The old gods

In an age long forgotten, when gods ruled the earth, mankind rebelled against the creator Ra. He decided to send the Sekhmet, goddess of war and fire, to punish mankind. She began her rampage. The fields ran with human blood. However, Ra was not a cruel deity, and the sight of the carnage caused him to repent. He ordered her to stop, but she was in a blood lust and would not listen. So Ra poured blood red beer in her path. She gorged on the "blood" and became so drunk she slept for three days. When she awoke, her blood lust had dissipated, and humanity was saved.

So later when Sekhmet ran away, Ra became furious that she dared defy him again. Anhur, the god of war, vowed to bring her back from the distant land of Nubia to appeasse Ra, but when he finally caught up with Sekhmet, he was enraupted and fell in love. He led her back home, where he requested Sekhmet to become his wife.

Ra refused, fearing their power. He made the Scepter of Was to contain the power of Sekhmet. Ra gave the scepter to his grandson Weisir, the first god-king of Kemet, and said: “As long as you and your successors hold this scepter and preserve Ma’at, order, then the kingdom will endure.” Weisir rule was just and when he died he became the Lord of the Underworld. For almost 3000 years the god-kings of Kemet ruled using the power of the scepter, but men lost faith in the gods and the line of kings faded. Soon the kingdom fell to foregin invaders and the staff was lost.

The fall of Kemet affected not only the mortal realm, but the cosmic order itself. With no king to perform the rituals nesesery to preserve Ma’at, the chaotic forces began to grow. Sokar the Undying made a deal with Apep, the Chaos Serpent, to overthrow Weisir, Lord of the dead. Sokar had once been the lord of the Underworld but Ra had banished him to Rostau, a desolet realm in the darkest part of the Underworld.

The Second Coming

The scepter was lost for almost 2 000 year. It was found in the year 2069, just before the Great war.

A general launched a secret project to unlock the scepter’s power. In 2070 he succeeded.

The staff started to glow and a voice spoke.

”I am Sekhmet, Mistress of Dread, who summons me?!”

”Your humble servant, Powerful One, grant us the power to destroy our enemies.”

“For thousands of years I have been imprisoned in this staff. Release me and you shall have the power you seek!”

“I release you Sekhmet.”

A flame shot out from the staff. A woman with a leonine head began to take shape from the flame, wearing a crimson dress.

“There is still enough power left in the staff to summon Anhur, my mate. Together with him I shall create an army that has no equal in this world!”

“Anhur, I call you into this world. Come and take your place at my side.”

“Yes, my *Menhet*. At last, I will have my revenge on Ra. He who denied me all that should have rightfully been mine! I did what he could not, bring you back. And yet he gave Weisir the lordship over the mortal realm! His rule was weak as his brother killed him and usurped his throne, the throne that should have been mine!”

“Soon we shall rule this world Anhur. Our enemies shall tremble before our might!”

“But why help these mortals? They are weak.”

“As they worship us, we grow stronger. They are useful, for now.”

Sekhmet turned to the general and said:

“Worship us and you will be reworded! Fail us and face our wrath!”

“And the army you promised?”

“All in due time, mortal. All in due time.”

The return of Sekhmet to the mortal realm was known as the Second coming.

And that’s how the Khergits was created, a race bred for war and conquest. They all had a strong connection with Nesert, the Great Flame, but only the females could control it.

In 2080 the Great war began. 2090 saw the first overseas deployment of Khergit forces. In 2096 the escalation of the war resulted in a nuclear conflict that devastated much of the world. By 2098 most of North America was a wasteland, ruled by warlords, constantly fighting amongst themselves. It was during this time that the Apep the Chaos serpent’s corrupting power came into the mortal realm.

In 2099 the Khergits conquered the city of Memphis. They renamed the city Men-nefer and it became the capitol of the Khergit Empire. Ruled by Anhur and Sekhmet, the Empire soon began the conquest of the Wasteland. One by one the warlords fell to might of the Khergit armies. Faced with this threat many warlords began to worship Apep in exchange for power to defeat the Empire. In 2123 the worshippers of Apep built a portal to to the Underworld to let his legions into the mortal realm. Sokar was given command of the Chaos legion. A few years later he launched a massive assault on the Empire, pushing imperial forces back to their capitol of Men-nefer.

The Order of the Great Flame

The Order of the Great Flame was founded 30 years after the Second coming. Under the leadership of Satsekhem the order supported the early imperial conquests by spreading the cult of Sekhmet throughout the Empire and rooting out heresy. Wielding the power of Nesert, the priestesses of the Order where powerful mages, fighting the forces of chaos with sword and word.