

Introduction



Set in 13th c. YPC-8, on the continent of Vyr, a large war between the hosts of differing Cetian sects is on the horizon, as war between the anticipating nations is ongoing. In all of this commotion, a retired privateer and scoundrel alongside his adopted son roam the lands looking for any means to survive the squabbling of nobles that call for holy war.

“For the world is a mirror, and in its reflection we see the face of God, though dimly, as through smoke.” - Gentiles 2:19 (Kalliah)

Prelude

Gray days loomed over Aradoc skies and a year into the reign of heroic king Demias IV proved to shine a new shade of gray. Mortally injured by his own musketeers, the crown was placed on the head of his only son, Leovis. More than nineteen thousand spectators followed the young king to his first procession. As a sign of gratitude, the king decreed that every man, woman and child would be given wine and wafers throughout the streets of Casarille. As the King reached Esmeyur Hill, as his father did before him, rioters accosted the king’s caravan shouting cries of murderer and apostate. When his caravan was knocked over, an afraid Leovis ordered his men to disperse the crowds with violence. And thus, the young king was crowned in a shroud of blood of his own countrymen. Leovis, shaken by this event, would go on to be dictated on the affairs of state by his councillors and courtiers. Among these councillors, a certain Ander Dreyes would make himself stand out exceptionally and would effectively rule beside Leovis. Tensions would, however, culminate even further on the day of the martyred Saint Vulas. A bloody war would engulf Aradir.

References

Thirty Years' War: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirty_Years%27_War

English Civil War: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/English_Civil_War

Italian Wars: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_Wars

The Reformation: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reformation>

Schism: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East%E2%80%93West_Schism

Fronde: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Fronde

French Civ. War: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Wars_of_Religion

Peasants War: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/German_Peasants%27_War

Eighty Years' War: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eighty_Years%27_War

The main thing tying these events is religious difference within Christianity, mirroring the differences in *Cetianete* and the conflicts that arose from those. Naturally, absolutism and the centralisation of state (with tinges of class conflict) connect these, often culturally based differences and tie them and spark conflict within religion.

Media References:

A Song of Ice and Fire - the take on morality

Alatriste (film/series) - inspiration for characters

Three Musketeers - fashion/characters

Les Miserables - events of mentioned work

Enderal: Shards of the Order - fantasy tropes/elements

Kingdom Come Deliverance - i feel quite hungry

The Witcher - slavic feel and folklore

Pillars of the Earth - characters