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*Main article:* [*Nchuand-Zel*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nchuand-Zel)

Nchuand-Zel was the name of the [Dwemer](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dwemer) ruins modern-day Markarth was known as in the past. Oddly enough trees resembling [Junipers](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Juniper_Berries) are found within the city and seem to hold some significance, regardless, the Dwemer vanished out of the blue, and the [Falmer](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falmer) eventually took refuge into the ruins as many did in Skyrim.[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-0)[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-1)

During the [Alessian Reforms](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alessian_Reforms), [Ryain Direnni](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ryain_Direnni) of the [Direnni Hegemony](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Direnni_Hegemony) rebelled against the Alessian Empire along with other figures such as [Kjoric the White](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kjoric_the_White) and [Rislav Larich](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Rislav_Larich). Ryain and his army conquered territories such as Markarth and [Elinhir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elinhir) as well as sack [Orsinium](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Orsinium) before the [Siege of Orsinium](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Siege_of_Orsinium) with [Daggerfall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daggerfall) and [Sentinel](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sentinel).[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-2)

In [1E 2801](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/1E_2801), [Emperor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Emperor) [Kastav](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kastav) of the [Second Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Empire) used the [Dragonguard](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonguard) to capture hostages from the cities of Markarth and [Hroldan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Old_Hroldan_Inn) to ensure that the [Jarls](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl) of Skyrim met with the conscription quotas made out by Kastav. The Master of the Dragonguard did not want to comply, but Kastav ignored the issue and had the Dragonguard take them away. Luckily, the hostages were housed with other acolytes of [Sky Haven Temple](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sky_Haven_Temple), where the Dragonguard was stationed.[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-3)

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During the [Alliance War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alliance_War), the kingdoms of [Western Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Western_Skyrim) ([Falkreath](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath), [Morthal](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morthal), [Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude), and [Whiterun](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun)) split from the Kingdoms of Eastern Skyrim ([Dawnstar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar), [Riften](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften), [Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm), [Winterhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(City))) when controversy over the next [High King](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King) grew greatly. The Reach, as well as Markarth, was independent of both nations and as a result, neutral in the Alliance War. Markarth was under the leadership of someone known as the [Despot of Markarth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Despot_of_Markarth?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink).[[OOG 1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-4)

The Despot of Markarth was a very cruel and he commanded an army of [Reachman](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reachman). Markarth's denizens worshiped [Hircine](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hircine), the [Daedric Prince](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daedric_Prince) of the Hunt. At one point, the Despot made an allegiance with [Mannimarco](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mannimarco), the King of Worms and [Javad Tharn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Javad_Tharn) of the [Nibenay](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nibenay). In [2E 578](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_578), [Vanus Galerion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vanus_Galerion) tracked down Mannimarco in Markarth at the Inner Nchuand-Zel ruins and battled furiously in ruins. Mannimarco escaped, and Galerion rescued an [Imperial](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial) scribe named [Flaccus Terentius](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Flaccus_Terentius). Both Vanus and Flaccus left Markarth and traveled eastward to [Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm).[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-5)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth?action=edit&section=8)

*Main article:* [*Markarth Side*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth_Side)

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum), the Markarth Side township existed in Skyrim in between the towns of [Snowhawk](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Snowhawk) and [Dragon Bridge](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragon_Bridge). At one point, the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion) had visited the town on their quest for a piece of the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos) to defeat [Jagar Tharn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jagar_Tharn) at the [Imperial Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Palace).

### [Fourth Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth?action=edit&section=9)

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In [4E 174](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_174), the [Third Aldmeri Dominion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Aldmeri_Dominion) attacked the Imperial Province of [Cyrodiil](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cyrodiil) in the efforts of installing order under the [Thalmor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thalmor). The Dominion besieged many cities across Cyrodiil and left the [Imperial City](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_City) open to attack. The [Imperial Legion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Legion) situated in the Reach had to leave Skyrim to help defend the Imperial Capital from the Elves. This gave the [Forsworn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Forsworn) Clan of [Reachman](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reachman) the opportunity to capture Markarth and to reclaim the Reach under the leadership of [Madanach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Madanach), the King of Rags.[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-6)[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-Bear-7)

The rule under the Forsworn was drastically different than in the second era where the Despot of Markarth oppressed the citizens. In the two years that Madanach was in control, Markarth was a peaceful kingdom and tried to convince the Empire into making the Reach an independent nation separate from Skyrim. Before the Empire was able to make a decision, [Ulfric Stormcloak](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ulfric_Stormcloak_(Skyrim)) of [Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm) created a [militia](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormcloaks) of Nordic Soldiers and besieged the city of Markarth in an event infamously known as the [Markarth Incident](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth_Incident). Then [Jarl Hrolfdir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl_Hrolfdir) of Markarth was forced by the Thalmor (who became involved in Imperial politics after the Great War) to arrest Ulfric for war crimes. This event was one of the leading causes of the Skyrim Civil War.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-Bear-7)

In [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), the city of Markarth was under the leadership of [Jarl Igmund](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl_Igmund) who, despite Ulfric Stormcloak's help in the Markarth Incident, believes firmly in the [Mede Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mede_Empire) and that Ulfric's arrest was beneficial to Skyrim's safety. Around the same time, Ulfric Stormcloak destroys [High King Torygg](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King_Torygg) with the power of his [Thu'um](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thu%27um) and initiated the [Skyrim Civil War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim_Civil_War) between the [Old Holds](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Old_Holds) and the Imperial Holds in Skyrim. The city of Markarth joined [Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude) in its fight against the [Old Holds](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Old_Holds) of Skyrim.[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth#cite_note-8)

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## General information

### Constructed

Circa [Merethic Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Merethic_Era)

### Destroyed

[Sack of Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sack_of_Windhelm?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) ([2E 572](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_572))

### Builder

[Nord](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nord)  
[Atmoran](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Atmoran) ([Ysgramor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ysgramor))

## Location information

### Location

[Giant's Run](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Giant%27s_Run), [Eastmarch](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eastmarch), [Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim)

### Climate

* Arctic

### Points of interest

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[Candlehearth Hall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Candlehearth_Hall)  
[Temple of Talos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Temple_of_Talos)  
[East Empire Company Office](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/East_Empire_Company_Office)  
[Argonian Assemblage](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Argonian_Assemblage)  
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## Societal

### Era(s)

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### Affiliation

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[Ysgramor Dynasty](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ysgramor_Dynasty)  
[Five Hundred Companions](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Five_Hundred_Companions)  
[First Empire of the Nords](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nordic_Empire)  
[Septim Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Septim_Empire)  
[East Empire Trading Company](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/East_Empire_Trading_Company)  
[Stormcloak Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormcloak_Clan)  
[Shatter-Shield Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Shatter-Shield_Clan)  
[Cruel-Sea Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cruel-Sea_Clan)  
[Ebonheart Pact](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ebonheart_Pact)

*"Once the capital of the First Empire, the palace of the Ysgramor dynasty still dominates the center of the Old City. Windhelm was sacked during the War of Succession, and again by the Akaviri army of Ada'Soon Dir-Kamal; the Palace of the Kings is one of the few First Empire buildings that remains."*

―[Imperial Geographic Society](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Geographic_Society)[[src]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Pocket_Guide_to_the_Empire,_First_Edition:_Skyrim)

**Windhelm**, or the **City of Kings** is one of the nine major cities in the province of [Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim). It is the capital of both the [Giant's Run](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Giant%27s_Run) and the [Eastmarch](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eastmarch) region of Skyrim. Windhelm is one of the oldest cities in Tamrielic cities and is a shining example of how great the original Empire of Humans was in its prime.

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Windhelm is one of the larger cities of Skyrim and is located in a rather strategic location. Windhelm is situated on the [Yorgrim Estuary](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yorgrim_River), which leads to the [Sea of Ghosts](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sea_of_Ghosts). It is because of this, Windhelm serves a trading post and a gateway between the Sea transport and the mainland of Skyrim. Windhelm is built on the steep hills north of the Yorgrim River in Eastmarch, in a pocket area of the Winterhold Mountains, which shows just how amazing the Atmorans were in their architecture. To connect Windhelm, to the southern river edge, there is a large stone bridge that towers over the Yorgrim River. It is also the first line of defense in Windhelm. The Nords of Windhelm had utilized the frozen land around them for various purposes, ranging from a Nordic Tomb for the Windhelm Family with [Morvunskar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morvunskar) and the various farms along the road towards the [Dunmeth Pass](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dunmeth_Pass) and [Blacklight](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Blacklight). Windhelm is one of the oldest cities in Tamriel, and it is surprising to see it withstand the test of time, looking the same as it did several million years ago. The Atmorans had also created caves and catacombs underneath Windhelm that is said to house the tomb of Ysgramor himself.

Windhelm city itself is vast and easily coordinated. The central district of Windhelm is known as the Stone Quarter, which consists of southwestern Windhelm and the main street. The Stone Quarter houses the town square in front of [Candlehearth Hall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Candlehearth_Hall) as well as the [Hall of the Dead](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hall_of_the_Dead_(Windhelm)) and the [Temple of Talos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Temple_of_Talos). Various shops are held in this area among other businesses. The town square is in between each separate part of the city and leads to the outside and the Great Bridge of Windhelm. The Gray Quarter, formally known as the Snow Quarter, has currently been used by the displaced Dark Elves from the province of Morrowind. The Gray Quarter takes up the eastern portion of Windhelm and is considered the slums of Windhelm. As you through the streets, you see all sorts of Dunmeri memorabilia. The [New Gnisis Cornerclub](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/New_Gnisis_Cornerclub) is one of the most well-known inns in the area.

The district known as Valunstrad, which translates to the Avenue of Valor, is essentially the nobles district of Windhelm. The Nordic Clans of Eastmarch have a home in the Valunstrad Quarter, and other estates inhabit the area like [Hjerim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hjerim) and the [House of Clan Shatter-Shield](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/House_of_Clan_Shatter-Shield). The [Palace of the Kings](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Palace_of_the_Kings) is the seat of power in the city of Windhelm and is one of the most massive structures in the region. It was built as a Palace for Ysgramor himself. The Windhelm Docks are located along the Yorgrim River, just before the Sea of Ghosts. It is where the Argonian population lives in, all of them live in the [Argonian Assemblage](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Argonian_Assemblage), one of the worst homes in Skyrim. Many different families are crammed into this large hall.

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* On the 13th of [Sun's Dawn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sun%27s_Dawn), the Nords of Windhelm celebrate the [Feast of the Dead](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Feast_of_the_Dead). It is in honor of Ysgramor's formation of the Five Hundred Companions and the Atmoran's retaliation against the Snow Elves for the [Night of Tears](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Night_of_Tears). Each member of the Five Hundred Companions has their name recited during the Feast.[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-1st_Skyrim-2)[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Emperor_Skyrim-3)

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With the destruction of [Saarthal](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Saarthal), [Ysgramor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ysgramor) and his people had traveled back to [Atmora](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Atmora) in an event known as [the Return](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Return). In his hubris, Ysgramor amassed his [Five Hundred Companions](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Five_Hundred_Companions) to purge the [Snow Elves](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Snow_Elves) of the land for betraying their trust in this new land. During their voyage back to Skyrim, the [Storm of Separation](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Storm_of_Separation) had occurred and in the end, [Yngol](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yngol), the son of Ysgramor had perished at the mighty hands of [Kyne](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kyne). The Companion Yngol would be buried in a [tomb](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yngol_Barrow) along the Yorgrim Estuary. After one of the last battles against Snow Elves, many of the Companion groups had separated, beginning to settle all across the province. Ysgramor, stricken with grief, looked south where the river met the sea and saw the site of a great city. Ysgramor declared that this city would be a monument to the glories of mankind and that his new palace would look over Yngol Barrow. He felt that his line would bring peace to the land, something that was denied to them on Atmora.[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-4)[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Return_19-5)

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The Elven captives would soon go to work for the construction of Windhelm. Many prisoners had died during the process, either through excessive work or by the hands of the Ylgermet crew. Ysgramor drove them to work harder by constructing the great bridge in between the city and the rest of Eastmarch. The [Palace of the Kings](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Palace_of_the_Kings) was built with large spires jutting out of the clouds, to show its dominance over the province. Deep underneath Windhelm, there is a large tomb designed to house the deceased Five Hundred Companions and Ysgramor should they be called to [Sovngarde](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sovngarde). However, Ysgramor was buried in an [ancient tomb](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ysgramor%27s_Tomb) along the Sea of Ghosts, so that the crypt would look towards Atmora. Although his spirit has passed, the heart of his dynasty yearns for the still-green fields of Atmora, before it had frozen over. And so, the city-state of Windhelm was created, and it lives on, even before its creator.[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Return_19-5)

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As time went on, the [Ysgramor Dynasty](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ysgramor_Dynasty) had ruled out from the city-state of Windhelm. The 13th of the Ysgramor line, [Harald](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Harald) had accomplished many things for the people of Skyrim and made the province what it is to this day. Harald's forces had eliminated the last [Snow Elves](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Snow_Elves) located in [the Rift](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Rift) and had relinquished all holdings from Atmora, then making the centralized Kingdom of Skyrim, naming Windhelm as the capital of Skyrim. As Harald became the first king of the Nords, the Atmoran Companions returned to their homeland, and the Nordic Kingdom expanded themselves as a militaristic power. The Nords finally looked towards their destiny and sought to conquer the whole continent of Tamriel. Within a few years, the Nordic Empire had conquered land beyond the traditional borders of Skyrim, to modern-day [Daggerfall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daggerfall), to the [Nibenay](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nibenay), and to the Western Front of [Morrowind](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morrowind). As time went on, his youngest son, [Vrage the Gifted](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vrage_the_Gifted) had assumed the throne and established Windhelm as the capital of the [First Empire of the Nords](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nordic_Empire).[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-1st_Skyrim-2)[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-6)[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-7)

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*Main article:* [*Windhelm (Online)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm_(Online))

#### Rise and Fall of Jarl Elgryr the Unminded[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=12)

Sometime during the Second Era, the city-state of Windhelm was ruled by [Jarl Elgryr the Unminded](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl_Elgryr_the_Unminded), whose rule was despised throughout the land. While his people were freezing to death, the Palace of Ysgramor would be the place of hearth and revelry. Elgryr would give little to no attention to the denizens of Windhelm. The Court Wizard was mysterious and fear-inducing to the people, he would visit peoples homes at strange times, only to leave a bloody mess on the floor, murderous and demented. Windhelm's people were starving, growing insane with a lack of food. The people of Windhelm have demanded justice, taking arms and preparing the breach the gates of the Palace. The residents of Windhelm stormed the Palace of the Kings, it is unknown how the revolution had ended, but Elgryr's time as the Jarl would pass. The date of this is left unknown, but the letters detailing the events were recovered in the third era.[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-8)

#### The Kingdom of Eastern Skyrim & Queen Freydis[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=13)

The [Jagged Crown](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jagged_Crown) was an ancient helm that was created by King Harald, as a symbol of sovereignty in Skyrim. It was however lost to time when [Borgas](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Borgas) of [Winterhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(City)) was slain by the [Wood Elves](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wood_Elves) during the [Wild Hunt](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wild_Hunt). The Crown was replaced by the [Crown of Verity](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Crown_of_Verity), a mystical crown that chooses the heir to the throne of the High King. During the reign of [Versidue Shaie](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Versidue_Shaie), [High King Logrolf](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King_Logrolf) of Skyrim was assassinated, leaving the throne of the High King to his daughter, [Freydis](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Freydis) of Windhelm. But controversy would arise when [Jarl Svartr](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl_Svartr) of [Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude) claimed that Freydis was an illegitimate heir to the throne, even though the Crown of Verity had chosen Freydis. Instead of a civil war, a [moot](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Moot) was created where it ended in favor of Svartr. These contradictions caused a schism between the Nords of [West Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/West_Skyrim) and the Nords of the Old Holds which resulted in the province separating into the independent Kingdoms of Western Skyrim and Eastern Skyrim. With the latter being ruled by High Queen Freydis. Her descendants would rule across the Kingdom for generations.[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-1st_Skyrim-2)[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-9)

#### The Second Akaviri Invasion; Fall of Queen Mabjaarn[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=14)

During the [Interregnum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Interregnum) in [2E 572](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_572), the Kingdom of Eastern Skyrim was ruled by [Mabjaarn Flame-Hair](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mabjaarn_Flame-Hair), who resided in the city-state of Windhelm and had three children. Around the same time, the [Second Akaviri Invasion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Akaviri_Invasion) had commenced under the supervision of [Ada'Soom Dir-Kamal](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ada%27Soom_Dir-Kamal). It had begun with the [Sack of Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sack_of_Windhelm?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) when the Akaviri army had besieged the southern gate for a brief second. After that, the city of Windhelm was razed by the invaders, resulting in the death of both Mabjaarn Flame-Hair and [Princess Nurnhilde](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Princess_Nurnhilde). One of the twin brother, [Fildgor Strong-Prince](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fildgor_Strong-Prince), was present in the battle, showcasing his battle prowess alongside the [Stormfist Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormfist_Clan). The other twin brother, [Jorunn the Skald-Prince](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jorunn_the_Skald-Prince) had arrived into Windhelm, joining the fray with his companions, the [Pack of Bards](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Pack_of_Bards). A new leader was needed to rule over Eastern Skyrim and to force the Akaviri Army out of Tamriel. Fildgor stepped in and claimed the throne, expecting Jorunn to comply. However, the Skald-Prince refused to accept such a man of war onto the throne of Eastern Skyrim.[[10]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Akaviri-10)[[11]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Brothers-11)

#### The Brothers' War; Enter Jorunn the Skald-King[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=15)

Fildgor Strong-Prince did not take Jorunn's defiance lightly, so he rallied the Stormfist Clan to prepare for an attack. Realizing that a Civil War was being conceived before him, Jorunn challenged Fildgor to a [Traditional Nordic Duel](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Traditional_Nordic_Duel), whoever succeeded, would be crowned the High King of Eastern Skyrim. It was the most prolonged three-hour fight in history, being dubbed the Brothers' War. The duel was brutal, weapons clashed, and blood was drawn but in the end, the newly-proclaimed Jorunn the Skald-King had garnered victory by shattering Fildgor's weapon during the battle and demanding him to surrender. Fildgor was forced to surrender, and he was exiled from Eastern Skyrim, the Stormfist Clan were also chastened for supporting him. Fildgor would live out in the territories of the [Daggerfall Covenant](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daggerfall_Covenant), cursing his brother's name. Now that Jorunn was the leader of Windhelm, he gathered his forces and traveled to [High Hrothgar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_Hrothgar) alone, to seek aid from [the Greybeards](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Greybeards).[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Emperor_Skyrim-3)[[11]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Brothers-11)

#### The Battle of Stonefalls & the Ebonheart Pact[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=16)

Jorunn traveled to High Hrothgar with the intent to seek aid from the Greybeards. However, the religious group were pacifists and did not help the Nordic Army in their battle, although, Jorunn did not leave empty-handed. The Greybeards summoned [Wulfharth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wulfharth) from the depths of [Sovngarde](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sovngarde_(Location)), to aid Jorunn the Skald-King in his attack against the Akaviri. With everything in their grasp, Jorunn amassed a Nordic Army from the city-state of [Riften](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften), one that was inspired by Wulfharth's presence and fueled by anger against the Akaviri. Dir-Kamal's forces had traversed onto [the Rift](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Rift), besieging [Fort Greenwall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fort_Greenwall) along the way, after witnessing the Nords at Riften, Dir-Kamal bypassed the city, entering the [Stonefalls](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stonefalls) Ashlands, assuming the Nords would not follow. This was a fatal mistake. Dir-Kamal's forces would be cornered at [Vivec's Antlers](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vivec%27s_Antlers) by the Nords to the west, the [Dark Elves](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dark_Elves) to the east, and the [Argonians](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Argonians) to the south. The [Battle of Stonefalls](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Stonefalls) would end with the utter devastation of the Akaviri Invaders and the formation of the [Ebonheart Pact](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ebonheart_Pact).[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Emperor_Skyrim-3)[[10]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-Akaviri-10)[[12]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-12)

#### Shadows over Windhelm & the Konunleikar[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=17)

During the [Interregnum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Interregnum) in [2E 582](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_582), the city-state of Windhelm celebrated the [Konunleikar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Konunleikar), an annual event celebrating the inauguration of Jorunn the Skald-King, ever since the Brothers' War. [Thane Mera Stormcloak](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thane_Mera_Stormcloak) had hosted the Konunleikar, all the while protecting the city from any threat. Oddly enough, the Stormfist Clan had begun to appear throughout Windhelm, raising suspicion for Thane Mera and the Windhelm Guard. Mera Stormcloak had tasked the [Vestige](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vestige), an Agent of the [Ebonheart Pact](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ebonheart_Pact), to uncover the reappearance of the Stormfists. Events during the Konunleikar have had various injuries and deaths, resulting in the search. It was revealed that [Leimaer the Raven](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Leimaer_the_Raven), an Agent of the Stormfist had planned an assassination attempt, by having members of the Clan win the events of the Konunleikar, to gain an audience with the Skald-King. The Vestige had uncovered caches that helped the Stormfist cheat in the games.[[13]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-13)

#### Enter the Stormfist Brigade; Fildgor's vendetta[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=18)

At the [Footrace of the Nine Holds](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Footrace_of_the_Nine_Holds?redlink=1&veaction=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink), many competitors were severely injured, some of them were killed like [Hadring the Swift](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hadring_the_Swift), who passed away from a leg-related injury. Thane Mera Stormcloak had ordered the Vestige to travel along the outskirts of Windhelm, to seek the Stormfist encampment, where they would learn about their plot during the Konunleikar. When it was revealed that the Stormfist were to assassinate Jorunn from within the [Hall of Trials](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hall_of_Trials), the Ebonheart Pact had intervened, seeking out Leimaer the Raven before she kills the High King. At the Hall of Trials, Jorunn and his entourage were ambushed by the Stormfist Clan, prompting a battle inside the Nordic Halls. Leimaer was defeated, but the struggle against the Stormfist would soon grow. Fildgor Orcthane had returned back to Eastmarch, to seek his revenge, by uncovering his eldest sister's corpse in the royal tombs of [Fort Morvunskar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fort_Morvunskar), so that he can enter to the Nordic afterlife known as [Sovngarde](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sovngarde_(Location)), to claim his supposed birthright.[[14]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-14)[[15]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-15)[[16]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-16)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=19)

*Main article:* [*Windhelm (Arena)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm_(Arena))

#### Windhelm during the Imperial Simulacrum[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=20)

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum) from [3E 389](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_389) to [3E 399](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_399), [Emperor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Emperor) [Uriel Septim VII](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_VII) was imprisoned along with [Talin Warhaft](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talin_Warhaft) in the [Deadlands](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Deadlands) by [Jagar Tharn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jagar_Tharn). Tharn planned for months to capture the throne, and he was able to achieve so in the span of ten years. Tharn had a powerful weapon called the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos), and he split it into nine pieces and scattered them across Tamriel, the staff was the only thing keeping Uriel Septim and Warhaft in [Oblivion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Oblivion). A warrior escaped his clutches and traveled all corners of Tamriel to retrieve the missing pieces. The hero was known as the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion), and he assembled the staff and defeated Jagar Tharn at the [Imperial Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Palace). The Eternal Champion had at one point visited the city of Windhelm in their quest to recover the pieces.[[17]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-17)

### [Fourth Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=21)

*Main article:* [*Windhelm (Skyrim)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm_(Skyrim))

#### Ulfric's chronicles in Skyrim & Jarl Hoag Stormcloak[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=22)

During the [Great War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Great_War) around [4E 176](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_176), the city-state of Windhelm was ruled by [Hoag](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hoag), who was known as the Great Bear of Eastmarch. Hoag was a member of the [Stormcloak Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormcloak_Clan), one of the most prominent Nordic Clans throughout Eastmarch and the Old Holds. His only son, [Ulfric Stormcloak](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ulfric_Stormcloak) had an impressive record ranging from being a veteran of the Great War to being a former student of [High Hrothgar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_Hrothgar). When the [Forsworn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Forsworn) of [the Reach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Reach) had captured the city of [Markarth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth) under the name of [Madanach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Madanach), Ulfric Stormcloak and his militia of warriors had retaken Markarth. He was able to do so without the Imperial Legion's aid. Amidst the conflict, both Jarl [Hrolfdir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hrolfdir) of Markarth and Hoag Stormcloak of Windhelm had perished, leaving their sons, [Igmund](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Igmund) and Ulfric the throne of their respective cities. When Ulfric reclaimed Markarth, he demanded that the worship of [Talos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talos) would be permitted, despite the laws set forth by the [White-Gold Concordat](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/White-Gold_Concordat). This was, however, put under the rug when the Imperial Legion was forced to imprison Ulfric and continue the ban over the worship of Talos, by order of the Thalmor. The Empire's failure to honor the agreement was one of the catalysts for Ulfric, for an impending conflict, believing that the Empire had abandoned the people of Skyrim. At Jarl Hoag Stormcloak's funeral, Ulfric was forced to read his eulogy as he inherited the throne of Windhelm.[[18]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-18)[[19]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-19)

#### The Death of Torygg & the Skyrim Civil War[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=23)

The [High King](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King) of Skyrim at the time was [Istlod](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Istlod), who ruled from the city-state of [Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude), located on the other side of the province, he passed away from old age, and new ruler needed to take his place. And so, a moot was held in Skyrim, which ultimately led to his son, [Torygg](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Torygg) to assume the throne as the High King. Jarl Ulfric of Windhelm was present at the moot, where he would make calls for independence, just shy of treason, which Torygg respected. Ulfric viewed Torygg as a symbol of the Empire, a symbol of the betrayal he felt after the [Markarth Incident](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Markarth_Incident). In [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), Ulfric traveled to Solitude and sought an audience with the High King himself. In the aftermath of their meeting, Ulfric had slain Torygg and fled back to Windhelm. Several moments later, the [Skyrim Civil War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim_Civil_War) had commenced, Ulfric amassed the [Stormcloak Army](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormcloaks). As time went on, Jarl Ulfric would be captured at [Darkwater Crossing](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Darkwater_Crossing) and sentenced to death at [Helgen](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Helgen), until the event was intervened by a large [Dragon](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragons_(Lore)), causing the Civil War to continue.[[20]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-20)[[21]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-21)[[22]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-22)

#### Racial Strife in Windhelm; Dunmeri Discrimination[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=24)

During his reign as the Jarl of Windhelm, Ulfric Stormcloak gave more compassion to his fellow Nords in Windhelm, rather than the Dark Elves or the Argonians in Windhelm. In the aftermath of both the [Red Year](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Red_Year), and the [Accession War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Accession_War), the Dunmeri-folk traveled to the west, residing throughout the [Old Holds](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Old_Holds) and other border regions. Windhelm became a prime target for the Dark Elven Migration. Many of the immigrants took refuge in the Snow Quarter of Windhelm, a place that is considered the slums of Windhelm. Because of this, the Snow Quarter was delicately called the Gray Quarter, for the gray skin elves that inhabit the district. The Argonians were forced to live in poverty at the [Argonian Assemblage](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Argonian_Assemblage) but were more respected by the Nords, serving as dockmasters under the employment of the [Shatter-Shield Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Shatter-Shield_Clan) and the [Cruel-Sea Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cruel-Sea_Clan). The Dark Elves were treated poorly by the Nords, constantly being bullied and looked down on by the Nords of Windhelm. With the Civil War commenced, many Nords would accuse the Dark Elves of being supports to the [Mede Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mede_Empire).[[23]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-23)[[24]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-24)

#### Blood on the Ice; Murder Strings in Windhelm[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm?action=edit&section=25)

During the Skyrim Civil War in [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), the city-state of Windhelm has experienced several murders that prompted a search by the Windhelm Guard. [Jorleif](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jorleif), the Housecarl of Jarl Ulfric was in charge of the search, hiring anyone to uncover the murderer, including an [estranged warrior](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Last_Dragonborn) from parts unknown. When the warrior arrived in town, the last person to be murdered was [Susanna the Wicked](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Susanna_the_Wicked), a barmaid from the [Candlehearth Hall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Candlehearth_Hall), her body was found outside of the Hall of the Dead in Windhelm. Whoever killed Susanna, left a blood trail to [Hjerim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hjerim), an estate in Valunstrad. Investigating Hjerim, the warrior discovered a hidden room filled with bloody bones and the [Necromancer's Amulet](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Necromancer%27s_Amulet), an artifact from [Mannimarco](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mannimarco), the King of Worms. With the help of two other citizens, [Viola Giordano](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Viola_Giordano) and [Calixto Corrium](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Calixto_Corrium), the Windhelm Court Wizard, [Wuunferth the Unliving](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wuunferth_the_Unliving) was arrested, accused of the killings. Things would take a turn for the worst when another murder happened, while Wuunferth was imprisoned. This prompted another search between the traveler and Viola Giordano, in the end, it was revealed that Calixto Corrium was the murderer. The raw bones in Hjerim were collected for a necromantic ritual, to revive the long-dead body of Calixto's sister. Calixto Corrium was killed by the warrior.[[25]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm#cite_note-25)

# Dawnstar

### [Second Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Era)

#### The Reign of Versidue Shaie; the Council of Bardmont

With the death of [Reman Cyrodiil III](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reman_Cyrodiil_III) in [1E 2920](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/1E_2920), his [Potentate](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Potentate), [Versidue Shaie](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Versidue_Shaie) had named the end of the first era, bringing about the second era, and with much controversy. The various vassal kingdoms through the Empire had begun to rebel against the Potentate, unwilling to pay taxes and to disrupt Imperial garrisons throughout the realms. It would cause serious problems for Shaie, and it reached its pinnacle with the destruction of his fortress in Dawnstar. Because of this transgression, Versidue Shaie had gathered the [Elder Council](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elder_Council) in the township of [Bardmont](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Bardmont), to hold the [Council of Bardmont](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Council_of_Bardmont). Shaie would take on a totalitarian role, establishing a universal martial law all over the Empire. What followed was thirty-seven years of bloody and gruesome conflicts that the continent had yet to withstand. Shaie's Grand Army had crushed the various Kingdoms. At that point, the only people who benefitted at this time were criminals. Eventually, Shaie would be assassinated for the years of conflict.[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-1)[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-2)

#### The Eastern Kingdom & the Ebonheart Pact

One of Versidue Shaie's allies was [High King Logrolf](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King_Logrolf), the leader of Skyrim. At one point, Logrolf was assassinated by an unknown assailant. Naturally, the next of kin would take the position of [High King](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King) and so the [Crown of Verity](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Crown_of_Verity) was passed onto [Freydis](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Freydis). Though this did not come without its controversy, [Jarl Svartr](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl_Svartr) of [Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude) had accused Freydis of being an illegitimate heir to the throne and that he is the better candidate for the throne. This issue caused a schism in Skyrim that chose between Freydis and Svartr. The Crown of Verity had chosen Freydis to be the High Queen, and so the Nords of the [Old Holds](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Old_Holds) had started to follow Freydis. A [Moot](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Moot) was held between the Jarls of Skyrim, and in the end, Svartr was chosen to be the High King, and so the Nords of [West Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/West_Skyrim) had started to follow Svartr. Skyrim was split into two Kingdoms and Dawnstar sided with East Skyrim. Several years later, [Jorunn the Skald-King](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jorunn_the_Skald-King) had created the [Ebonheart Pact](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ebonheart_Pact) in the aftermath of the [Second Akaviri Invasion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Akaviri_Invasion) in [2E 572](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_572). Dawnstar's forces were a part of the Nordic defense in the Invasion as well as the Ebonheart Pact.[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-3)[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-4)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)

*Main article:* [*Dawnstar (Arena)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar_(Arena))

#### Dawnstar during the Imperial Simulacrum

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum) from [3E 389](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_389) to [3E 399](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_399), [Emperor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Emperor) [Uriel Septim VII](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_VII) was imprisoned along with [Talin Warhaft](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talin_Warhaft) in the [Deadlands](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Deadlands) by [Jagar Tharn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jagar_Tharn). Tharn planned for months to capture the throne, and he was able to achieve so in ten years. Tharn had a powerful weapon called the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos), and he split it into nine pieces and scattered them across Tamriel, the staff was the only thing keeping Uriel Septim and Warhaft in [Oblivion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Oblivion). A warrior escaped his clutches and traveled all corners of Tamriel to retrieve the missing pieces. The hero was known as the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion), and he assembled the staff and defeated Jagar Tharn at the [Imperial Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Palace). The Eternal Champion had at one point visited the city of Dawnstar in their quest to recover the pieces. The city of Dawnstar was under the rule of [King Ulrarne](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Ulrarne?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink).[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-5)

#### The Alliance of Dawnstar & Solitude

During the waning years of the third era, the Kingdom of Dawnstar was under the leadership of [Queen Macalla](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Queen_Macalla). It was at this time, the northern kingdoms of Skyrim were undergoing a renaissance and territories were uniting. [King Thian](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Thian) of [Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude) married Macalla to establish an alliance between the two city-states. Both Solitude and Dawnstar would expand their boundaries and into former Imperial fiefdoms, ones that were captured by [Uriel Septim V](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_V) during his reign in [3E 271](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_271). One of these locations was [Roscrea](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Roscrea), an island fiefdom situated north of Solitude, in the [Sea of Ghosts](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sea_of_Ghosts). Roscrea was just the stepping stone for future expeditions for the alliance. The two would continue this alliance into the fourth era. It is unknown how long this relationship lasted since it was never mentioned again.[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-6)

### [Fourth Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_Era)

*Main article:* [*Dawnstar (Skyrim)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar_(Skyrim))

#### The Waking Nightmare over Dawnstar

During the [Skyrim Civil War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim_Civil_War) in [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), the city-state of Dawnstar was ruled by [Skald the Elder](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skald_the_Elder), who was an old and arrogant man, one of the most staunch supporters of the [Stormcloaks](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormcloaks). Skald Felgief was more occupied with the Civil War rather than protecting his own people, which becomes evident with the recent situation. The Tower of Dawn was revamped into a temple dedicated to [Vaermina](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vaermina), and so the [Skull of Corruption](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skull_of_Corruption) was stored within the depths. Because of this, the people of Dawnstar were inflicted with nightmares, torturing them every night. A Priest of [Mara](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mara), [Erandur](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Erandur) traveled to Dawnstar to help them with the problem. Erandur called upon the help of a [mysterious traveler](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Last_Dragonborn) to deal with the threat. A strange gas called [the Miasma](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Miasma) had spewed out from the [Nightcaller Temple](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nightcaller_Temple) and afflicted the Vaermina Cult and the [Orcish](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Orcish) invaders. Both Erandur and the traveler fought through waves of these cultists and Orcs, eventually finding the Skull of Corruption in the Inner Sanctum. The fate of both the Staff and Erandur are unknown, but Dawnstar's nightmare had ended, and the city was saved.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-7)

#### The Dark Brotherhood's resurgance in Dawnstar

Around the same time, the [Dark Brotherhood](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dark_Brotherhood) had taken refuge in the long-abandoned Brotherhood Sanctuary in Dawnstar, when their original sanctuary in [Falkreath Hold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath_Hold) was burned to the ground by the [Penitus Oculatus](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Penitus_Oculatus). The Keeper of the [Night Mother](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Night_Mother), [Cicero](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cicero) had fled to this sanctuary when he attacked [Astrid](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Astrid), leader of the Falkreath Chapter before the sanctuary's raze. The Brotherhood had severely injured Cicero, who fled into the wilderness. His fate is currently unknown. The very few survivors of the Falkreath Sanctuary had resided in the Dawnstar Sanctuary, along with the Night Mother. The outcome of the Dawnstar Chapter is currently unknown. Before their occupation, an [Udefrykte](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Udefrykte) had lived in the icy caves until it was killed by the Brotherhood.[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-8)[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-9)

### Unknown Era

*Main article:* [*Dawnstar (Dawnstar)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar_(Dawnstar))

#### The Tale of Dawnstar & the Starfrost

At some point, Dawnstar was governed by [Governor Cyril Vinticae](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Governor_Vinticae). During his reign, Dawnstar was besieged by the [Ice Tribes](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ice_Tribes), a group of humanoid creatures that lived in the area. Four champions were residing in Dawnstar, one of them was the traitor that let the Ice Tribes enter the city. Unable to determine the traitor, Vinticae banished all four of them to the wilderness. To uncover them, Vinticae hired an unknown hero to traverse the Pale and convened all four of them, learning who the traitor was. The Traitor's identity is unknown, but they were brought to justice in Dawnstar. But the Ice Tribes started to invade Dawnstar again with their powerful ally, the [Thriceborn Gehenoth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thriceborn_Gehenoth?redlink=1&veaction=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) and the traitor. With the power of the [Starfrost](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Starfrost?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) given from Vinticae, the hero was able to defeat the Gehenoth and saved the exile post of Dawnstar.[[10]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dawnstar#cite_note-10)

# Solitude

### [First Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/First_Era)

#### Olaf the Betrayer & Svaknir's Vendetta

Sometime during the [War of Succession](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/War_of_Succession), [Olaf One-Eye](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Olaf_One-Eye) fought the dragon named [Numinex](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Numinex) and defeated him on the summit of [Mount Anthor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mount_Anthor). Olaf was able to end the War by becoming the [High King](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King) and conquering the other cities to quell the conflict and establish his reign. Solitude was the last city to fall from Olaf's Armada, the details of this siege of Solitude is currently left unknown, but left a terrible taste for the [Bards College](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Bards_College) and the [Kingdom of Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kingdom_of_Solitude). [Svaknir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Svaknir) was a notable bard from Solitude who wrote a rather scathing poem about the rise of Olaf One-Eye, which led this his ultimate demise and vendetta with the High King. The aftermath of the battle created a tradition in Solitude called the [Burning of King Olaf](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Burning_of_King_Olaf), which occurs on every 14th of [Hearthfire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Calendar). The tradition has been going on for years and into the fourth era.[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-1st_Skyrim-1)[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-3)[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-4)

### [Second Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Era)

#### The Kingdom of Western Skyrim & King Svartr

During the reign of the [Akaviri Potentate](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Versidue_Shaie), the city of Solitude was under the rule of [Jarl Svartr](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Svartr) who was well-respected among the other Jarls of Skyrim. When [High King](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King) [Logrolf](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Logrolf) was assassinated, many people felt that [Freydis](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Freydis), the daughter of Logrolf should become the [High Queen](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_Queen) of Skyrim and the [Crown of Verity](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Crown_of_Verity) chose her. However, Svartr claimed that Freydis was an illegitimate heir to the throne and that a [Moot](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Moot) was needed to choose the proper leader. The Crown of Verity has always been the deciding factor for the High King, ever since the reign of [Olaf One-Eye](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Olaf_One-Eye) and the aftermath of the [War of Succession](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/War_of_Succession). The Moot chose Svartr to be the next High King, and soon, controversy arose on who should be the next leader. This event led to Skyrim becoming divided, splitting into two separate kingdoms under the two chosen leaders. The Nords of [West Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/West_Skyrim) followed Svartr and formed the Western Kingdom of Skyrim. Svartr's rule would bring about trouble; one such instance was with the rising power of [Yashnag's Chiefdom](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yashnag%27s_Chiefdom?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink), found in [Western Falkreath](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Western_Falkreath). It was quelled by [Hakkvild Yashnag-Slayer](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hakkvild_Yashnag-Slayer), who drove them back into [Wrothgar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wrothgar). Svartr's dynasty ruled from the city of Solitude, which is considered the Capital of Western Skyrim.[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-5)[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-6)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)

*Main article:* [*Solitude (Arena)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude_(Arena))

#### Enter Potema Septim; the Wolf-Queen

During the reign of [Uriel Septim II](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_II), the city of Solitude was under the rule of [King Mantiarco](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Mantiarco) and [Queen Amodetha](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Queen_Amodetha), both of whom had a child named [Prince Bathorgh](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Prince_Bathorgh). Amodetha had passed away and relations between the [Kingdom of Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kingdom_of_Solitude), and the [Septim Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Septim_Empire) began to wane, especially with Uriel II's loan from Mantiarco, to quell a rebellion in the city of [Torval](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Torval). To compensate, Uriel II forced [Potema Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Potema_Septim), a young Septim at the age of fourteen, to be wedded to Mantiarco, much to the dismay of Potema. When Potema became the Queen of Solitude, she had a lot of opposition from the Old Nordic Houses and had a disdained relation with Prince Bathorgh. Regardless, Potema made valuable allies including [Lord Vhokken](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Lord_Vhokken) and further instated her rule over Solitude.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Bio-7)[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-8)[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_2-2)

At the age of fourteen, Potema gave birth to [Uriel Septim III](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_III), who was named after her late grandfather. Shortly after Uriel's birth, Bathorgh had completed the [Tournament of Stamina](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tournament_of_Stamina) and was awaiting the ceremony to crown him the victor. However, it was revealed earlier that Bathorgh was not a descendant of Mantiarco. Amodetha had an affair with [Lord Thone](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Lord_Thone), an affair which ultimately led to his death and Bathorgh's banishment from Solitude. Uriel II had passed away sometime after Potema's wedding, bringing Potema's father, [Pelagius Septim II](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Pelagius_Septim_II) into power as the Emperor of Tamriel. He would pass away, possibly via poison, and [Antiochus Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Antiochus_Septim), Potema's brother, ascended to the throne. Mantiarco would eventually pass away from old age.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Bio-7)[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_3-9)

#### Potema's feud with Antiochus & War of the Isle

Potema was given an amulet from her mother, [Queen Quintilla](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Quintilla) of [Camlorn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Camlorn) which has a [soul gem](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Soul_gem) infused with the spirit of a demon [werewolf](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Werewolf). Potema took it and wore it, giving her the ability to charm those who she speaks to. Potema entered Antiochus' bedchamber in the [Blue Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Blue_Palace) where he had just fornicated with an [Argonian](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Argonian) wench. Potema planned to blackmail Antiochus with a letter saying that Antiochus knew his father was not Pelagius II, but a steward, claiming that he is a false heir to the throne. Potema would reveal the letter to the public if Antiochus did not step down as the Emperor. However, Antiochus was more clever than Potema anticipated and instead showed a practice sheet where Potema tried to mimic Antiochus' handwriting. Potema's attempt in blackmailing Antiochus had failed, but she was determined in becoming the Empress of the Empire.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Bio-7)[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_3-9)

With the death of Mantiarco, Uriel III assumed the throne of Solitude and had done so, since the nine years of Mantiarco's death. Potema has ruled as Uriel's regent and has guided him through his reign as the King of Solitude. Potema's influence has spread beyond the [Kingdom of Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kingdom_of_Solitude), by befriending the Kings of Skyrim and even the Kingdoms of [High Rock](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_Rock) and [Morrowind](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morrowind), with essential friendships with [Ebonheart](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ebonheart) and [Farrun](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Farrun). With the power of her amulet, she was able to start a war between [King Orgnum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Orgnum) of [Pyandonea](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Pyandonea) and the [Psijic Order](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Psijic_Order) of [Artaeum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Artaeum) under [Celarus](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Celarus). This conflict was known as the [War of the Isle](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/War_of_the_Isle) and it crippled the Pyandonean Armada. In [3E 112](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_112), Emperor Antiochus passed away through unknown circumstances, coincidentally, when Potema and Uriel III visited the [Imperial City Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_City_Palace) and Emperor Antiochus.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Bio-7)[[10]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-10)[[11]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_5-11)

#### War of the Red Diamond; Kintyra Septim II

With Emperor Antiochus' demise, [Kintyra Septim II](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kintyra_Septim_II), Antiochus' daughter, would rise to power and become the Empress of Tamriel, much to the dismay of Potema. Potema traveled to Kintyra's Coronation and gave a very infamous speech. In her speech, she praised the late emperor but denounced the [Elder Council](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elder_Council) and named Kintyra II, a bastard and an illegitimate heir to the throne. She was later banned from the [Imperial City](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_City) and mustered a rebellion from the Kingdom of Solitude and the other kingdoms of the Empire she had allied with throughout the years. This conflict would be called the [War of the Red Diamond](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/War_of_the_Red_Diamond), the early stages of the war had occurred all throughout the Northern Empire, in places throughout Skyrim, High Rock, and Northern [Cyrodiil](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cyrodiil). Kintyra II would get a distress signal from [Mentin](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mentin), the Duke of [Glenpoint](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Glenpoint), and personal go there to discuss the issue, a decision she would soon regret.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Bio-7)[[11]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_5-11)[[12]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_6-12)

Kintyra II traveled beyond the Imperial Province and into the [Dragontail Mountains](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragontail_Mountains) and eventually the [Barony of Dwynnen](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Barony_of_Dwynnen), to reach the [March of Glenpoint](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/March_of_Glenpoint), located northeast of [Daggerfall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daggerfall) and north of [Reich Gradkeep](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reich_Gradkeep). Through the perilous blizzards of the north, Kintyra II reached Castle Glenpoint on the 23rd of [Frostfall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Frostfall). Unfortunately, Kintyra II's militia was ambushed by Potema's group, and Kintyra II was imprisoned inside Castle Glenpoint. Duke Mentin was working with Potema and used the distress call as a way to bait her into Potema's grasp. Kintyra II would be executed within Castle Glenpoint, causing [Cephorus Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cephorus_Septim) to be crowned the next emperor. The war continued. The tides had turned, and the battlefront pushed towards the Kingdom of Solitude and Skyrim. Each and ever ally that Potema had mustered began to leave this dying cause, leaving Potema's forces to dwindle.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Bio-7)[[12]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_6-12)[[13]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_7-13)

#### The Fall of Potema; Enter Pelagius the Mad

The final battles during the War of the Red Diamond were the start of Potema's demise. The [Battle of Falconstar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Falconstar) was one of the few battles that Potema won. Potema and Lord Vhokken were able to subdue [Magnus Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Magnus_Septim)'s army, who were positioned in [Kogmenthist Castle](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kogmenthist_Castle) and secure that area of the war. However, the [Battle of Ichidag](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Ichidag) was a failure for Solitude, Uriel III's forces were defeated in the [Hammerfell](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hammerfell) countryside and was taken to the city of [Gilane](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Gilane), to be put on trial by the Court of Gilane. However, a riot manifested in Gilane, where the main objective was to kill Uriel III. Uriel was killed amidst the mob, in a burning fire. After the victory over Falconstar, Potema received the news prior and did not think of it. Retreating into Solitude, Potema had practically lost all of her allies, resorting to using [Necromancy](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Necromancy) to have warriors on her side. She had become an old withered witch who had nothing but a ruined keep, and the amulet her mother Quintilla gave her.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Bio-7)[[13]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_7-13)

The [Siege of Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Siege_of_Solitude) had left the Kingdom of Solitude ransacked and desolate. Cephorus and Magnus' armies were besieging the city, and the War of the Red Diamond was soon coming to an end. Inner Solitude, towards [Castle Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Castle_Solitude) has become a battlefield while the Well's District of Solitude is slowly redeveloping. [Pelagius Septim III](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Pelagius_Septim_III) was wandering the streets of Solitude and arrived into the Solitude Mages Guild. There, an old lady approaches Pelagius III, complementing his young looks and giving him a strange amulet. Pelagius III gladly took the amulet and wore around his neck, while the old lady vanished into the alley. The old lady was Potema Septim, and she returned to her quarters where she died with a toothless grin on her face. Solitude was captured, and the War had finally ended. Pelagius III would assume the throne as the King of Solitude.[[13]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Wolf_7-13)

#### The Story of Pelagius Septim III

Born in the city of [Wayrest](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wayrest) in [3E 119](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_119), Thoriz Pelagius Septim was pampered by his family, being the son of Magnus Septim, who was considered Antiochus Septim's favorite brother. His first ten years of his life has been chaos since Antiochus had passed, Kintyra II assumed the throne and the War of the Red Diamond ravaged the Empire. His first battle was the Siege of Solitude, and it was there he acquired an estranged amulet from an old woman. After the siege, Pelagius III assumed the throne as the King of Solitude. Magnus and Cephorus I fought Uriel III and Potema at Wayrest, having his family be relocated to the [Isle of Balfiera](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Isle_of_Balfiera) where his mother, [Utheilla Direnni](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Utheilla_Direnni) was from. Pelagius III's earliest reign as the King of Solitude, was when his mind began to deteriorate, revealing forms of madness. He would have visitors from as far as [Ebonheart](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ebonheart) to even [Firsthold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Firsthold). Diplomats commented on his personality and his general being by mentioning his "a hale and hearty soul," and "a hand grip like a skeleton."[[14]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Mad-14)

#### Stories of Pelagius the Mad & his downfall

As time went on, Pelagius III's madness began to show indeed when he would lock the princes and princesses of [Silvenar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Silvenar_(City)) in their rooms and shove a declaration of war under their door. He would also tear off his clothes in public gatherings like festivals and say jarring speeches. By order of Magnus Septim, Pelagius III married [Katariah Ra'athim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Katariah_Ra%27athim), a beautiful [Dark Elf](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dark_Elf) from the city of Ebonheart. The reason for this marriage was to establish relationships with Ebonheart, who had a very well-known allegiance with Potema Septim during the War. Katariah was a shrewd politician and governed Pelagius III's kingdom while her husband was going insane. When Cephorus died, Magnus Septim became the Emperor, but was very old and eventually passed away, leaving the throne to Pelagius III and Katariah. Pelagius' sister, [Jolethe Direnni](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jolethe_Direnni) became the Queen of Solitude and managed to keep a healthy kingdom within Skyrim. By the time Pelagius III was Emperor for a couple of years, he had a wide variety of stories describing his madness. One such example is that when Pelagius III gained the crown, he fainted on throne, and Katariah had to hold him up, so people did not know he fainted.[[14]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Mad-14)

Pelagius III's madness, made him infamous throughout the Septim Empire, giving him the name, "Pelagius the Mad." He was taken to several different asylums throughout the Empire, ranging from one in [Valenwood](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Valenwood) to another one in [Torval](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Torval). While in the Imperial Palace, Pelagius III would sometimes attack visitors and he would have a crazed-obsession with cleanliness. Katariah ruled in his place and proved to be an exceptional leader, easily one of the greatest ones to grace the Empire. Rumor has it that Katariah had an affair with her consort, [Gallivere Lariat](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Gallivere_Lariat), who hailed from the city of [Shornhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Shornhelm). But alas, [Cassynder Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cassynder_Septim), the child of Pelagius III and Katariah assumed the Ruby Throne. Pelagius III passed away in a [Temple of Kynareth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Temple_of_Kynareth) on the Isle of [Betony](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Betony).[[14]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Mad-14)

#### Solitude during the Imperial Simulacrum

Sometime during the Imperial Simulacrum, the provinces of [Valenwood](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Valenwood) and [Elsweyr](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elsweyr) waged war against each other and it was called the [Five Year War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Five_Year_War), which started when the [Khajiit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Khajiit) traders being ambushed by several [Bosmeri](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Bosmer) warriors. The war was fought in between the regions of [Reaper's March](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reaper%27s_March) and the [Malabal Tor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Malabal_Tor), more specifically in the [Xylo River](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Xylo_River). At the [Battle of Zelinin](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Zelinin), the Khajiit utilized Nords from Solitude to give them authentic Heavy Armor from Skyrim, which proved to be useless. The Khajiit were unable to move as much as Medium Armor, and the Bosmeri Army massacred them. After that tragedy, the Solitude diplomats were forced out of Elsweyr, and the Khajiit went back to Medium Armor, which led to their victory in the war.[[15]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-15)

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum) from [3E 389](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_389) to [3E 399](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_399), [Emperor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Emperor) [Uriel Septim VII](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_VII) was imprisoned along with [Talin Warhaft](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talin_Warhaft) in the [Deadlands](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Deadlands) by [Jagar Tharn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jagar_Tharn). Tharn planned for months to capture the throne, and he was able to achieve so in the span of ten years. Tharn had a powerful weapon called the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos), and he split it into nine pieces and scattered them across Tamriel, the staff was the only thing keeping Uriel Septim and Warhaft in [Oblivion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Oblivion). A warrior escaped his clutches and traveled all corners of Tamriel to retrieve the missing pieces. The hero was known as the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion), and he assembled the staff and defeated Jagar Tharn at the [Imperial Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Palace). The Eternal Champion had at one point visited the city of Solitude in their quest to recover the pieces. The city of Solitude was under the rule of [Queen Hania](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Queen_Hania?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink).[[16]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-16)

#### The Rise of the Horme

Even after the Siege of Solitude, Potema Septim influenced the Skyrim underground, in the form of a faction known as the [Horme](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Horme). The Horme is a terrorist organization that believed that Potema and Uriel III were the direct descendants of [Tiber Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tiber_Septim). Because of what they considered an atrocity, the death of Potema, the Horme committed acts that have an Imperial interest. The cities of Southern Skyrim such as [Whiterun](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun) and [Hrothgar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hrothgar), have suffered terrorist attacks by the Horme, among other things like blizzards and ravaging [Frost Trolls](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Frost_Troll). This was the last time; the Horme has been mention, the only similar faction was the Witches Coven of [Wolfskull Cave](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wolfskull_Cave) in the [fourth era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_era) who tried to resurrect Potema through powerful magic.[[17]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-3rd_Skyrim-17)

#### The Reign of King Thian; A New Alliance

In the waning years of the third era, near the [Oblivion Crisis](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Oblivion_Crisis), the city of Solitude was under the control of [King Thian](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Thian) and through his reign, Solitude became an incredibly powerful kingdom, way more than it was before. Thian had the ambition to control the northern coast of Skyrim and to expand his territory to the island fiefdoms of the [Sea of Ghosts](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sea_of_Ghosts). Thian would marry [Queen Macalla](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Queen_Macalla), from the [Kingdom of Dawnstar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kingdom_of_Dawnstar), to further establish the relations on Northern Skyrim. Through the Thian and Macalla Alliance, Solitude garnered control over the Imperial fiefs like the Isle of [Roscrea](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Roscrea) and other territories that [Uriel Septim V](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_V) captured, before his conquest of [Akavir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Akavir). Thian would fund expeditionary journeys throughout the Sea of Ghosts to find more islands and to finding more settlements.[[17]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-3rd_Skyrim-17)

### [Fourth Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_Era)

*Main article:* [*Solitude (Skyrim)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude_(Skyrim))

#### Torygg of Solitude & the Ulfric Situation

During the [Great War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Great_War) from [4E 171](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_171) to [4E 175](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_175), the High King of Skyrim was [Istlod](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Istlod), who ruled from the city of Solitude rather than the city of [Winterhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(City)), which is where the High King commonly resides.[*[citation needed]*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Elder_Scrolls_Wiki:Sourcing) With the [Great Collapse](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Great_Collapse), the capital of Skyrim was moved to Solitude, and the High King has ruled there ever since.[*[citation needed]*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Elder_Scrolls_Wiki:Sourcing) Istlod managed to keep the province thriving when the [Third Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Empire) suffered from the [Third Aldmeri Dominion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Aldmeri_Dominion). Istlod eventually passed away, causing a Moot to choose the next successor, that successor came in the form of his son, [Torygg](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Torygg). Torygg married [Elisif the Fair](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elisif_the_Fair) and ruled the province for several years until [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201).[[18]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Sybille-18)

Despite the declining power the Empire had after the Great War, Torygg was a supporter of the Empire and served them well in their time of rebuilding, but many Nords of Skyrim would soon stray from the Empire, planning to create something of their own. [Jarl](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl) [Ulfric Stormcloak](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ulfric_Stormcloak) of [Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm) was heavily against the [White-Gold Concordat](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/White-Gold_Concordat), which banned the worship of [Talos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talos), who is considered a hero among the Nords of Skyrim. In the Moot that made Torygg the High King, Ulfric spoke about Skyrim's independence, in terms just shy of treason.[[18]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Sybille-18) Regardless of this, Torygg had high-respect towards Ulfric but feared taking on the Dominion on their own.[[18]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Sybille-18) In [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), Ulfric traveled to Solitude to gain an audience with Torygg. There is an old Nordic tradition called the [Traditional Nordic Duel](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Traditional_Nordic_Duel), where a duel is fought to determine the High King.[[19]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-19)[[20]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-20) It is never specified wether these duels are lethal or not, though in a previous duel, the bested survived.[[21]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-21) Whatever the case, Ulfric challenged Torygg to this duel and as high king, Torygg could not refuse, as it would cause for a new Moot to meet.[[18]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Sybille-18) The duel ended swiftly as Ulfric killed Torygg, by some accounts with the [Thu'um](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thu%27um),[[22]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-22)[[18]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-Sybille-18)[[23]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-23)[[24]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-24)[[25]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-25) by Ulfric's account, with his sword after he had shouted Torygg to the ground.[[26]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-26) Following the death of Torygg, Ulfric fled to Windhelm, and the [Skyrim Civil War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim_Civil_War) worsened.[[27]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-27)

#### Echoes of the Wolf; Potema's Awakening

During the Skyrim Civil War in 4E 201, several shady figures have begun to spring up in the city of Solitude, and one such group was a [Necromancy](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Necromancy) coven located out in [Wolfskull Cave](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wolfskull_Cave), near the township of [Dragon Bridge](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragon_Bridge). [Varnius Junius](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Varnius_Junius) was a member of the Dragon Bridge community and traveled to gain an audience with Jarl Elisif the Fair and her [Thane](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thane_(Title)), [Falk Firebeard](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falk_Firebeard). Firebeard sent an [estranged warrior](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Last_Dragonborn) to investigate the weird occurrences out of the cave. It was there the warrior defeated the witches coven and banished the soul of [Potema Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Potema_Septim) into the [Void](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Void), or so it would seem. Sometime later, Firebeard sent a letter to the warrior, to investigate the [Solitude Catacombs](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude_Catacombs) about the appearance of Potema Septim. Deep in the chambers, the warrior encountered the apparition of Potema Septim, defeating her and officially sending her back to the Void, completely obliterating the threat. The warrior was said to be named the Thane of Solitude, under Elisif the Fair.[[28]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-28)[[29]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude#cite_note-29)

# Winterhold

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* [Winterhold (Region)](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(Region)) – The lore page of the region in Skyrim.
* [Winterhold (Arena)](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(Arena)) – A city in the province of [Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim) in [*The Elder Scrolls: Arena*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Elder_Scrolls:_Arena).
* [Winterhold (Skyrim City)](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(Skyrim_City)) – The capital city of the [Winterhold Hold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(Skyrim_Hold)) in [*The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Elder_Scrolls_V:_Skyrim).
* [Winterhold (Skyrim Hold)](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(Skyrim_Hold)) – The province of [Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim).
* [College of Winterhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/College_of_Winterhold_(Skyrim)) – Sometimes referred to exclusively as "Winterhold," "The Mages College," or "the College at Winterhold."

Events

* [Winterhold Rebellion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_Rebellion) – A rebellion within the [Reman Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reman_Empire) in the [First Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/First_Era).

Items

* [Helm of Winterhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Helm_of_Winterhold) – An ancient helmet asked for by [Jarl](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl) [Korir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Korir) to secure his authority.

# Whiterun

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#### Jeek of the River & the city of Whiterun[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=8)

After the [Night of Tears](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Night_of_Tears), [Ysgramor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ysgramor) and his [Five Hundred Companions](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Five_Hundred_Companions) purged the [Snow Elves](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Snow_Elves) and inhabited the province of Skyrim. Many of the Companions had spread out throughout Skyrim, moving westward into the modern-day [West Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/West_Skyrim). One of the many Atmoran pioneers was [Jeek of the River](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jeek_of_the_River), who sailed from [Atmora](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Atmora) on the mighty ship named the [Jorrvaskr](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jorrvaskr_(Ship)) with his crew. The crew of the Jorrvaskr embarked onto Skyrim from the northeast and defeated the Elves in their path. One of the members, [Jonder the Tiny](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jonder_the_Tiny), went ahead and witnessed the great plains of modern-day Whiterun Hold, a vast open grassland with no end in sight. He looked over and saw and rocky hill with a large bird monument and a searing fire under its wings. This monument would be named the [Skyforge](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyforge). And so, the Jorrvaskr crew began constructing their stronghold Jorrvaskr, and as time went on, they built a new city, circling on the running of the White River. Thus, the city of Whiterun was born.[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-3)[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-4)

### [First Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/First_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=9)

#### Olaf One-Eye; the Tale of Numinex[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=10)

During the First Era, [High King Borgas](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_King_Borgas) was killed by the [Wood Elves](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wood_Elves) of the [Wild Hunt](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wild_Hunt), ending the [Ysgramor Dynasty](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ysgramor_Dynasty), a new High King was needed to rule over the province of Skyrim. Tension would rise, starting the [War of Succession](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/War_of_Succession), where the [Jarls](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl) of Skyrim would fight each other for the position of High King. Around the same time, the great [Dragon](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragons_(Lore)) named [Numinex](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Numinex) was terrorizing Skyrim while the Jarls were warring against each other, no one would defeat the Dragon. At this time, the Jarl of Whiterun was [Olaf One-Eye](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Olaf_One-Eye), he decided to take the initiative to fight against Numinex atop his lair in [Mount Anthor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mount_Anthor). The [Battle atop Mount Anthor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_atop_Mount_Anthor) was fierce, but in the end, Olaf One-Eye had won and trapped Numinex into his new castle called [Dragonsreach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonsreach). Because of this feat, the Jarls had settled down and named Olaf One-Eye, the new High King of Skyrim. So another conflict would not start, the Jarls created the [Pact of Chieftains](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Pact_of_Chieftains) in [1E 420](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/1E_420), where a [Moot](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Moot) would be convened to determine the next High King after a dynasty.[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-1st_Skyrim-5)[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-Olaf-6)

#### Olaf the Liar & Svaknir's Vendetta[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=11)

Olaf One-Eye was considered a hero throughout the whole province, but many people felt that there was something else to the story, something wrong. Many people accused Olaf of fabricating a tale about an epic battle so that he could gain the praise and become the High King of Skyrim. One person that accused the King of this was [Svaknir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Svaknir), alumni of the [Bards College](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Bards_College) in [Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Solitude). Svaknir had claimed a different tale. Knowing that his time was ending, Numinex flew all across Skyrim, burning villages before leaving to Mount Anthor where he would rest in peace. By the time Olaf One-Eye and his men arrived onto Mount Anthor, Numinex was weak and near-death. Olaf's men captured Numinex and took them to Dragonsreach, imprisoning him. Those men that helped Olaf had become wealthy leaders during Olaf's reign. In the end, Olaf One-Eye was buried in [Dead Men's Respite](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dead_Men%27s_Respite) and imprisoned Svaknir there, leaving him to die.[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-Olaf-6)[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-7)

### [Second Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=12)

#### The Kingdom of Western Skyrim[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=13)

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#### Barenziah the Young; Adventures of Youth[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=14)

After [Tiber Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tiber_Septim)'s conquest over [Morrowind](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morrowind), the royal daughter of the King of [Mournhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mournhold) was taken by [Symmachus](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Symmachus), a Dark Elven General of the invading force. The young child was named [Barenziah](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Barenziah), and she was taken to the outskirts of Whiterun, to the township of [Darkmoor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Darkmoor) where she would be supervised by [Count Sven Advensen](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Count_Sven_Advensen), a veteran of the [Tiber Wars](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tiber_Wars). Barenziah grew up as a proper noble but had yearned adventure outside; she would occasionally escape Castle Darkmoor to wander off from time to time. During her stay, she befriended a donkey-brained stable boy named [Straw](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Straw_(Lore)) out of pity, for he was a bumbling oaf. Straw told Barenziah about a conspiracy against her, saying that she would be sold as a concubine to the King of [Rihad](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Rihad), so the two hatched a plan to escape Darkmoor to the nearby city-state of Whiterun. To flee the Castle, Barenziah dressed as a boy and took up a job as a Caravan Guard with Straw, the two then headed to the city of Whiterun, arriving at dawn.[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-Barenziah-9)

During their stay in Whiterun, the two teenagers lived out in the poor district of Whiterun, staying in a shanty inn in the area. Her disguise was effective, despite her dark skin and vibrant red eyes, she blended into the crowd, but she still had to hide since most Dark Elves are not found in Whiterun. With the gold that they took from Darkmoor, the two lived in the inn, enjoying decent meals, celebrating their escape, and having vigorous sex until they fell asleep. Time eventually came when the two had to leave Whiterun and move eastward to the province of Morrowind. The two hooked jobs as Caravan Guards for a group heading to the city of [Riften](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften), which is near the border of Morrowind. The two left for Riften where Barenziah would reunite with Symmachus and eventually become the Queen of Mournhold. Straw would later die a horrible death.[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-Barenziah-9)[[10]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-10)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=15)

*Main article:* [*Whiterun (Arena)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun_(Arena))

#### Whiterun during the Imperial Simulacrum[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=16)

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#### Jsashe the Witch-Queen; the Deceiving Tyrant[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=17)

During the waning years of the third era, the city-state of Whiterun was ruled by [Jsashe](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jsashe), the Witch-Queen and the Priestess of [Lorkhan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Lorkhan). Her rise to the throne of Whiterun is mysterious, recently, the group known as [Horme](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Horme) and several natural attacks have plagued the Kingdom of Whiterun and other settlements including [Hrothgar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hrothgar). A vast majority of the citizens had blamed Jsashe but had unexpectedly exalted her to the seat of power in Dragonsreach. She would earn the moniker of the Witch-Queen. Jsashe had a massive amount of control in the land, though her magic did not bring prosperity into her domain. Jsashe would continue to rule over the city of Whiterun into the fourth era. Luckily, the Nordic Kingdoms in the North were doing way better in the long run.[[12]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-12)

### [Fourth Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=18)

*Main article:* [*Whiterun (Skyrim)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun_(Skyrim))

#### The Last Dragonborn of Prophecy; the Dragon Crisis[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=19)

During the [Skyrim Civil War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim_Civil_War) in [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), the city-state of Whiterun was ruled by [Jarl Balgruuf the Greater](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl_Balgruuf_the_Greater). Balgruuf was a well-spoken man who put his people first then the problems occurring throughout the province. During the conflict, Whiterun was aligned with the [Imperial Legion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Legion) in the conflict, but Balgruuf was focused on protecting his people from the [Dragon Crisis](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragon_Crisis). Around this time, the township of [Helgen](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Helgen) was razed by the World-Eater [Dragon](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragons_(Lore)) named [Alduin](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alduin), and a survivor traveled to Whiterun, to warn the Jarl about the recent dragon attack. Giving a convincing story, Jarl Balgruuf sent a militia to the township of [Riverwood](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riverwood) to protect them from other threats and sent the survivor to obtain the [Dragonstone](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstone) for the Whiterun court-wizard, [Farengar Secret-Fire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Farengar_Secret-Fire). Sometime later, the lost Dragon known as [Mirmulnir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mirmulnir) had attacked the [Western Watchtower](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Western_Watchtower) in between Whiterun and Greymoor. The survivor and a group of Whiterun Guards traveled to the outpost and fought the dragon. The survivor had ultimately killed Mirmulnir, and the dragon's soul had enveloped the warrior. This event would reveal the [Last Dragonborn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Last_Dragonborn) of prophecy.[[13]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-13)[[14]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-14)

#### The Plan to trap Odahviing; the Dragonslayer[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun?action=edit&section=20)

The Dragon Crisis had taken its toll on the residents of Skyrim, and so an end to this conflict need to come to fruition. After learning [Dragonrend](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonrend) through the [Elder Scrolls](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elder_Scrolls), the Last Dragonborn had battled Alduin at the [Throat of the World](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Throat_of_the_World), temporarily defeating the World-Eater. After the battle, Alduin escaped to the ancient temple of [Skuldafn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skuldafn) rooted in the [Velothi Mountains](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Velothi_Mountains). Through the wisdom of their teachers, the Last Dragonborn learned a shout that summoned an ally of Alduin named [Odahviing](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Odahviing), the plan was to summon Odahviing and to interrogate him on Alduin's whereabouts. With the help of the Jarl of Whiterun, the Last Dragonborn was able to snare Odahviing inside of [Dragonsreach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonsreach), the prison of the Great Dragon Numinex of ye old. In the end, Odahviing took the Last Dragonborn to Skuldafn, where they would eventually traverse [Sovngarde](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sovngarde_(Location)) and defeated Alduin, once and for all.[[15]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-15)[[16]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun#cite_note-16)

# Falkreath

### [First Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/First_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=7)

#### The Legend of Lord Skjoralmor & Falkreath[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=8)

The city of Falkreath was founded by [Bjarfrud Skjoralmor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Bjarfrud_Skjoralmor?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink), the origins of Falkreath is widely unknown, only told through legends passed down for generations. According to legend, Bjarfrud drove the dangerous beast out of the forest and chopped the trees down with ferocity. Falkreath was founded from the trees he had harvested. Eventually, he was crowned the first [Jarl](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl) of Falkreath after driving out the beasts and building the city. His ancestors would rule for a very long time, even into the [Interregnum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Interregnum) and the [Alliance War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alliance_War).[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-2)

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*Main article:* [*Falkreath (Online)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath_(Online))

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#### The War on Falkreath; Yashnag & the Orcs of Skyrim[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=11)

The province of Skyrim has been inhabited by the [Orsimer](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Orsimer) for several years, with strongholds ranging from the great fortress of [Cradlecrush](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cradlecrush) in [Eastmarch](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eastmarch) to the rigged fort of [Mor Khazgur](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mor_Khazgur) in [the Reach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Reach). With the [Siege of Orsinium](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Siege_of_Orsinium) in [1E 980](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/1E_980), many Orcish tribes scattered throughout the northwestern provinces including Skyrim and the Falkreath Hold. The Orcish Warrior named [Yashnag gro-Yazgu](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yashnag_gro-Yazgu?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) traveled with his people across the [Druadach Mountains](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Druadach_Mountains) to the forest of [Western Falkreath](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Western_Falkreath), where they established a chiefdom under Yashnag. [Yashnag's Chiefdom](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yashnag%27s_Chiefdom?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) was a pox on the people of West Skyrim, causing strife on High King Svartr's Army and the people of Falkreath. Yashnag would eventually murder the Jarl of Falkreath during his conquest over the Hold. The Jarl's son, [Hakkvild](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hakkvild) would seek out Yashnag for vengeance. Hakkvild challenged Yashnag in his home and defeated him in a battle of brawns. Hakkvild would become known as Yashnag-Slayer and would become the next Jarl of Falkreath. Yashnag's Chiefdom was burned down in [2E 467](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Timeline). The Orsimer would evacuate back into the [Wrothgarian Mountains](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wrothgarian_Mountains) and the [Second Orsinium](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Orsinium) would come to creation under the leadership of [Kurog gro-Bagrakh](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kurog_gro-Bagrakh).[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-4)

#### The Siege of Falkreath Hold; Enter Domihaus[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=12)

During the [Interregnum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Interregnum) in [2E 583](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_583), the city of Falkreath was under the rule of Jarl [Hjurgol Skjoralmor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hjurgol_Skjoralmor), who coincided with the other regions in [Western Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Western_Skyrim), under the control of [Jarl Svargrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Svargrim). News would spread throughout the Hold about an impending invasion conjured by the [Reachmen](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reachmen) from the west. Hjurgol had denied the rumors, which proved to be his downfall. The [Dreadhorn Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dreadhorn_Clan?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) would invade the city of Falkreath using powerful necromancy and the sheer force of the [Minotaurs](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Minotaurs?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink). The Dreadhorn Clan, under the administration of [Domihaus the Bloody-Horned](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Domihaus_the_Bloody-Horned), would overwhelm the fortress city on all fronts and would raid the Hall of the Dead. [Thane](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thane_(Title)) [Eerika Skjoralmor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eerika_Skjoralmor) would lead the defense against the Reachmen, but the siege had dwindled their numbers considerably. It was not until a mysterious traveler known as the [Vestige](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vestige), and their band of warriors arrived was when the battle shifted to Falkreath. Eerika led the remaining survivors to the Hall of the Dead, to evacuate them to a nearby settlement, ideally [Dragonstar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar).[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-5)[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-Demise-6)

The Vestige's entourage defeated the siege from the east, by slaying [Morrigh Bullblood](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morrigh_Bullblood?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) and their [Siege Mammoth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Siege_Mammoth). By advancing into the central square, the group was able to kill a triad of necromancers and their hulking [Bone Colossus](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Bone_Colossus) named [Cernunnon](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cernunnon) before reaching the Hall of the Dead. Jarl Hjurgol was residing in his Longhouse, located on the southern hill, overlooking his city as it was being besieged. When the Vestige and Eerika arrived into the Jarl's Hall, he would quickly be killed by Domihaus. The Vestige fought the Minotaur with ferocity. Domihaus was a master in both [Destruction](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Destruction) and [Conjuration](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Conjuration) Magic, utilizing the Minotaurian Magma destruction magic as well as the elemental atronachs and the [Stone Atronach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stone_Atronach). Eventually, Domihaus was defeated, and the city of Falkreath was saved. Eerika Skjoralmor would be named the Jarl of Falkreath soon after.[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-Demise-6)

#### Cuhlecain of Colovia; The Rise of Tiber Septim[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=13)

Throughout the years, the continent of [Tamriel](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tamriel) has changed. The [Alliance War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alliance_War) had gone for several years; the power shifted in between the Alliances until the war ultimately gave way. The city of Falkreath was integrated into the [Colovian Estates](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Colovian_Estates), a separate government consisting of the kingdoms of Colovia. The once proud kings of Colovia became Thief-Barons and forming forgotten covenants. The city of Falkreath was under the rule of [King Cuhlecain](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cuhlecain), who envisioned a united Colovia under his reign but to do this, he needed to secure the Falkreath Hold border to the north, where Nords and Reachmen always fought. Cuhlecain amassed an army with his allies in Skyrim with his prized general, [Hjalti Early-Beard](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hjalti_Early-Beard) leading the helm. Hjalti was a [Nordic](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nord) warrior from the island fiefdom of [Alcaire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alcaire) in the [Iliac Bay](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Iliac_Bay). Hjalti was a shrewd tactician and utilized an ancient art of Nordic Warfare known as the [Thu'um](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thu%27um) to burst open the impenetrable gates of [Old Hroldan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Old_Hroldan). Hjalti would then be known as [Talos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talos) and would unify the continent of Tamriel under the [Septim Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Septim_Empire) as Tiber Septim.[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-7)[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-8)

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#### Falkreath during the Imperial Simulacrum[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=15)

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### [Fourth Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=16)

*Main article:* [*Falkreath (Skyrim)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath_(Skyrim))

#### The Skyrim Civil War and Jarl Siddgeir[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath?action=edit&section=17)

During the [Skyrim Civil War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim_Civil_War) in [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), the city of Falkreath was under the control of [Jarl Siddgeir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl_Siddgeir), who had recently inherited the throne from his uncle, [Dengeir of Stuhn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dengeir_of_Stuhn). During his reign, Siddgeir was aloof and had very little involvement in the politics of Falkreath. The one who was actually in charge was his steward, [Nenya](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nenya), who served Dengeir and Jarls before him. Falkreath was a support of the [Mede Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mede_Empire) during the Civil War, much to the dismay of Dengeir. The [Imperial Legion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Legion) under [General Tullius](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/General_Tullius) were stationed in the Jarl's Longhouse with [Legate Skulnar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Legate_Skulnar) controlling the Falkreath Chapter. Dengeir is a staunch supporter of the [Stormcloaks](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormcloaks), a rebellious faction from the city of [Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm), under the control of [Ulfric Stormcloak](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ulfric_Stormcloak). Dengeir believed that Siddgeir used his influence in the Imperial Legion to secure his role as the Jarl of Falkreath. However, Dengeir has been known to be quite the loon.[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Falkreath#cite_note-10)

# Riften

### Second Era[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften?action=edit&section=3)

*Main article:* [*Riften (Online)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften_(Online))

Before being the leader of [Eastern Skyrim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eastern_Skyrim) and [Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm), [Jorunn the Skald-King](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jorunn_the_Skald-King) was a scholar that traveled throughout [Tamriel](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tamriel) in cities such as [Mournhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mournhold), [Stormhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormhold), [Sutch](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sutch), and [Elinhir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elinhir). Jorunn studied on the [Isle of Gold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Isle_of_Gold) at the [Skald's Retreat](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skald%27s_Retreat). In [2E 572](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_572), the [Second Akaviri Invasion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Akaviri_Invasion) led by [Ada'Soom Dir-Kamal](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ada%27Soom_Dir-Kamal) had reached the northeastern coast of Skyrim in the [Winterhold](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterhold_(Region)) region. Jorunn was in Riften at the time and with his pack of bards, he fought his way to Windhelm and pushed the Kamal back.[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-Jorunn-3)

Eventually with the help of [Wulfharth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wulfharth), Jorunn and Wulfharth mustered an army from the Rift and [Eastmarch](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eastmarch). Riften was fortified and under the safeguard of Wulfharth. When Dir Kamal's army arrived to Riften, they found a bunch of Angry [Nords](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nord) and avoided them and moved onto [Stonefalls](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stonefalls) where they eventually lose the war at [Vivec's Antlers](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vivec%27s_Antlers).[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-Jorunn-3)

During the [Alliance War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alliance_War), Riften was under [Ebonheart Pact](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ebonheart_Pact) control. The Rift was under attack by the [Worm Cult](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Order_of_the_Black_Worm) lead by [Thallik Wormfather](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thallik_Wormfather). Wormfather's plot was to use the legendary axe [Wuuthrad](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wuuthrad) to summon the giant [Sinmur](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sinmur). The giant had caused heavy devastation on the city of Riften by obliterating their wall and farms. A worm cult plot was discovered with the city, however, the [Vestige](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vestige) uncovered the plot and help Riften recover from the attack.[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-4)

In [Queen Barenziah's](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Barenziah) youth, she and an orphan stable boy named [Straw](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Straw_(Lore)) fled from [Darkmoor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Darkmoor) to [Whiterun](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Whiterun) to then hitch a ride to Riften.[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-5) Straw met a [Khajiit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Khajiit) named [Therris](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Therris), who planned on robbing the Imperial Commandmant's House. She warned the Commandmant, General [Symmachus](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Symmachus). He then directed her to the [Imperial City](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_City).[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-realbar2-1)

### Third Era[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften?action=edit&section=4)

*Main article:* [*Riften (Arena)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften_(Arena))

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum), the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion) had at one point visited the city in their quest for the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos).[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-6)

### Fourth Era[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften?action=edit&section=5)

*Main article:* [*Riften (Skyrim)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften_(Skyrim))

In [4E 98](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_98) of the [Void Nights](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Void_Nights), [Hosgunn Crossed-Daggers](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hosgunn_Crossed-Daggers) became the [Jarl](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jarl) of Riften after the previous jarl was assassinated. Hosgunn's reign was negatively received by the citizens of Riften. Many people believed Hosgunn was responsible for the death of the previous jarl and because of this, people protested among the streets. Hosgunn's response to the backlash was to have the city guard contain the protestors and to start enforcing a curfew.[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-ofcrosseddaggers-7)

Throughout his reign, Hosgunn ruled with a black heart and an iron fist. Hosgunn heavily taxed both citizens and merchants and kept most of the coin for himself to build a large wooden castle now known as [Mistveil Keep](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mistveil_Keep), back then known as **Hosgunn's Folly**. The castle itself reflected the oppression. In [4E 129](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_129), the people of Riften banded together to form an incredible uprising that managed to overwhelm the city guard enough to burn down Hosgunn's Folly with Crossed-Daggers still inside. The fire from the keep eventually spread throughout the city, causing the city to burn to ash. In [4E 134](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Timeline), the city was rebuilt into a small port town. People dream for the day that Riften returns to glory.[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-ofcrosseddaggers-7)

In [4E 201](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_201), Riften has garnered a new Jarl named [Laila Law-Giver](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Laila_Law-Giver). Riften had allied with its neighboring city, [Windhelm](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Windhelm), to be a part of the [Stormcloak Rebellion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Stormcloaks) in the [Skyrim Civil War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skyrim_Civil_War). The city of Riften is notorious for housing the infamous [Thieves Guild](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thieves_Guild). At this time period, however, the influence of the guild had diminished. Over time, the guild has grown and its influence reaches to all corners of Skyrim. [Maven Black-Briar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Maven_Black-Briar) has a firm grip of Riften despite not being Jarl.[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Riften#cite_note-8)

# Fharun

### [First Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/First_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=6)

#### The Battle of Fharun Pass & Uzdabikh of Fharun[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=7)

In [1E 980](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/1E_980), the First iteration of Orsinium was attacked by the combined forces of [Daggerfall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daggerfall) and [Sentinel](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Sentinel) in the effort to quell the Orcish influence in the province of High Rock. In the nearby [Fharun Pass](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun_Pass?redlink=1&veaction=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink), an Orcish warrior named Uzdabikh defeated one thousand and one [Redguard](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Redguard) warriors all by herself. By the time reinforcements arrived to help Uzdabikh, nothing had remained but a pile of Redguard corpses and Uzdabikh's Helm.[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-Helm-0)

#### The Four Score War & Lord Storig of Farrun[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=8)

The city of Farrun was under the control of the [Second Empire](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Empire) under the leadership of [Reman Cyrodiil III](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reman_Cyrodiil_III). During the [Four Score War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Four_Score_War) in [1E 2920](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/1E_2920), the Second Empire battled the Dunmeri Army of [Morrowind](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morrowind) led by [Vivec](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vivec). The Kingdom of Farrun was present at the [Battle of Bodrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Bodrum) along with other kingdoms among the Empire. The Vanguard against the Morrowind defense was led by [Lord Storig](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Storig?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) of Farrun; his efforts proved to be successful since the Imperial Army was able to advance into the Morrowind province. The battle continued into the [Battle of Ald Marak](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Ald_Marak), and the fortress city of Ald Marak soon fell to the [Imperials](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial).[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-3)

### [Second Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=9)

*Main article:* [*Fharun Stronghold*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun_Stronghold)

#### The Fharun Clan & the 2nd Orsinium[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=10)

During the [Interregnum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Interregnum) in [2E 583](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_583), the Kingdom of Orsinium was established with the United trust of the major clans of Wrothgar. The [Fharun Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun_Clan) was among the five clans to join the city of Orsinium in the [Daggerfall Covenant](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daggerfall_Covenant). The leader of the Fharun Clan and the Orcish Stronghold was [Chief Bazrag gro-Fharun](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Chief_Bazrag_gro-Fharun), a devotee of [Malacath](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Malacath) and a good friend of the leader of Orsinium, [King Kurog gro-Bagrakh](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Kurog_gro-Bagrakh). While Kurog thrives to complete Orsinium in his lifetime and to enforce the religion of [Trinimac](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Trinimac), Bazrag believes that Orsinium would be completed generations after Kurog and that the old ways have made the Orsimer the way they are today. They are proud warriors of the Reach and Wrothgaria.[[OOG 2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-4)

#### The Siege of Fharun & Kurog's Betrayal[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=11)

The region of Wrothgar was under attack by the [Winterborn Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Winterborn_Clan) of [Reachmen](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reachmen) situated in the [Western Reach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Western_Reach). King Kurog decided to start a [Moot](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Moot) between the chieftains of Wrothgar other than Fharun for unknown reasons. Kurog tasked a traveler called the [Vestige](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vestige) to gather the Orcish Chieftains of the [Morkul Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morkul_Clan), [Shatul Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Shatul_Clan), and [Tumnosh Clan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tumnosh_Clan) to come to the [Scarp Keep](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Scarp_Keep) in Orsinium. While the Moot went underway, the Vestige was asked by [High Priestess Solgra](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_Priestess_Solgra) to find Chief Bazrag at the city of Fharun. When the Vestige arrived, Fharun was under attack by a group of [Trinimac](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Trinimac) devotees called the [Vosh Rakh](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vosh_Rakh). The denizens of Fharun were either killed or fled. The Vestige and another agent of Orsinium, [Eveli Sharp-Arrow](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eveli_Sharp-Arrow) fought through the Vosh Rakh and reached the Fharun Prison to find Chief Bazrag in chains. It was revealed that King Kurog and [Forge-Mother Alga](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Forge-Mother_Alga) plan to assassinate the Chieftains and High Priestess Solgra to ensure his throne and to have a totalitarian rule over Wrothgar. The Vestige defeated King Kurog and Alga atop of Scarp Keep and Chief Bazrag became the New King of Orsinium.[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-5)[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-6)[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-7)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=12)

*Main article:* [*Farrun (Arena)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Farrun_(Arena))

#### The Fharun & Solitude Disputes; the reign of King Lleromo[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=13)

In [3E 120](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_120), the [Kingdom of Solitude](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Kingdom_of_Solitude) was under the rule of [Uriel Septim III](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_III), the son of [Potema Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Potema_Septim), the Wolf-Queen of Solitude. During this year, Uriel had a relationship with the Princess of Farrun, [Princess Rakma](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Princess_Rakma). Around this time, both Solitude and Farrun had an unsteady relationship that was often noted in the history of the Reach. Farrun was also under the rule of [King Lleromo](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Lleromo), who was Rakma's father. This was also around the time when [Emperor Antiochus Septim](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Emperor_Antiochus_Septim) was dying on his deathbed.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-8)

#### Fharun during the Imperial Simulacrum[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=14)

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum) from [3E 389](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_389) to [3E 399](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_399), [Emperor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Emperor) [Uriel Septim VII](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_VII) was imprisoned along with [Talin Warhaft](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talin_Warhaft) in the [Deadlands](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Deadlands) by [Jagar Tharn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jagar_Tharn). Tharn planned for months to capture the throne, and he was able to achieve so in the span of ten years. Tharn had a powerful weapon called the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos), and he split it into nine pieces and scattered them across Tamriel, the staff was the only thing keeping Uriel Septim and Warhaft in [Oblivion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Oblivion). A warrior escaped his clutches and traveled all corners of Tamriel to retrieve the missing pieces. The hero was known as the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion), and he assembled the staff and defeated Jagar Tharn at the [Imperial Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Palace). The Eternal Champion had at one point visited the city of Farrun in their quest to recover the pieces. The city of Farrun was under the rule of [King Tristyrick](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Tristyrick?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink).[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-9)

#### The Fharun & Solitude Truce; Situation at Cascabel Hall[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun?action=edit&section=15)

The Kingdoms of Farrun and Solitude met at [Cascabel Hall](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cascabel_Hall?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink), a castle located in between the two regions to discuss a truce between their long and growing conflict with each other. At the time, a [Bosmeri](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Bosmer) mercenary named [Menegur](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Menegur?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) lived in Cascabel and protected the castle from the Rear Guard. Cascabel was known to grow apples in a large quantity, and Menegur would always eat the apples. By the time the meeting between Farrun and Solitude commenced, Menegur had stolen all of the apples in the orchard south of Cascabel. The King of Solitude noticed and commended him for his ability to take the apples but had he had to abide by the old laws. Menegur owed the Count of Cascabel, thirty-seven [septims](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Septim_(Coin)). The law was that anyone without a liege that resided in a castle for more than three months would be granted the right and the title of the property. Since Menegur lived in Cascabel for quite awhile, he would be named the Count of Cascabel. Cascabel would become one of the greatest growers of [Apples](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Apples) in the Empire.[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fharun#cite_note-10)

# Dragonstar

### [Second Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar?action=edit&section=7)

*Main article:* [*Dragonstar (Online)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar_(Online))

#### The Dragonstar Caravan Company & the Covenant[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar?action=edit&section=8)

During the [Interregnum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Interregnum), Dragonstar was a relatively new settlement that was owned by the [Dragonstar Caravan Company](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar_Caravan_Company), a trading company that rivaled the infamous [Gold Coast Trading Company](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Gold_Coast_Trading_Company). At the same time, alliances from all corners of [Tamriel](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Tamriel) fought each other for the [Seat of Sundered Kings](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cyrodiil) and the [Imperial City](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_City). The [Daggerfall Covenant](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Daggerfall_Covenant) was an alliance between the [Bretons](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Breton) of [High Rock](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/High_Rock), the Redguards of Hammerfell, and the [Orsimer](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Orsimer) of [Wrothgar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Wrothgar). Craglorn at the time was not under a centralized authority and because of it, the cities of Dragonstar, [Belkarth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Belkarth_(Online)), and Elinhir were not a part of the Covenant and the [Alliance War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alliance_War). These settlements other than Elinhir were formed by criminals trying to start an empire and escape the Imperial Laws from the east. Dragonstar was cleaner than the town of Belkarth. The Dragonstar Caravan Company later moved their headquarters to the city of [Ska'vyn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ska%27vyn) since there is more traction in the Kingdom of Ska'vyn then in uncharted Dragonstar Territory.[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-1)[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-2)[[OOG 2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-3)

#### Operation Mantikora and the Iron Orcs[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar?action=edit&section=9)

In [2E 582](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/2E_582), Dragonstar's Miners were contracted by [Regent Cassipia](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Regent_Cassipia) to mine [Nirncrux](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Nirncrux) from the Upper Craglorn mountains. Cassipia learned that the Nirncrux Element had a significant connection to the [Celestials](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Celestial) and that she can utilize the Nirncrux to enhance the [Iron Orcs](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Iron_Orcs) armor in her favor. Cassipia was a member of the [Scaled Court](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Scaled_Court), a group that worship the [Celestial](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Celestial), [The Serpent](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Serpent_(Celestial)). After she had learned about the power of Nirncrux, she sought to become as powerful as a [Celestial](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Celestial) and to replace the Serpent as the leader of the Scaled Court. She manipulated a traveler known as the [Vestige](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Vestige) but slaying a creature referred to as the [Mantikora](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Mantikora_(Online)) and defeating [Exarch Braadoth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Exarch_Braadoth) of the Iron Orcs. She was defeated in the ruins of [Reinhold's Retreat](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Reinhold%27s_Retreat?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink) by the Vestige and other warriors.[[3]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-4)[[4]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-5)[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-6)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar?action=edit&section=10)

*Main article:* [*Dragonstar (Shadowkey)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar_(Shadowkey))

#### The Shadow of Conflict; War of Bend'r-Mahk[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar?action=edit&section=11)

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum) in [3E 397](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_397), the Nords of Skyrim crossed the Reach and invaded the neighboring nations of the [Western Reach](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Western_Reach) such as [Elinhir](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Elinhir) and [Jehanna](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jehanna) in a war known as the [War of Bend'r-Mahk](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/War_of_Bend%27r-Mahk). The city of Dragonstar was heavily affected by the war, and as a result, the city changed drastically from before the war. The Skyrim Invaders led by [General Duvais](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/General_Duvais) took the Eastern District of Dragonstar and used it as a base while the Hammerfell Defenders led by [Meya Violet](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Meya_Violet) kept the Western District under Crowns control. Many of Dragonstar's citizens were affected in the Battle and were left homeless in its wake. [Pergan Asuul](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Pergan_Asuul) used the war to nurture a creature made of pure [Shadow Magic](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Shadow_Magic) known as the [Umbra' Keth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Umbra%27_Keth) otherwise known as the Shadow of Conflict. A hero known as the [Soul of Conflict](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Soul_of_Conflict) used an artifact known as the [Star Teeth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Star_Teeth) to defeat Asuul and the Umbra' Keth at the [Crypt of Hearts](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Crypt_of_Hearts). The Conflict in Dragonstar ended, and the people began to rebuild from the destruction. Dragonstar however, remained divided for quite some time.[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-7)[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-3rd_Skyrim-8)[[8]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-9)

#### Dragonstar during the Imperial Simulacrum[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar?action=edit&section=12)

*Main article:* [*Dragonstar (Arena)*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar_(Arena))

Throughout the rest of the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum) from [3E 389](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_389) to [3E 399](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_399), [Emperor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Emperor) [Uriel Septim VII](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Uriel_Septim_VII) was imprisoned along with [Talin Warhaft](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Talin_Warhaft) in the [Deadlands](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Deadlands) by [Jagar Tharn](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Jagar_Tharn). Tharn planned for months to capture the throne, and he was able to achieve so in the span of ten years. Tharn had a powerful weapon called the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos), and he split it into nine pieces and scattered them across Tamriel, the staff was the only thing keeping Uriel Septim and Warhaft in [Oblivion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Oblivion). A warrior escaped his clutches and traveled all corners of Tamriel to retrieve the missing pieces. The hero was known as the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion), and he assembled the staff and defeated Jagar Tharn at the [Imperial Palace](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Palace). The Eternal Champion had at one point visited the city of Dragonstar in their quest to recover the pieces. The city of Dragonstar was under the rule of [King Ohatan](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/King_Ohatan?redlink=1&action=edit&flow=create-page-article-redlink).[[9]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-10)

#### The Waning Years of the Oblivion Crisis[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar?action=edit&section=13)

Sometime around the [Oblivion Crisis](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Oblivion_Crisis), the territories of the Western Reach were still being fought over between the Nords and the Western Human Races. The cities of Elinhir and Jehanna continued to fight while the town of Dragonstar continued to be divided into the West and East. Terrorist organizations began to spring up all across the Dragonstar Kingdom to fight against one another. With these constant terrorist attacks, it can be assumed that Dragonstar was destroyed amidst the Oblivion Crisis.[[7]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar#cite_note-3rd_Skyrim-8)

# Skaven

### [Second Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Second_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ska%27vyn?action=edit&section=5)

During the [Alliance War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alliance_War), when the veins of minerals in [Dragonstar](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar) ran out, the [Dragonstar Caravan Company](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Dragonstar_Caravan_Company) moved their headquarters to the city of Ska'vyn.[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skaven#cite_note-2)

### [Third Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ska%27vyn?action=edit&section=6)

During the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum), the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion) had at one point visited the city in their quest for a piece of the [Staff of Chaos](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Staff_of_Chaos).

### [Fourth Era](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Fourth_Era)[Edit](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ska%27vyn?action=edit&section=7)

During the [Great War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Great_War), the [Imperial Legion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Legion) led by [General Decianus](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/General_Decianus) fought the [Alik'r](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Alik%27r) warriors led by [Lady Arannelya](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Lady_Arannelya) in a bloody yet indecisive battle which resulted in the legion withdrawing the city leaving Arannelya to rule Skaven. Sometime later, Decianus was preparing to push the [Aldmeri Dominion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Aldmeri_Dominion) out of Skaven when he had to march back to [Cyrodiil](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cyrodiil). In order to secure power in Hammerfell, Decianus discharged *"invalid"* soldiers who would later drive Arannelya and her forces back to the Alik'r.[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Skaven#cite_note-3)

# Hegathe

### First Era

During the late First Era, a conservatorium existed here worshipping the [Yokuda](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yokuda) fertility goddess, [Morwha](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Morwha).[[5]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hegathe#cite_note-4)

### Fourth Era

During the Fourth Era, Hegathe was involved in the [Great War](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Great_War) against the [Third Aldmeri Dominion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Third_Aldmeri_Dominion). In [4E 172](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/4E_172), when the [Thalmor](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Thalmor_(Skyrim)) were consolidating their gains in [Hammerfell](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hammerfell_(Arena)), "only Hegathe still held out against them."[[6]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hegathe#cite_note-5)

# Rihad

*"It is the busiest season of the year in Rihad, and the palace's audience chamber is filled with area farmers discussing their harvest with Queen Blubamka. Many linger in the room after their business is through, procrastinating the return to the burning field work. They seem to be talking mostly about Rihad suddenly being at war with its nearest neighbor, Taneth, and how this will change trade throughout the province."*

―Text box in [*The Elder Scrolls: Arena*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Elder_Scrolls:_Arena)

**Rihad** is a port city at the southern edge of [Hammerfell](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Hammerfell_(Arena)), just north of its border with [Cyrodiil](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Cyrodiil). It is located on the coast of the [Abecean Sea](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Abecean_Sea), on the main road between [Anvil](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Anvil) and [Taneth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Taneth). The [Brena River](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Brena_River) flows into the Abecean Sea just south of the city. Rihad was once home to a gladiatorial team called the **Bane**. It is one of several possible locations that the [Eternal Champion](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Eternal_Champion) may discover in [*The Elder Scrolls: Arena*](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/The_Elder_Scrolls:_Arena).

The city's population is an eclectic mix of [Redguard](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Redguard_(Arena)) [Forebears](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Forebears), survivors of the [Yokuda](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Yokuda) [Ra Gada](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Ra_Gada), followers of [Satakal](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Satakal), a few [Bretons](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Breton_(Arena)), and warriors-in-training from all over the empire. Buildings in the city with its high domes, the flying dew sails, and the mosaic colophons were constructed over the old and new ruins of past civilizations. In [3E 253](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/3E_253), armies of Taneth and Rihad were defeated in the [Battle of Dragontooth](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Battle_of_Dragontooth) by the [Camoran Usurper](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Camoran_Usurper), leading to the fall of southern Hammerfell. The ruler of Rihad by the time of the [Imperial Simulacrum](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Imperial_Simulacrum) was Queen [Blubamka](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Blubamka). During that time period, Rihad was, furthermore, at war with its nearest neighboring city-state, Taneth.[[1]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Rihad#cite_note-0)

The city is the birthplace of well-known historian [Destri Melarg](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Destri_Melarg).[[2]](http://elderscrolls.wikia.com/wiki/Rihad#cite_note-1)