



· Z H A R - P T I T S A ·

This beautiful legendary creature is a symbol of beauty and purity. Medium-sized, the Zhar-Ptitsa looks like a peacock, with red, amber and yellow plumage, with a crest on its head and curious feathers on its tail, in which a kind of bright eyes can be distinguished. Their feathers are large and majestic, and they shine with their own light, as if they were on fire, even after being plucked.

It feeds on magical golden apples, which provide beauty, youth and immortality. It has magical properties, since its song heals the sick and returns sight to the blind. However, this creature does not seem to have any interest in relating to human beings, and flees from them whenever possible. To capture it you have to demonstrate a lot of cunning, and generally those who get it end up regretting it, as it gives bad luck.





Zhar-Ptitsa is a creature
originating from **RUSSIA**

Current population: 146.804.372



The various Slavic peoples of the Ural Mountains region lived in constant tension with waves of nomadic invaders from Asia, so they failed to develop a stable society until the tenth century, when Kievan Rus became the dukedom largest in Europe, and one of the most prosperous due to trade with East and West.

Converted the aristocracy to Orthodox Christianity by the Church of Constantinople, the Slavic religion was losing adherents little by little and surviving as popular mythology.

Towards century XVI Russia, already with capital in Moscow, initiated an expansionist process to conquer territories towards Asia, seizing of Siberia and colonizing it with Slavic and Cossack population. In this way, Russia became the State with the largest territory in the world, dominating millions of km² between Europe and America.

The Russian people, meanwhile, endured the effort of wars and invasions by providing soldiers and food. For this purpose, it was organized locally in the 'mir', agricultural communes that owned the land collectively and governed daily life. That element of power allowed a distancing between popular culture and the elite, which kept pagan traditions and folklore safe.

Today Russia is a parliamentary democracy with a capitalist economic system. Its population has modernized, 73% live in urban centers and the peasantry represents only 6% of the population.

