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THE HISTORICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF MAR-KTU

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Foreword

To the astute reader, it should already be obvious that neither Yele'u University nor Mar-Ktu actually exist. For that matter, not one person or place mentioned in this book is to be found in the real world, unless something has changed very drastically since this book was penned. *The Historical Encyclopedia of Mar-Ktu* is an orderly and itemized breakdown of the most critical concepts, people, and powers of a fictional world, written by nostalgic moderators and players of the now-defunct roleplaying subreddit /r/CivWorldPowers. In these pages, we the authors endeavor to expand and elaborate on the events of a nationbuilding play-by-post we still remember fondly, while simultaneously improving on the original to achieve a more cohesive world and more intricate detail. As we do this, we also try our hardest to remain completely in character.

Once you have finished this brief preamble, the entire book is written to resemble an actual publication in the field of World History from the esteemed Yele'u University in Pylona. This work has, of course, been translated from its original [LUX Creole] to English for your enjoyment and ease of reading. We hope you find the peoples, places, cultures, and conflicts of Mar-Ktu to be as interesting as we do. After all, they gripped us enough that we sat down to write a book. Two, in fact.

As a final note to readers, *The Historical Encyclopedia of Mar-Ktu* exists as a companion piece to *The History of Mar-Ktu*. While this book provides one with focused and consolidated information on individual topics of interest, the *History* provides one with a chronological narrative that serves as a useful overview of this world's history. As this world is fabricated in its entirety, readers may find reading first through the *History*, while searching for information on people and places here as the need should arise, to be a fast and effective way of acquiring a deeper comprehension of the subject matter than this book can provide alone. For this reason, we recommend perusing both books in conjunction.

And now, without further ado, we hope you enjoy a look into the itemized history of a world both very much—and yet in many ways nothing—like our own.

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Introduction

Bambania

Enki & Thoth

Ma’at

Ujiteru

The islands of Ujiteru is an archipelago off the western coast of Ma’at. Fractitious since its early days, it is well known in history for being the seat where Sodai Kokenjin managed his empire.

Soda, Kokenjini

Sodai Kokenjin - sometimes known as Niruwatum, meaning 'Tiger of Light' - was a daimyo and later a shogun in Ujiteru and the founder of the Toran Empire. He was born in [BIRTH YEAR] before the Year of the Conclave, as a child of Daimyo [FATHER’S NAME] of the Sodai Clan and a noble woman of the [Yadayadayada

denny take care of this pls I suck at this]. His childhood was spent in [place], where he learned the teachings of Aumwen, the belief system which he would adhere to for the rest of his life and spread throughout his conquests.

Accession to the throne

Unification of Ujiteru

Conquest of the Trinity

Conquest of Qian

Conquest of Al-Eru

Betrayal

Pangu

Silvonia

Ullr

Id

The Kingdom of Id is a large nationstate encompassing the majority of Northern Ullr, comprised of an expansive and complex hierarchy of provinces ruled by local lords, and assembled into a parliamentary monarchy. Its terrain is poor for farming though rich in mineral and natural wealth, as it is mountainous, heavily wooded, and cold. Some of the farthest northern Iddish Lords remain tribal chiefs, though most of Id has since modernized into a feudal, then imperial, and finally metropolitan society.

Iddish History

For much of its history, Id has seemed to be a monolithic entity, inscrutable to outside eye and violent beyond all restraint. The latter claims are exaggeration while the former is an outright fabrication. While Iddish history has been marked with violence due in part to the scarcity of their land and large systems of familial alliances, Id is in no way a singular entity beyond being coalesced under a single overarching government. From the beginning of their known history, Id has been fragmented, and it is only in the modern era that the nation has somewhat solidified.

Early History

From when mankind first entered the Iddish realms, they were confronted with inhospitable terrain. The ground is rocky, and a large portion of the realm is densely forested, rugged, and generally difficult to grow crops in. Most importantly, the winters of Id are quite severe, tending towards blizzard and deep freeze. Early Iddish life would have been extremely difficult, and when the first cities were first flourishing the Iddiat were still hunting and gathering.

While their lands were poor, the Iddiat became very proficient at archery, hunting, and survival. Taking refuge in caves, usually hot spring caves that Id is known for, the Early Iddiat managed to build their first tribal communities. These tribes were heavily patriarchal, with the leader of the tribe being the father and all sons

held in semi-equal regard beneath him. In importance, the elder sons were more powerful than the younger, but all sons were above importance of any daughters or wives within the familial group.

Entrance into a tribe would be done through marriage and ritual adoption. When a marriage was being negotiated, both of the Iddiat Patriarchs would come to an agreement of how the two tribes would merge. Usually, this could result in either of the two fathers gaining a gift while the other absorbs the son, and any of that son's subservients, into his family, or the two tribes integrating into one, with the two patriarchs becoming sworn brothers. Through this, the first traces of the infamous Iddiat Houses.

Early Id was marked with endemic warfare due to scarcity of game and fruit. Tribes would frequently raid in search of food, either other Iddiat tribes or any traders taking advantage of the central Iddish Expanse as an easier route between East and West Ullr. In Iddiat society, anyone who was not related to a tribe was considered a fair target for that tribe's raids.

Late in the Iddish Early History, these tribes began to mark out their territories as areas near where their wintering caves. Cave art depicting territorial maps have been found in since abandoned Iddiat Wintering Caves, as well as some other spiritual art, depicting animistic gods and mountain deities to the far north. Drawings of stellar constellations, such as the Ice Bear, or the Sky Tree, have also been found in their early art. Iddiat society began to settle down, and Ancient Skadunism took root within their society. To describe this, notable Iddish historian Alexei Burgensen has said "The Early Iddiat did not believe in their superstitions. They feared them."

Formation of Mountain-hearths

Though the climate was inhospitable, agriculture eventually entered Id through Bialka, which had volcanoes and thus was fucking awesome at agriculture. With this, the Iddish began to construct settlements near the caves they once too refuge in, using the high mineral content from the hot springs to help aid growth and harvest,

while taking shelter within those very caves during the winters as they have always done.

Early Feudal Period

Entrance of Skadunism

Demirbjorn Dynasty

Crusader Era

Conspiracy of Id

First Anarchal Period

Reformative Era

Second Anarchal Period

Yoriksen and Kupperstar Dynasties

First Empire of Great Id

Third Anarchal Period

Second Empire of Great Id

Iddish Renaissance

Great Revolution

Id during the Millennium War

Postwar Id

Law of Taboo

Ancient Iddish Mythology

Iddiat Houses

Modern Iddish Society

Iddish Culture

Great Northern Road

Vinayaka

Tz'amtanak'al

Tz'amtanak'al (Other Language Information) is a semi-autonomous City-State within Lu'um Utz-Xib. Tz'amtanak'al is one of the largest and most historically significant cities in Vinayaka, and is commonly considered to be among the oldest Tetsk'in City-States. Even today, Tz'amtanak'al's population is majority Tetsk'in.

Mythology

In Tetsk'in Mythology, the Founding of Tz'amtanak'al occurred shortly after the Tetsk'in were delivered to the world by the heavens. According to myth, the Tetsk'in were drawn to the future site of the city, a pristine marsh in the exact center of the world. The Tetsk'in were drawn to this place due to their resonance with heaven, as it is said that above this spot the sun is directly overhead.

After the Tetsk'in had begun to live around the marsh, a great man measuring a full head taller than the tallest among them arrived, and it is said he broadcast the same warmth and radiance as the sun. Known

as the Heavenly Ajaw [Name Needed], this man invited the Tetsk'in to live atop the marsh, where they might be as close as possible to heaven. This Ajaw oversaw the foundation of the city atop that marsh, and also the creation of Tz'amtanak'al's Pyramid of the Sun.

Once the city was complete, the Heavenly Ajaw pronounced it Tz'amtanak'al, meaning Throne in the Marsh, then departed from the world, instructing the people of his city to unify their brothers and drive out the barbarians living on the edges of the world.

Tetsk'in mythology glorifying Tz'amtanak'al is not unique to the city itself; many Tetsk'in throughout West Vinayaka hold the city in high esteem or even reverence, and this myth is part of the standard mythology for much of the region. This mythologized view of Tz'amtanak'al has led to it becoming an object of pilgrimage and of desire, even to the modern day. This has led to multiple conflicts over control of the city, most notably the Siege of Tz'amtanak'al in the Tetsk'in Civil War. It is only a slight exaggeration to call Tz'amtanak'al the holy city of Tetsk'in folk religion.

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