relinquishes its claim to Montaigne territory.

1501: A small Vesten village starves to death because their jarl (warlord) took their grain to feed his warriors. In response to the incident, a Vesten trader named Inger Holmstrom calls a great gathering of the Vesten underclass. They agree to travel forth from Vesten and learn about trading in an effort to better their lot.

1513: Through the machinations of the Villanova clan, Aldo Caligara is forced to renounce his family's heritage and



change his name to Caligari. The two families become bitter rivals.

1516: Inger Holmstrom forms a de facto council consisting of the Vestenmannavjnar farming class (carl) and serfs (thrall). The act effectively seizes political power from the Vesten warrior kings (most of whom are away on raids).

1517: Matthias Lieber, an Eisen monk nails a series of questions to his superior's door in Heilgrund. The act marks the beginning of the Objectionist movement. Lieber is arrested for heresy, but is rescued from Castille just before his execution and returned to Eisen.

1527: Henri IV, "The Bloody Boar" of Avalon attempts to assassinate his rival to the throne, Richard Lovaine. The plot is exposed and civil war ensues.

1528: Vestenmannavjnar officially changes its name to Vendel, over the protests of many of its militant tribes.

1531: Henri IV is defeated at the Battle of Bedgrane by Richard, who assumes the throne as Richard II.

1531: Richard II launches an invasion of Inismore.

1535: An anonymous Avalon monk publishes an illegal book of traditional stories entitled The Graal.

1541: Avalon crushes the last elements of Inish resistance, annexing the entire island.

1546: Birth of Vincenzo Caligari.

1547: High King Eindridi Utterstrom dies to be replaced by the intolerant Ulf Hövsgaard. Hövsgaard challenges the Vendel council, questioning their actions at every turn

1552: Cardinal Alfonso Orduñez proposes building a massive prison on the island of la Palabra de Dios.

1563: Cardinal Orduñez's prison is completed and begins accepting inmates.

~1565: High King Hövsgaard disappears after an argument with the Vendel merchant Leagues. He is the last Vesten King to publicly proclaim his crown.

1570: The Firework Dam incident. A huge Montaigne dam, constructed to provide the King with a fishing lake, is destroyed in a massive explosion. A group calling itself the Rilasciare ("Free Thinkers") takes credit for the incident.

1571: Cardinal Orduñez builds walls around his island prison "to keep civilization out."

1587: Weiss III becomes Emperor of Eisen. He forbids the persecution of Objectionists in his realm, easing tensions between Objectionism and the Vaticine faith.

1598: Cameron McCormick founds the Explorer's Society.

~1600: By now, Vendel has established a guild of merchants which effectively forms their national government. Vendel trade continues to flourish throughout northern Théah, challenging Vodacce's traditional economic power.

1600: A revolt on la Palabra de Dios — now known as "la Bucca" — kills ninety percent of the inmates and a third of the guards.

1608: An anonymous Vendel scholar invents the microscope.

1610: Church scholars — led by Caspar Gallus — complete the first map of the human body.

1610: Birth of Léon XIV of Montaigne.

1614: Richard IV ascends the throne of Avalon.

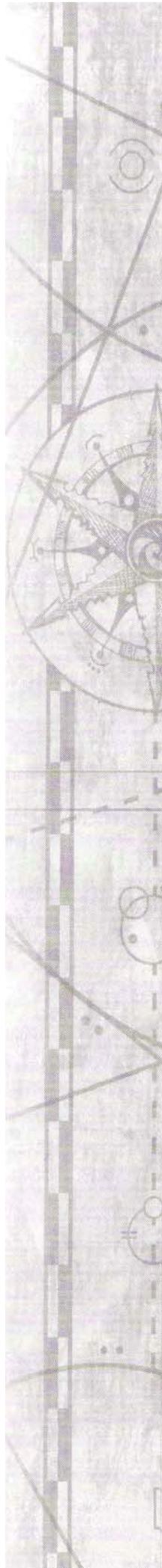
1615: Founding of the Knights of the Rose and Cross.

1617: The Hierophant gives the Rose and Cross the official blessing of the Church.

1620: Avalon scientist Jeremy Cook founds the Royal Fraternity for Scientific Minds in the Avalon capital of Luthon.

1622: Richard IV asks the Hierophant for permission to divorce his wife. The Hierophant refuses and Richard passes the Act of Supremacy in retaliation. The act creates the new Church of Avalon, with the Avalon king at its head.

1622: Death of King Léon XIII of Montaigne. His wife and her lover, the Cardinal Maurice d'Argeneau, govern the



nation for six years until Léon XIV comes of age. The young king is cruelly mistreated under their ministrations.

1628: Leon XIV turns eighteen. He immediately banishes his mother to country exile and dramatically reduces Cardinal d'Argeneau's influence in court.

1631: King Leon marries his first wife, Estelle.

1632: Birth of Faulk Fischler.

1636: Emperor Weiss III dies, to be succeeded by Emperor Reifenstahl. A strict Vaticine, Reifenstahl resumes persecution of the Objectionists

1636-1666: The War of the Cross. Reifenstahl's oppressive policies ferment an open revolt in southern Eisen. The conflict would quickly spread across the entire nation.

1636-Present: Vendel uses the Eisen conflict to vastly expand its economic power. The Vodacce princes finally realizes the threat to their power, and launches a quiet economic war.

1637: Vendel Objectionists, led by General Stefano Wulf, overrun the Vaticine forces at the Stein. The loss ends the Vaticine's absolute hold over northern Eisen.

1638: "Gentleman Pirate" Philip Gosse retires to a hidden island paradise.

1639: General Wulf retreats from the Stein, leaving the once-mighty fortress in ruins.

1639: Birth of Fauner Pösen.

1639: Queen Estelle of Montaigne dies, having borne Léon five daughters and no sons.

1640: King Léon marries his second wife, princess Rosa Velasquez de Sandoval of Castille

1643: Birth of Katerina Fischler

Nonus, 1644: The Swordsman's Guild is founded.

1645: Queen Rosa Velasquez of Castille dies, having borne Léon three daughters and no sons. Relations between Montaigne and Castille sour considerably.

1647: King Léon marries his third wife Morella du Montaigne.

1648: The Crescent corsair Kheired-Din makes his first raid on western shores, attacking a coastal town and taking many citizens as slaves.

1648 (Fall): Birth of Dominique du Montaigne.

1649: Eisen fisherman Faulk Fischler discovers a dracheneisen mine near the Sudlache. Reifenstahl gives him a new barony, formed from parts of other baronies. The act further destabilizes Eisen.

1649: Birth of Ilya Nikolovich, son of Gaius Nikolai Nikolovich. At the child's birth, the Gaius tricks Matushka into promising that Ilya will become the next Gaius — not a member of the peasantry as has been the case for centuries.

1650: The Inish revolt against Avalon's "Iron" Queen Margaret, in an attempt to establish an independent nation.

1651: Mad Jack O'Bannon returns to Inismore, leading his people to war against the Avalons.

1652: Birth of Good King Sandoval.

1654: "Iron" Queen Margaret of Avalon dies, leaving no heir. Civil war ensues. The Highland Marches declares independence from Avalon.

1656: Margaret's half-sister Elaine appears with the Graal. Glamour returns to Avalon.

1656: Jack O'Bannon calls for a cease-fire in the war against Avalon.

1656: Théah's first newspaper, the Steinhalt Gazette, is founded. With the coming of Niklaus Trägue in 1664, it changes its name to the Freiburg Gazette.

1656: Ilya Nikolovich sees a portrait of Katerina Fischler and is instantly smitten. Katerina travels to Ussura and agrees to marry the young boy when he comes of age. In exchange, her brother receives a lucrative food-for-arms deals with the Ussurans.



1657: The Royal Fraternity for Scientific Minds admits its first female member, Ravenild Hibbot. The organization changes its name to the Royal Association for Scientific Minds.

1658: Elaine succeeds in reuniting Avalon under her rule. Inismore and the Highland Marches swear allegiance to her, creating a Triple Kingdom of linked-yet-autonomous nations.

1658: First reported appearance of the Crimson Rogers.

1658: Gaius Nikolai of Ussura dies under mysterious circumstances. His son Ilya becomes the new Gaius — the first time in history that that the title has passed along hereditary lines. The boyars take the boy and torture him mercilessly for the next seven years, in an effort to break his will.

1659: Nicklaus Trägue discovers a dracheneisen mine in the mountains of Eisen. He asks for the ruins of the Stein as his barony.

1659: The king of Castille raises a mighty armada to destroy Queen Elaine. Privateer ships under the command of Jeremiah Berek sink the armada off the Coast of Avalon.

1661: Avalon scholar Jeremy Cook publishes *The Rational Chemist*, denouncing alchemy and advocating Empiricism. The book causes a huge controversy, and the Vatican Inquisition demands his death as a heretic.

1661: Franze Delefoe publishes a new map of the human body and denounces the humor theory of medicine. He is burned at the stake by the Inquisition, though they do not take credit for it until 1668.

1662: Jeremy Cook invents the air pump, but is executed by the Inquisition before he can reveal it to the public. A group of scholars calling themselves “The Invisible College” manage to save his notes and recreate his lost invention.

1664: The Vendel introduce the guildler as a way of dominating Théan currency. The act escalates the unspoken trade war between Vendel and its longtime rival, Vodacce.

1664: Nicklaus Trägue completes repairs on the Stein. He renames his barony Freiburg (“Free City”) in hopes of attracting new trade.

1664: King Léon of Montaigne openly declares that he is a sorcerer, and that all sorcerers will have a safe haven within his borders.

1664: Crown Prince Javier of Castille disappears from his rooms without a trace.

1664: Gaius Ilya of Ussura escapes his captors into the frozen wilderness around the city of Sladivgorod. He receives a visit from the legendary Firebird, who shields him from the elements and allows him to survive.

1664: High King Salvador Aldana de Sandoval of Catille dies.

1665: After months of debate, the Church crowns the thirteen-year-old Salvador Bejarano de Sandoval King of Castille. His Church advisors deny him the due title Rex Castillium, severely hampering his power.

1665: First appearance of El Vago. He rescues a peasant girl named Lucinda Garcia from being burned at the stake.

1665: El Vago joins Don Andrés Aldana in defending Good King Sandoval from an assassination attempt.

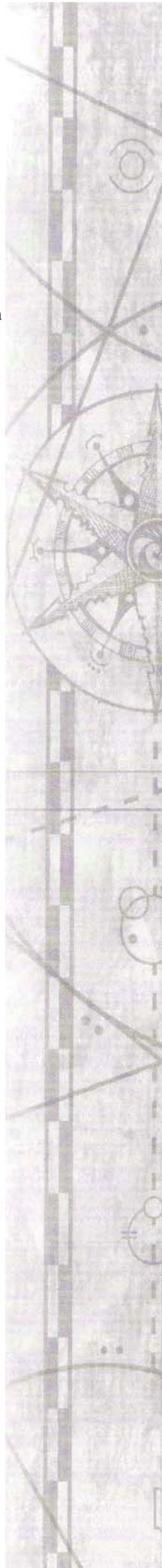
1665: Gaius Ilya comes of age and takes formal control of Ussura. He has the men who tortured him put to death and his chief persecutor fed to his own hounds.

1665: The Crimson Rogers sink the Highland Piper, an Avalon mercenary ship, near the Midnight Archipelago. The Piper’s captain, Bonnie McGee, escapes the destruction and returns to port in a lifeboat. She is the only known survivor of an attack by the Rogers.

1665-1666: Another outbreak of the White Plague appears in Avalon, Castille, and parts of Montaigne. Before Church scholars can diagnose the cause, it vanishes as quickly as it came.

1666: Castille and Montaigne invade a war-torn Eisen. Reifenstahl is forced to cede vast tracts of territory to them at the Treaty of Weissburg, effectively ending the War of the Cross.

1666: Castillian cardinal Esteban Verdugo raises an army to arrest the heretical King Léon, but they are defeated at



the battle known as Montegue's Stand. Léon proclaims himself Empereur, raises corporal Montegue to the rank of High General and marries him to his youngest daughter Dominique.

1666: The Vaticine Hierophant dies under mysterious circumstances while on a trip to Montaigne. Montaigne's Cardinal d'Argeneau disappears soon thereafter. The Inquisition, under control of Cardinal Verdugo, now has unchecked power to enforce its edicts. Scholarly learning within the Church — which had been under quiet siege for years — grinds to a halt.

1666: Castillian scholar Alvara Arciniega discovers the light spectrum with a series of homemade prisms. The Inquisition attempts to hang him, but he is a skilled swordsman, defeating his would-be assassins and escaping to the countryside.

1666: Prisoners on La Bucca stage a massive revolt, overthrowing their guards and taking control of the island. Their leader, Captain Allende, establishes the Brotherhood of the Coast, a new nation conceived on democratic ideals.

1667: Emperor Reifenstahl hangs himself, leaving his nation divided among seven Eisenfürsten ("Iron Princes").

1667: A Castillian bureaucrat named Diego Torres de Zepeda del Castillo debunks medicinal quack Jasper Wellfellow in a sharply-worded letter to a series of periodicals.

1667: Gjæving Asbjornsson stumbles into a mystic cave, which marks him as the new High King of Vestenmannavnjar. He refuses to acknowledge his position and tells no one what has happened.

1667: Jyrgal Timurbek establishes a quasi-independent nation — Kosara — in the heart of Ussura.

1667 (Spring): General Montegue launches an invasion of Castille.

1667 (Late Summer): Montegue is recalled from Castille and ordered to begin an invasion of Ussura. He seizes the port city of Odyesse and marches slowly towards Pavtlow — moving forward despite Matushka's supernatural efforts to stop him.

1667 (Late Fall): Castille's General Montoya stops the Montaigne advance at La Muralla al Ultimo.

1668 (Secundus): Alvara Arciniega invents the reflecting telescope from exile.

Secundus 2, 1668: The city of Fornuft is founded on the Vesten Island of Viddenheim.

Secundus 29, 1668: an earthquake off the coast of Vodacce uncovers an abandoned keep, built into the shoreline cliff of Falisci territory.

Tertius 3, 1668: After months of heated fighting, the Castillian army is forced to retreat from San Augustin. The Montaigne seize control of the city, using its naval facilities as a marshalling ground for the navy. Without San Augustin as an anchor, General Montoya is forced to abandon plans for a counterattack. The Castillian army on the peninsula prepares for a Montaigne assault.

Tertius 10–30, 1668: El Vago strikes at numerous locations along the Montaigne front: disrupting supply lines, sabotaging cannon emplacements, and attacking squads of soldiers.

Tertius 16, 1668: A Vendel League vessel scuttles a merchant ship belonging to Prince Giovanni Villanova.

Tertius 23, 1668: Vincenzo Caligari dines with Cardinal Beppo Mueso, asking for permission to trade with the Crescent Empire.

Quartus 1, 1668: Montaigne's General Du Toille launches an attack on La Muralla al Ultimo. A stirring defense by General Montoya, plus the Vagabond's guerrilla activities, spell defeat for the Montaigne.

Quartus 14, 1668: Castille's Admiral Orduño launches an assault against the Montaigne fleet. His superior tactics allow him to shatter their blockade of the western peninsula. The Montaigne fleet is scattered across La Boca, and supplies can once more be shipped to General Montoya's army.

Quartus 21, 1668: Admiral Alazais Valoix takes command of the Montaigne Navy. He promises a swift resolution to the Montaigne-Castillian War.



Quartus 26, 1668: After receiving a letter from his wife (see *The Lady's Favor* in the 7th Sea GM's Screen), General Montegue orders a retreat from Ussura. His forces march straight towards Odyesse, where ship wait to take his army home.

Quartus 29–30, 1668: Dominique du Montaigne goes into labor. She and her Fate Witch Anna conduct the secret ritual required to transfer the baby's sorcerous power into her. The ritual succeeds, but the baby is stillborn and Dominique is left barren.

Quartus 30, 1668: Captain Jeremiah Berek of Avalon is lost at sea.

Quintus 2–10, 1668: L'Empereur commissions the raising of new taxes and instigates a series of laws designed to punish the Vaticine Church. Oppression in Montaigne reaches an all-time high.

Quintus 8, 1668: Beatrice Caligari arrives in Charouse to comfort her sister, the Imperatrice Morella.

Quintus 10, 1668: Beatrice Caligari is slain while conspiring with her sister. Morella is placed under heavy guard and forbidden to leave the Château du Soleil.

Quintus 15, 1668: The Battle of Derevyanniy. By feinting towards the city of St. Tremult, Montegue draws away the Ussuran army waiting for him in the Derevyanniy forest. The Montaigne army slips safely through the lines, and casualties on both sides are limited. However, subsequent Ussuran partisan attacks slow the Montaigne progress toward Odyesse.

Quintus 23, 1668: The Battle of San Felipe. Admiral Valoix attempts to launch a counterattack against the Castillian Armada, targeting various ports along the Gallegos peninsula. Enrique Orduño anticipates the move and engages the Montaigne fleet off of the coast of San Felipe.

Sextus 2, 1668: Fearful of possible Vendel encroachments into the Crescent Empire, Prince Gespucci Bernoulli orders his ships to attack and sink any Vendel merchant vessel they might encounter.

Sextus 5, 1668: Captain Allende is captured in the port town

of San Felipe by agents belonging to Vincenzo Caligari.

Sextus 15, 1668: The Single Shot. Admiral Orduño refuses to board a vessel belonging to the General, an Eisen mercenary working for Montaigne. He is arrested by the Inquisition and charged with heresy.

Sextus 21, 1668: Without Orduño to oppose him, Admiral Valoix launches a devastating series of attacks against the Gallegos peninsula. He inflicts heavy damage upon the Castillian infrastructure in Avila, San Felipe, San Gustavo and elsewhere.

Sextus 23, 1668: Castillian troops turn back an attempted crossing of El Rio de Delia by the Montaigne army.

Sextus 24, 1668: The Battle of Ekaternava. Montegue arrives at the Ussuran city of Ekaternava, just as partisans are engaging the Montaigne forces there. Montegue's quick action allows the Montaigne army to escape the island and continue their retreat.

Late Sextus (21–30), 1668: The Siege of Freiburg. A vein of drachenesien — possibly the largest ever recorded — is found beneath the city of Freiburg. Two armies, one from Fauner Pösen and one from Stefan Heilgrund, soon lay siege to the city in an effort to claim the mine for themselves. The city's defenders eventually fight off the armies, and Niklaus Trägue takes control of the mine. (See the Freiburg boxed set for more information.)

Julius 6, 1668: Admiral Orduño is tried by the Inquisition and found guilty of heresy. He is moved to the fortress of El Morro, there to await execution. Julius 7, 1668: Montegue's army reaches the city of Odyesse. Saboteurs in the pay of l'Empereur have burned his ships to the ground. Exhausted and bereft of supplies, the army has no choice but to head west into Eisen.

Julius 20, 1668: Eisenfürst Reinhard von Wische reawakens from his lengthy coma. He immediately reassumes rulership of his kingdom with Gisela Inselhoffer, whom he believes to be his dead wife.

Corantine 1, 1668: Théah's mystics all simultaneously awoken with a terrible vision of the Island of the Sunken Eye. Their visions grow worse as time goes on.



Corantine 15, 1668: The Battle of Salzsumpf. Montegue's army is met in eastern Eisen by an army lead by Fauner Pösen. Despite a valiant defense, Montegue's forces are defeated. Karl Steiner flees in terror and Pösen takes Montegue hostage; The general is left a comfortable prisoner in a fortress/estate on the Pösen frontier.

Corantine 22, 1668: On the day of Orduño's execution, the General arranges a daring rescue of the condemned Castillian. He and his crew use Porté magic to breach El Morro's defenses, then avoid Castillian reprisals by pulling their ship into a gigantic Porté hole, the largest ever created.

Corantine 25, 1668: Admiral Valoix strikes for the heart of Castille: San Cristobal itself. By destroying it, he hopes to paralyze the Castillian armies and allow Montaigne to complete its conquest of Castille.

Corantine 30, 1668: A band of escaped prisoners steals a Syrneath water vessel from the heart of Vincenzo Caligari's island. The act triggers a cataclysmic reaction and the island sinks beneath the sea.

Septimus 1, 1668: Triggered by the combined efforts of a renegade Explorer and the Corsair Kheired-Din, an ancient Syrneath island — Cabora — rises from the depths of the Mirror.

Septimus 4, 1668: L'Empereur refuses to pay the ransom for the release of General Montegue, who remains the unwilling guest of Fauner Pösen.

Septimus 5, 1668: Admiral Valoix is thwarted in his bid to capture San Cristobal by the timely efforts of Admiral Orduño's wife, Margareta.

Septimus 8, 1668: Valoix kills the Porté messenger sent to bring him back to l'Empereur. He is now considered a renegade.

Septimus 13, 1668: Private Jerome of Montaigne returns home from the Castillian front. After finding bruises on his lover's wrists, he kills the woman's husband in a fit of rage and is arrested for murder.

Septimus 19, 1668: Assassins strike at five of the remaining six Vodacce Princes. Four of them are thwarted, but Prince

Alberto Lucani is struck down, leaving no clear heir to his title.

Septimus 20, 1668: In a lightning-quick move, forces belonging to Vodacce Prince Alcide Mondavi invade territory belonging to the Lucanis, Villanovas, and Caligaris. Mondavi is aided by Eisen mercenaries under the command of Erich Sieger.

Septimus 22, 1668: Rilasciare member Arnaud du Charouse makes an effort to present the Commoners' Cause to l'Empereur. The document pleads for an end to many oppressive taxes, an easing of sanctions against the church, and the formation of a national assembly "to advise His Majesty on matters of the state." Leon refuses to allow Arnaud past the gates.

Septimus 24, 1668: Pvt. Jerome arrives in Charouse, to be held before his execution. The spectacle of a loyal soldier being led in chains to his doom sparks a riot, which quickly spreads to all corners of the city. With the army occupied in Castille, l'Empereur lacks the forces to quell such widespread unrest.

Septimus 25–Octavus 15, 1668: The Charouse rioting soon escalates into a full-blown revolution. Nobles are attacked, government offices looted, and royalist sympathizers jailed. Many nobles flee the country. Others are caught and either imprisoned or flat-out executed.

Septimus 25, 1668: L'Empereur announces the dissolution of the Musketeers.

Septimus 25, 1668: Dominique du Montaigne disappears from her rooms.

Septimus 27, 1668: L'Empereur flees Charouse, and boards a ship bound for safe harbor. The ship vanishes at sea.

Septimus 27, 1668: Miriam du Montaigne is caught and executed by rioting mobs.

Octavus 3-4, 1668: Evelyn du Montaigne is arrested and executed after trying to board a ship for Avalon.

Octavus 4, 1668: Rosamonde du Montaigne is arrested after trying to save her twin sister.



Octavus 5, 1668: Rosamonde du Montaigne is rescued by her sister Ysabelle as she is led to the executioner's block. The two retreat to the open seas, becoming Montaigne's most wanted criminals.

Octavus 10-11, 1668: Nicolette du Montaigne is caught as she tries to flee to Eisen. She is tried by a kangaroo court and executed by hanging.

Octavus 10, 1668: Jacob's Political Society calls for the formation of a new government.

Octavus 12, 1668: L'Empereur's body is found hanging from a tree near the Montaigne shoreline.

Octavus 14, 1668: Eisenfürst Georg Hanizl defeats an attempted coup by one of his advisors, Philip Knep. The mad ruler takes on the personality of a great conqueror, and launches plans to invade a neighboring königreich.

Octavus 17, 1668: Vincenzo Caligari is forced from his hiding spot within his former territory.

Octavus 18, 1668: The Treaty of Cabora is signed by all major Théan powers. Ussurans refuse to allow any expeditions heading to the island of Cabora to dock in their ports, and the Church fortresses in the Forbidden Sea redouble their efforts to stop interlopers.

Octavus 30, 1668: Eisenfürst Georg Hainzl launches an attack against his neighbor Faulk Fischler. The invading force disappears without a trace.

Nonus 7, 1668: The Montaigne Parlement is assembled, consisting of elected representatives from every province. They are led by the Council of Eight, elected by their peers, who dictate the Parlement's agenda and hold its most important posts.

Nonus 8, 1668: A group of Montaigne nobles announces the creation of the government in exile in the Eisen city of Siegsburg. They are led by the Empereur's daughter Anne and her husband, Jean-Marie Rois et Reines.

Nonus 14, 1668: Peace talks between Castille and Montaigne conclude. Montaigne agrees to a peaceable withdrawal in exchange for reparations and the ability to maintain a garrison in Barcino. Castille reluctantly agrees to their terms.

Nonus 18, 1668: The Council of Eight successfully negotiates the return of the Ussuran army from Eisen. They cannot meet Fauner Pösen's ransom demands for Montegue,

however, and maintain l'Empereur's lie that he was killed while returning to Montaigne.

Nonus 19, 1668: Admiral Valoix is reinstated as head of the new Montaigne navy. His first mission is to hunt down renegade nobles who threaten the security of the new Republic.

Nonus 21, 1668: Jacob Faust briefs the Explorer's Society on the disposition of Cabora. Based on his testimony, the Explorer's Society agrees to finance new expeditions into the western ocean.

Nonus 28, 1668: Amnesty is offered to all Montaigne nobles who will renounce the use of sorcery. The surviving members of the royal family will be allowed back into the country provided they renounce all ties to the throne. None of them do. Practicing Porté is punishable by the loss of the offender's left hand. The wearing of gloves is outlawed in Montaigne.

Decimus 7, 1668: The Council of Eight sells off l'Empereur's possessions in an effort to finance their debts.

Decimus 30, 1668: Valentina Villanova murders her own children.

Prophet's Mass 3, 1668: In an effort to escape the wrath of the Prince, Valentina Villanova and Juliette board a ship bound for Vendel.

Prophet's Mass 6, 1668: On the eve of the new year, Eisenfürst Niklaus Trägue commits suicide. The Wachturm collapses soon thereafter.

Primus 13, 1669: Logan Sieger becomes the Eisenfürst of Freiburg. He vows to rebuild the city, founded on the noblest ideals of Eisenfürst Trägue.

Primus 30, 1669: The Vaticine Church tells Alcide Mondavi to end his invasion or face excommunication.

Secundus 2, 1669: Alcide Mondavi halts his advance and makes peace with the four remaining Vodacce Princes.



Secundus 17, 1669: Stefan Heilgrund launches a secret expedition into the Schwarzen Walden.

Tertius 13, 1669: Margaretta Orduño successfully petitions the King of Castille for a new expedition into the western ocean.

Tertius 29, 1669: New Explorers expeditions depart from Carleon to points west.

Quartus 12, 1669: An emissary from “the state of Kosara” arrives to negotiate with Gaius Ilya. He is killed before he can deliver his greeting.

Quintus 3, 1669: Pro-royalist politicians attempt to seize control of the Montaigne Parlement. They fail. The ringleaders are arrested and laws are enacted to prevent a potential coup from taking place again.

Quintus 23, 1669: Jyrgal Timurbek declares Kosara’s independence from Ussura.

Sextus 6, 1669: Thieves in the pay of Sarah MacDonald steal the Faery flag from MacLeod territory in the Highland Marches.

Sextus 25–30, 1669: The Vesten’s annual althing is held in the High King’s court of Thingvallvatn. For the first time, a member of the Vendel Guilds — George Skard — attends the proceedings.

Julius 15, 1669: “Bloody Feast Day.” Aristide Baveux and Eugene Suchet du Crieux are assassinated by a band of pro-royalist sympathizers. A third assassination attempt — against Council member Jean-Marc Navarre — is thwarted in the nick of time. Leadership in the Council of Eight suffers a terrible blow, and de facto power falls into the hands of Arnaud du Charouse, the only man with the organizational skills to handle it.

Julius 16, 1669: Hubert du Gloyure arranges a spectacular funeral for the slain leaders. The display whips the citizens of Charouse into a frenzy of violence.

Julius 19, 1669: Master Val Mokka and Mistress Sela Cole of the Vendel League appear together in public.

Julius 24, 1669: The Council assassins are captured in an abandoned estate outside of Paix.

Julius 25–27, 1669: The assassins’ trial. Arnaud du Charouse attends the proceedings, though he does not participate in the prosecution. The evidence against them is overwhelming and they are sentenced to death.

Julius 28, 1669: The assassins are executed in front of the Chateau d’Soleil. The last to go hints at a wider conspiracy and further acts of violence.

Corantine 4, 1669: In a law dubbed Statement 15, Arnaud du Charouse creates the Committee of National Welfare to pursue enemies of the state.

Corantine 10, 1669: The Frenzy begins. Amnesty for Montaigne nobles is revoked. Practicing sorcery is now punishable by death. A new exodus of Montaigne émigrés escapes the country.

Corantine 16, 1669: Arnaud has fellow Council member Madeleine du Chatelaine tried and executed for treason, claiming that she orchestrated Bloody Feast Day.

Corantine 19, 1669: Moderates are removed from the National Parlement and executed.

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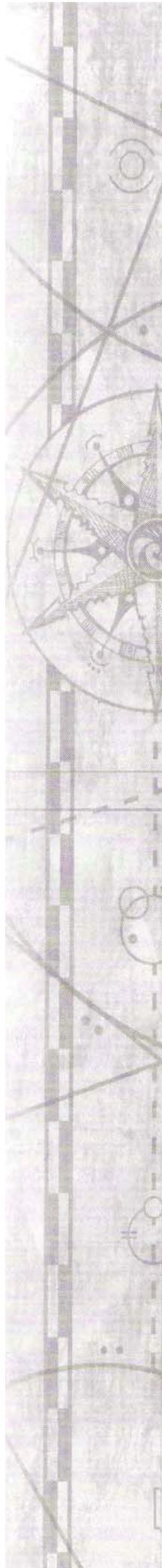
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