The North

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* History

Most of the history of the entire North is unknown. However the Heart of The North is quite explored. In this area you will find the City of Coktüs, and Stadavjarn. Humans rule these cities and the history is quite lush. Although the City of Coktüs is reasonably young, with documents only dating back to late 751 Era. On the other hand the pillars of Stadavjarn might have been here in the first 100 Eras. Up more north is the Dwarves, some of these cities may outdate Mankind itself. The North also has a bountiful amount of wars and battles, the soil itself is saturated in the blood of Humans and Dwarves alike. The most recent war in The North was War of The Pyre. Which started when a rival House to House Volgaris slaughtered multiple Dwarven caravans and stole the wares they were escorting to The City of Coktüs. House Volgaris then mobilized a large force to destroy the House that had wronged them. The rival House then placed pyres in the city. the siege of the stronghold lasted over seven months, only ending when the gate finally was turned to splinters by axe men. The rival house lit the pyres and turned the city to ashes. Overall The north is rich in history, just not that of Mankind.

* Customs

The humans that live in The North have customs and traditions that may seem odd to others, but all are within reason and each have stories to tell. One of the most famous traditions in the Month of The Burning Canyon. The Month of The Burning Canyon is based off the events that happened in the 749 Era, where a southern king wanted to expand the southern empire. The king’s men laid waste many of the smaller tribes in the way. Larger tribes discovered this fact and banded together, they trapped the infantry in a mountain pass between The North and The South. The tribesmen then set the canyon to flames, the bulk of the king's footmen died in that battle and in turn the king retracted the remaining troops. After that the Northern tribes disbanded, although most of the clans became the houses that make up The North today. During The Month of The Burning Canyon Northerners eat more rudimentary foods that their ancestors ate thousands of years ago, more Hunts are also conducted. However the main event is where a large bonfire constructed in the same mountain pass. The Northerners also have great feasts around the time the first men voyaged the Seething Sea.

* Architecture

The North is quite different from others in the world, and its architecture is no exception.The buildings and structures in The North look bulky and crude, however this could not be more wrong. The stonemasonry is quite intricate, with the most miniscule of details not being overlooked.  Additionally, along with sophisticated stonework, some ancient structures can have a greenish metal intertwined with the stone. Furthermore the metal is called Sciyrite, and is nearly indestructible, the stone around it would crumble before a dent in the Sciyrite was made. Humans have also fashioned weapons out of it as well, unfortunately the metal is very heavy, therefore making the weapons difficult to effectively swing. In contrast to other ways to make bricks, the Northerners leave holes in the middle of the brick. Then they get a pure steel tungsten alloy to pour down the hole. They use this to not only improve the strength but also the alloy is very resistant to the elements. This secret is why House Volgaris’ strongholds are nearly impenetrable.

* Military

The military of The North is unmatched in defence, however most of the footmen are untrained in sieging and conquering new lands. There are some wars where House Volgaris successfully sieged other strongholds. Yet the infantry is mostly trained defending a fortified position, or hand-to-hand combat. The number of troops The North has is around 26000 men defending all of The North.

This is the numbers of the types of troops The North has,

* Polearm Men : 8000
* Shield bearers: 8000
* Cavalry: 3000
* Scouts: 1500
* Flag Bearers: 300
* Artillery constructor: 1200
* Men-at-Arms: 2000
* Dedicated Archers: 2000

Most of the Polearm Bearers have Bardiche or Lances. The shield Bearers mostly have three foot long swords or war axes, and the round shields diameter is 5ft . The Northern Cavalry’s horses are more hardy and stout and not agile, contrasting their southern counterparts. Scouts in the Volgaris military are spread out across The North, they aren't very active because House Volgaris isn’t a conqueror. Flag Bearers are not very different from others, they just carry the Volgaris flag. The Artillery constructors are the engineers of the Northern military, they manage the Trebuchets or other siege weapons. Northern Men-at-Arms are usually dressed in light armour and wield any one handed weapons. Most of the troops are trained in archery, but there are some that just practise archery.Most of the Northern forces are dressed in light to medium armour covered in heavy coats or furs. Furthermore the The Northern Military uses the geography to their advantage. The Noble Jorn Volgaris commands most of The Northern Military, because of this The North is one of the strongest defensible positions. For reference, the entire South would carve a generous part out of The North. However The South would need a strong third party to take over the entire North.

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