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**New Audalusia**  
Bureaucrat

Posts: 43  
Founded: Oct 11, 2021  
Capitalist Paradise

by **New Audalusia** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 4:17 am

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**Imperial States of Duotona**  
Diplomat

Posts: 696  
Founded: Sep 08, 2021  
Left-Leaning College State

by **Imperial States of Duotona** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:28 am

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My leader is technically a self-insert, as he just acts like how I would if I can a country. But, he isn't some whiz kid and he actually had to rise through the ranks in his party to be able to become leader.

Not that I've written that yet but shhhhhhhhh

Last edited by **Imperial States of Duotona** on Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:28 am, edited 1 time in total.

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**-Astoria-**  
Senator

Posts: 3711  
Founded: Oct 27, 2019  
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **-Astoria-** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:30 am

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Or do what I did and steal an image of a random MP from your country.

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**Hanoverian Great Britain**  
Envoy

Posts: 228  
Founded: Nov 20, 2019  
Inoffensive Centrist Democracy

by **Hanoverian Great Britain** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 7:43 am

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**United Kingdom of Great Britain, Hanover, and Northern Ireland**  
**"By God and By the People"**



Gonswanza  
Ambassador

Posts: 1580  
Founded: Aug 13, 2021  
Inoffensive Centrist  
Democracy

by Gonswanza » Tue Feb 15, 2022 10:18 am

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Praise our glorious president Laura Ortiz! [Yea, I sell things. KTO Member! Amistad Declaration signatory! Down with slavery!](#)

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UIJ  
Diplomat

Posts: 993  
Founded: Oct 16, 2014  
Left-Leaning College State

by UIJ » Tue Feb 15, 2022 12:26 pm

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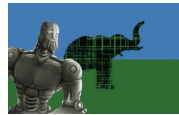
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Tragic backstories aren't bad, they're just not typically used correctly in (low quality) NS writing  
My entire universe is tragic backstory it just actually plays in more than just off handed mentionings

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**The African Emirates**  
Spokesperson

Posts: 153  
Founded: Aug 10, 2017  
Liberal Democratic  
Socialists

by **The African Emirates** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 12:37 pm

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The best part is writing leaders that are either absolute imbeciles or just completely devoid of any morals.

Overview

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My Views

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**Isla Ventai**  
Civilian

Posts: 0  
Founded: Sep 20, 2021  
Ex-Nation

by **Isla Ventai** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 12:38 pm

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Info

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**Terran American Republic**  
Bureaucrat

Posts: 49  
Founded: Dec 30, 2021  
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Terran American Republic** » Tue Feb 15, 2022  
1:21 pm

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Don't forget that the leader is usually just a projection of the author's own views, and thus has no personality beyond the author's policy, and of course the leader will be a soapbox for the author.

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Nonono. It's the feeling that should be evoked to the reader while reading it. Reading that should be an experience in and of itself. Of course it should play into the character, but I personally mean that, if you write a really bad time for the character, you should write it because you want your character to have a really bad time. Writing it because you want to write that, instead out of obligation so your character is "Kewl end Ejtschi".

The terribleness of the story should be it's own merit, rather than a cheap excuse.

Also, have fun writing it and do so honestly, don't include it because you feel obligated for this type of character.



**Gandoor**  
Powerbroker

Posts: 9909  
Founded: Sep 23, 2008  
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Gandoor** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 2:26 pm

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Look I can still count this as an NS cliché considering how it's not uncommon for people to bring up estrogen or trans women in response to my primary banner.

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**Reminder that true left-wing politics are incompatible with imperialism, authoritarianism, totalitarianism, and dictatorship in all forms.**

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Bureaucrat

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Capitalist Paradise

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I don't even see your primary banner because of the screen type I use.

[sig](#)



**Dominioan**  
Ambassador

Posts: 1126  
Founded: Dec 10, 2019  
Left-wing Utopia

by **Dominioan** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 3:19 pm

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I'm pretty sure that it's been proven that there are more trans women than trans men, correct me if I'm wrong. But it's still dumb.

[stuff](#)

**BOOMER SOONER  
CHOP ON**

by **Yoooper High Kingdom** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:03 pm

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**Yooper High Kingdom**  
Political Columnist

Posts: 5  
Founded: Mar 28, 2021  
Benevolent Dictatorship

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Last edited by **Yooper High Kingdom** on Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:04 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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**South Reinkalistan**  
Ambassador

Posts: 1785  
Founded: Mar 12, 2019  
Corrupt Dictatorship

by **South Reinkalistan** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:07 pm

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Last edited by **South Reinkalistan** on Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:08 pm, edited 1 time in total.

**THE PEOPLE \* ETERNAL**

" We will not bow to your dictation. We are free. We bled to be free.  
Who are you to tell us what we may and may not do? **We stopped being your slaves an era ago.** "

**South Reinkalistan** is a massive, ecologically-diverse nation notable for its roving student militias and widespread hatred for the elderly. In the midst of a room-temperature cultural revolution that's lost its momentum, the Party carefully plans its next move. As the brittle bones of fragile empires begin to crack beneath their own weight, history's symphony reaches crescendo pitch. The future is all but certain.



**Terran American Republic**  
Bureaucrat

Posts: 49  
Founded: Dec 30, 2021  
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Terran American Republic** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 5:16 pm

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**Malaiya Union**  
Diplomat

Posts: 551  
Founded: Feb 09, 2022  
Right-wing Utopia

by **Malaiya Union** » Tue Feb 15, 2022 9:40 pm

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Tbf I've found something based of a bit self insert but engineered to be as toxic as possible, emphasizing my lowest qualities as a human being, to be quite fun to write.

☆ MA LAI YA UNION ☆ 马来亚 联盟 ☆

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by **Terran American Republic** » Wed Feb 16, 2022 3:00 am

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Yeah I sometimes alter real people slightly to fit the setting, mostly just occasionally swapping a couple political views or something, justified in whatever person I use will have grown up in a radically different world than our's.

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Be like me, have a male version of Queen Victoria so that Hanover is reunited with the UK but also pretend as if the now throne-less Queen Victoria has her descendants spread across Europe, thus ensuring WW1 and so on. Ultimately, by just this sheer change in a country's history, one has amazingly managed to avoid the whole fiasco known as Brexit entirely (the largely leave English votes got outnumbered this time around by the non-English remain votes, thanks to the Germans in Hanover)

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**"By God and By the People"**

**HM ALEXANDRA,**

**QUEEN OF THE BRITISH**

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