

# Vilterra Notes

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# CHAPTER 0: PROLOGUE

Welcome to the world of *Vilterra*.

From the ecology and geography of the regions to the history and cultures of the races, this encyclopedia records everything you should know about this world.

## MYSTERIES

Of course, the land of Vilterra is vast; There are things that even we do not know. Even more common are dark secrets and sinister plots that you should not know. This encyclopedia is *by no means* all-knowing, or even all-correct.

With this, we hope you happy travels, across the land of Vilterra.



# CHAPTER 1: FRONTIER

*The Frontier.* A desert wasteland, hostile, inhospitable, indomitable; a land shrouded in rumors – strange creatures, otherworldly elementals, warrior tribes...

The outside world knows practically nothing of this strange desert, sleeping at the north-west edge of Vilterra. The Frontier rejected both the Elven and Draconic lords in the ancient past or the nations and empires of the present day, and remains shrouded in danger and intrigue.

## GEOGRAPHY

Surrounded by mountains and hills, the Frontier is very much like a valley. With not a single drop of water, the inner regions are completely inhospitable. Thereby the Frontier is separated into the *Outer* and *Inner* Frontier.

## WATER

For the most part, surface water is nonexistent in the Frontier. However, that is not to say that there aren't *any* water whatsoever – Notably the water from the Crown of the World gathered at the seasonal lake *Kelibo*, and the underground reservoirs.

However, the position and seasonal nature of *Kelibo* makes it unsuitable for permanent residence, and the size of the groundwater reservoir and the hostile surface made extracting water impractical.

## ECOLOGY

Lacking the most important ingredient of life, the Frontier desert has almost no life sparing a couple cacti and bushes on the edges. However, there are some exceptions, especially on the Outer Frontier.

## ANIMALS AND PLANTS

Heat-tolerant plants such as cacti and bushes exists in the more hospitable Outer Frontier.

Camels also exists there, brought in by settlers. Most are domesticated, though some do roam areas protected from monsters by people.

## HOSTILE LIFE

Because intelligent life exert such little influence over the area, the Frontier (especially the Inner Frontier) is filled with monsters.

The Frontier monsters are mostly reptilian and insectoid. Most, such as basilisks, came down from the mountains. Nagas, Ankhegs, and other beasts fight each other for sustenance.

## ELEMENTALS

The most apt description of these mysterious, hostile creatures is the manifestation of the forces of nature. Their origin are unknown, their actions are inexplicable, all that's known about them is that they will attack anything that they come across.

The elementals of the Frontier desert are mostly Fire, Air, and Earth.

## SANDWORMS

Perhaps the most spectacular of the legends of the Frontier is the *Sandworms*, and they certainly live up to it.

They are beings of massive proportions, some hundreds of feet long. Much of their life is spent underground, where they supposedly sustain themselves on underground water. The few times they surface are primarily for hunting, sunlight, and air.

Ironically, their times of hunting is also when they are most vulnerable. Sandworms are prone to being preyed upon by other monsters. The Shai-al run also use this opportunity to tame them.

Interestingly, Sandworms are attracted by music. The reason of which is unknown. The Shai-al run takes advantage of this to call upon them.

## MIGRATION OF KELIBO

At the north of the Frontier lies a seasonal lake *Kelibo*. In late winter, early spring, the water from the northern mountains flows down into the lake, attracting all kinds of life.

Basilisks from the mountains follows this stream down to the Frontier, and some are left unable to leave.

Notably, the sandworms, despite having a consistent supply of underground water, also gathers around *Kelibo* primarily for hunting.

Because the allure of water is too great, bloody battles ensues everytime water fills the lake. The violent nature of this seasonal event earned it the name *the Red Spring*.

Intelligent life such as the red dragonbornes also joins the fray for sandworms; likewise, the Shai-al run are also present for water and defense of the sandworms.

## HISTORY

Not much occurred in the Frontier worth noting; for the most part, it has remained populated only by monsters and



# CHAPTER 2: THE CROWN OF THE WORLD

## POLITICS: THE DWARVES

### THE COUNCIL OF THE HUNDRED KINGS

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Economic reasons

### THUNDERPIKE

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A dwarven citystate in the Crown of the World. It is the biggest of the numerous dwarven citystates in the Sun Crown.

**Volos Ghazant.** King of Thunderpike. His goal is to unite the dwarves, but his efforts are mostly in vain.



# CHAPTER 3: GLOSSARY

**Slivermoon Guild Campaign S (2020 - ):** The ongoing Dungeons and Dragons campaign I run for my younger brother and my highschool friends back in Washington state. (On long-term hiatus, close to finishing)

**Violet Lotus Campaign V (2022 - ):** The ongoing Dungeons and Dragons campaign I run for my friends at UC Davis.

**Kori no Azuma Campaign K (2021 - ):** The ongoing Dungeons and Dragons campaign my young brother runs for his friends and I. It takes place in the same universe as my campaigns, but on a different continent.

**Serova Founding Calendar:** The primary date system I use to track the timeline of events taking place in our Dungeons and Dragons universe.

- Year 0 marks the founding of the Serova city-state.
- The Great Dragon War happened in the year 8866. Rosinya, Gale, and the Asakhan Empire are founded within the proceeding centuries.
- The Slivermoon Guild campaign occurs in the years 9373 - 9376.
- The Violet Lotus campaign starts in the year 9396.
- The date of the Kori no Azuma campaign is to be determined.

**The Apocalypse Calendar:** An alternative date system for our Dungeons and Dragons universe. Measures years since the Great Dragon War, encompassing a more human dominated era.

- Year 0 marked by the Great Dragon War. Rosinya, Gale, and the Asakhan Empire are founded within the proceeding centuries.
- The Slivermoon Guild campaign occurs in the years 507 – 510.
- The Violet Lotus campaign occurs in the years 530.
- The date of the Kori no Azuma campaign is to be determined.

**Vilterra:** The continent that serves as the setting for both the Slivermoon Guild and Violet Lotus campaigns. It encompasses the Asakhan Empire, Rosinya proper, Gale, and the Dwarven Kingdoms, along with the formerly existing Serovean and Meneketes Empires.

**Lukanos:** The all father, the supreme monkee, mr. green man. Lukanos is the ruler of the gods and the universe. Lukanos is the life source of the indomitable human spirit to fight Samu'El of all evil. Also happens to hold power of life domain.

- Named Followers: xX\_SilentBlade\_XxK (also Monkee)

**Palid:** The god of storm, god of lawfulness, and guardian of the afterlife. Palid holds power over the tempest domain. Worshippers of Palid diverge radically on how their interpretations of his belief system, however, are united by their hatred of necromancy and the undead.

- Named Followers: SaitamaS, ZarthosK

**Hestiam:** The god of familial bonds, individuality, and the hearth fire. Hestiam holds power over the light domain.

- Named Followers: ZorzhoonV

**Elon:** . The god of money, scamming, and economic exploitation. Literally the Ferengi from Star Trek. Elon holds power over the trickery domain

- Named Followers: Larry Longsv

**Shar:** The god of Darkness, loss, and necromancy.

**Aranakas:** One of the most powerful Fiend lords; known for taking advantage of people who makes pact with him.

- Named Warlock: Fenrir Norns

**Si'ma\*@m'yu&d'El/Samu'El:** The physical incarnation of the indifferent cruelty of the universe.

**Rosinha/Rosinya:** A kingdom, located on the central east coast of Vilterra, which serves as the setting for the Violet Lotus campaign. It was founded by Saint Joao Agostino in the decades proceeding the Great Dragon War. This religious origin established the prevalence of Palid worship within the politics, culture, and daily lives of Rosinya's inhabitants. The kingdom is currently ruled by the Braceo Dynasty and sports an overseas colonial empire. Rosinya has infamously become more tyrannical: dissolving the courts, restoring slavery, increasing surveillance, and persecuting worshippers of Hestiam.

- The homeland of: MiguelV, ManuelV, AndreV, CarlosV, FranciscoV, RodrigoV, AlfonsoV

**Rosinyean/Rosinhe.** Rosinyean or Rosinhe refers to members of the country's dominant human ethnic/cultural group. Although these terms can also be applied to non-human inhabitants of Rosinya.

**Asakhan Empire:** The largest contemporary empire on the continent of Vilterra. It is known for its diversity, technical/magical advancements, and strong governmental institutions. However due to the empire's



self-righteousness and militarism, it has attracted the hostility of its neighbors. Their longtime rival, Rosinya, has become more aggressive in contesting the Asakhan's control over Vilterra.

- The homeland of: Zorzhoon<sub>V</sub>, Vizmir Mar<sub>SV</sub>, Dain Battlehammer<sub>S</sub>

**Asakhan:.** A group of humans who originated in the grassland west of Vilterra, and conquered the remnant of Serova to form the Asakhan Empire. Asakhan could also refer to non-human inhabitant or citizens of the Asakhan Empire, particularly high-elves, Tieflings, half-orcs, and half-elves.

- Notable Asakhan include: Zorzhoon<sub>V</sub>, Vizmir Mar<sub>S</sub>

**The Council of One Hundred Kings:.** A loose multi-national organization, this council established laws that all Dwarven kingdoms in the Crown of the World must follow. In practice the council functions similarly to a cartel, regulating the price of precious metals; including gold, silver, tin, and copper.

- Volos Ghazant, the king of Thunderpike, is one of its most prominent members.
- Larry Longs probably had to navigate the council's jurisdictions when working as one of Ghazant's revenue/tax service agents.

**Thunderpike:.** The largest city-state in the Crown of the World, Thunderpike serves as the de facto center of dwarven civilization. It is historically significant due to the paramount leadership of its ruling dynasty, the Dulmons, during the 9th millennium. Volos Ghazant serves as the currently ruler of Thunderpike.

- The homeland of: Larry Longs<sub>V</sub>

**Gale:.** A kingdom located on the northern east coast of Vilterra. It serves as the setting for the Slivermoon Guild campaign, where the War of the Witch King Occurred.

- The homeland of: Shawn Blackcrows<sub>S</sub>, Uruk (Jerry)<sub>S</sub>

**Frontier:.** A geographic region in the northwest of Vilterra. Known for its desert ecosystem.

- The homeland of: Saitama<sub>S</sub>, Aodjkin Leisfeil<sub>V</sub>

**The Crown of the World:.** A mountain chain on the far north of Vilterra. The traditional homeland of the Dwarves, Dragonborn, and Dragons.

- The homeland of: Sum One Else<sub>S</sub>, Larry Longs<sub>V</sub>

**The Spine of the World:.** The mountain chain along the west end of Vilterra. It is known for its Dark Elf and Goliath inhabitations, although there are several Dwarven colonies scattered throughout its peaks.

**Serova/Serovean Empire.** A historical regime, which at its greatest extent ruled all of Vilterra. It had a majority High-Elf population and was ruled by an elected monarchy.

- Serovean can refer to people belonging to the Serovean high-elf ethnic/cultural group.
- Serova take its name from its capital city of Serova. This metropolis currently serves as the capital of the Asakhan Empire.

**Meneketes Empire .** A historical regime which served as rivals to the Serovean Empire though the 9th millennium. It was predominantly human and was ruled by the Dragon descent Meneketes Dynasty. The Empire was destroyed during the Great Dragon War, but its lasting impact can still be felt today. The Rosinyean and Galean cultures are descent of the Meneketes, and their language Imperial Mitosi would serve the basis of Common, Modern Rosinyean, and Galean. The Meneketes also introduced the Mitosi alphabet which became the dominant writing system in Vilterra.

**The Great Dragon War .** A historical conflict that led to the mutual destruction of both the Serovean and Meneketes empires. Its name comes from the extensive use of full grown Dragon slaves during the war. This use of dragons would result to the destruction of early major city and mass devastation to Vilterra's natural ecosystem. This war is the bloodiest conflict in the continent's history.

**Seforean: .** Refers to an inhabitant from the southern continent of Seforea. However colligatively this word is used as a catch all term to describe humans with dark brown skin.