
A Brief History of Pacifica

You are a citizen of Pacifica, and therefore know much about the history of Pacifica, but little about the strange realm of Atlantica where you now find yourself.

Pacifica is a proud nation. Once it was a prosperous nation too. But almost 100 years ago, the tyrant Neptune launched a surprise attack on Pacifica, carving a wide swath of destruction that left the capital in ruins. To add insult to injury, Neptune kidnapped Princess Jade Nakamura and took her as a prisoner of war. It was only the quick action of her brothers that allowed her to be recovered. Even so, she was already with child from Neptune. It is fortunate for the little bastard's sake that he did not survive childbirth. Jade, once the most beautiful and precious gem of Pacifica, was cloistered in the rebuilt castle, and died quietly 15 years later.

Immediately after the Atlantan invasion, several powerful political factions sought to steal the throne from the current Queen, and the country devolved into a bunch of warring feudal states. Almost three decades of war took its toll on the people, and when a charismatic young merman surfaced in the country and began talking about reunification, people listened. It certainly didn't hurt that he was the hero of the Angola Plain Operation from 15 years earlier. Richard consolidated power at an alarming rate, and soon had the backing of nearly half of Pacifica.

He concocted a scheme to steal back the Triton, and take revenge on Atlantis. When the thieves failed to retrieve the Triton, King Triton tore through huge swatches of Pacifica, leaving the barest shambles where the merpeople were still struggling to rebuild from the civil war. Richard used this travesty to bring the rest of Pacifica under his strict control. Richard delivered another major victory, this time in the Caribbean, cementing his control of the country. Under Richard's military rule, Pacifica rebuilt. The country was no longer a cultural rival to Atlantis, but it was quickly becoming the superior military power. Richard held absolute power for 25 years.

Not everyone was thrilled with the military rule however, and a growing movement started to call for peace with Atlantis about a decade ago. Surprisingly, Richard seemed to look with favor on this idea, and when a request to open diplomatic talks arrived from Atlantis some eight years ago, he quickly appointed a team. Now, an invitation to the Triton Ball is a strong omen of success. Tonight a treaty will be signed that will usher in an era of peace that will ease Richard's strangle-hold on the country.