

A Brief and Incomplete History of Hurssia

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The following text is the accepted historical record.

My annotations are necessary where accuracy has been mistaken for convenience. Ptira

On Method

This document records events that are attested, followed by interpretations where inference is unavoidable.

No history survives first contact with politics. This one did not even try. Ptira

I. The Age of Dragons

Record

In the deep past (**First to Fourth Age**), the landmass now referred to as Hurssia was ruled by dragons. This rule was territorial and political rather than divine. Dragons governed the skies, mountains and the structures of power that sustained the world.

The gold dragon **Lucknar** ruled as Emperor.

Lodus was the god of dragons: the divine expression of dragonkind's destiny, endurance, and right to rule.

Elves inhabited the forests, dwarves the mountains, goblinoids wherever resistance was weakest and smaller folk existed at the margins.

Interpretation

Other races lived beneath dragon authority although not uniformly oppressed by it.

Comment: It is often assumed that dragons must follow the god of dragons.

Metallic dragons, including Lucknar, have never been so simple. Ptira

II Third Age – The Lucius Fracture.

Record

During the Third Age of the Elves, **Lucius**, then both Lord High Wizard of Hurssia and Bishop of Tarra, God of Magic, challenged the Gods.

Tarrak and Orath (God of the earth) banished Bishop Lucius to an alternative closed plane created as his prison. Netherweald mirrors Hurssia as it existed in the third age.

At a later point, Lucius attempted to escape by opening a planar link; this failed, breached the boundary with Oblivion, and destabilised the constructed realm. The damaged world became known as the Netherweald, a distorted and liminal Hurssia in which magic behaves unpredictably, most gods have little or no access, and Mallus (God of death) is able to exert limited influence.

Lucius is believed to remain trapped in the Netherweald.

Interpretation

This event represents the earliest recorded failure of divine containment, with long-term consequences for later imprisonments and planar stability.

Comment: Subsequent ages would show a growing confidence in imprisonment as a sufficient answer.
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III. The Fracturing of Dragon Rule

Record

At an uncertain point in the **mid-Fourth Age**, **Lucknar** was imprisoned within a gem known as *The Memory of the Mountains*. Responsibility for this act remains contested.

With the Emperor removed, dragon political unity collapsed. Dragons persisted without a central authority.

Interpretation

This fragmentation weakened Lodus. Without unified dragon belief, his remaining power became ideological rather than structural.

Comment: Dragons without an emperor are still dangerous.
They are simply dangerous in different, less predictable ways. Ptira

IV. The Arrival of Humans and the Shifting of Belief

Record

The human arrival from overseas in great numbers marked the start of the **Fifth Age**. They brought with them an established pantheon and strong devotional practice. As human populations expanded, belief in their gods grew correspondingly.

As belief shifted, so did divine power.

Between the third and fourth centuries after the human arrival, Lodus was reduced from god to demigod.

Interpretation

This reduction was the result of diminished worship. With the loss of their Emperor Lucknar, and the immigration of humans, dragon dominance waned and belief fractured. Lodus' power diminished accordingly.

Comment: Gods who rely on belief should pay closer attention to population movements. Ptira

V. The Rise of Alanthia, Later Called the Green Lady

Record

Alanthia was born in the early ninth century of the **Fifth Age**. She was mortal, magically gifted, and politically astute.

In **878**, Alanthia held the post of Assistant Guildmaster of the Wizard's Guild in Nyr'Danr, under Guildmaster **Duke Morgash**. Records list that *either*: Alanthia attempted a coup of the guild, and in retaliation, Morgash ordered an assassination attempt against Alanthia¹. This failed and she fled. *Or* Alanthia attempted to assassinate Morgash. This failed and Alanthia was banished².

In **893**, Alanthia transmuted herself into a green dragon.

From this point forward she became known as **the Green Lady**.

The Green Lady established political control over Turse after The Tursen Wars (**927-947**).

She attracted followers among humans, wizards, and increasingly among dragons whose traditional structures had failed them.

Interpretation

The Green Lady rose because belief flowed toward her from multiple races simultaneously. She became a focus of power and belief, particularly from the Chromatic (including green) dragons. Although there is no date or celebration of ascension by **952** the Green Lady was demonstrably operating at demigod capacity.

Comment: This was unprecedented.

I do not say this lightly. Ptira

¹ The majority of historical texts

² Personal Communication, 1167 Guildmaster Mistranus, custodian of the remaining School of Wizardry records

VI. The Imprisonment of Lodus

Record

In **952**, the Green Lady hired **Aragorn the White** to imprison Lodus.

Lodus was lured to the site by **Gettarisk the Green**.

The ritual was assisted by **Lord Wizard Metahorn**.

Payment was made in one thousand Tursen slaves.

Lodus was successfully imprisoned.

Interpretation

This was a political and theological act. By imprisoning Lodus, the Green Lady prevented the reunification of dragon belief and preserved a human-dominated world order – with herself at the top.

Comment: Gods are rarely defeated.

They are more often managed. Ptira

VII. The Rise of Aragorn

Record

Aragorn the White, born in Ukrall in **502**, quickly rose to prominence amongst the Wizards of Kursaval.

- He studied magic in Nyr'Danr and Y'goth.
- Aragorn 'disappeared' for a few years around **530**. On his return he tried to destroy the Guild of Wizardry (based in Nyr'Danr).
- Between **540** and **580** he killed wizards on an industrial scale.
- In **625** he survived an assassination attempt made by **Kaelia Spellborn** and 5 others (hired by The Guild of Wizardry).
- He deposed King Hervan of Hervaxiath and claimed Hervaxiath as his own in **700**.
- In **723**, Aragorn destroyed the Gates of Morgaurd.
- Aragorn was hired to imprison the demigod Lodus by The Green Lady in **952**.
- In **1155** Aragorn re-imprisoned Lucknar (along with **Krentish**) after Lucknar's first release from the Memory of the Mountains

Interpretation

Aragorn's motivation, like much of his life, remains shrouded in mystery.

The Gates of Morgaurd were built to keep white dragons from ravaging Hervaxiath. By destroying the Gates, Aragorn became the sole protector of the people of Hervaxiath.

Also of note is that by imprisoning Lodus, Aragorn lost the support of **Mortavius**, a shadow dragon who had previously been a follower of his. This would soon be of great significance and eventually lead to his own downfall.

Comment: Aragorn did not rise by commanding loyalty, but by ensuring that no one else could. Ptira

VIII. The Long Wars

Record

From **1142** onward, Hurssia was consumed by war. The Green Lady instigated the Barbarian Wars and allied with human rulers, only to eventually take Ukrall, the Shire and Kursaval by **1156**.

In **1157**, Aragorn's White Legion landed on the west coast of Turse. Although the Green Lady's Order of the Dragon returned to Turse to defend it, they fell to Aragorn's forces. The Green Lady was defeated by Aragorn and was imprisoned in Ravenloft, guarded by **Edlianus**, Aragorn's son.

By **1158** Aragorn took over all the lands previously under the Green Lady's control and stabilised the mortal political system once again, with the majority human and hobbit lands under Aragorn's dominance.

In **1159**, Aragorn's White Legion sought to destroy the Guild of Wizardry. He successfully destroyed the Gray School buildings in Y'Goth, most of the School of Wizardry in Nyr'Danr and some of the Guild's records, as well as murdering the majority of the mages and wizards, including all high priests of Tarrak.

Interpretation

With the Green Lady's 'Order of the Dragons' quick rise to power across the continent, she spread herself too thinly to defend any of her territories. This left her open to Aragorn's White Legion who landed in force from Hervaxiath and quickly swept behind her. Aragorn's dominion was assured.

Aragorn's imprisonment of the Green Lady, rather than execution, may reflect an intention to usher in prolonged instability in the event of his death. Furthermore, by keeping her alive and allowing ongoing devotion, Lodus is kept weakened and therefore imprisoned in his demi-god form.

Alternatively, given Aragorn has tied a contingency (or similar) spell to release The Green Lady and Lodus upon his or his descendants' death (as a way of dissuading people from killing them), imprisoning his enemies could be read as tactical leverage.

Some speculate that Aragorn's campaign against the Guild of Wizardry revealed his true motive in the way – revenge against the Guild for the apparent murder of his early wife **Axlia**

Comment: Stability achieved through incarceration is rarely permanent.

It is, however, fashionable. Ptira

IX. Collapse and Reordering

Record

In **1160**, Mortavius arranged the release of Lucknar and Krentish.

With Lucknar's support, the White Legion was defeated and Nyr'Danr was freed. Aragorn was defeated and banished to Hervaxiath.

Hurssia rebuilt, with Ukrall, Turse and Kursaval under human rule, and the Shire under hobbit rule, with Lucknar presiding as Emperor. Lucknar also declared himself Emperor over the previously uncontested Elvish and Dwarven lands, though enforcement remained diplomatic rather than absolute.

Interpretation

Mortavius, the former follower of Aragorn, may have arranged Lucknar's release to bring about Aragorn's downfall in order to avenge Lodus.

No written record survives explaining why Aragorn was banished rather than executed. Given what is now known of the potential consequences of his bindings, this absence may be deliberate.

*Comment: Lucknar's return restored the throne.
It did not restore the world that once upheld it. Ptira*

X. The Present Condition

Record

At the time of writing:

- Lodus remains imprisoned.
- The Green Lady remains bound in Ravenloft.
- Aragorn lives in Hervaxiath.
- Belief continues to shift.

The current balance is maintained by delay rather than resolution.

Interpretation

This system cannot endure indefinitely. Imprisoned gods do not fade quietly.

*Comment: Postponement is not the same as prevention.
History demonstrates this repeatedly. Ptira*

Appendix: What I Expect Will Go Wrong

(Personal Assessment — Not for Official Citation)

- Belief will continue to drift, regardless of political preference.
- Lodus' imprisonment will weaken further if dragon allegiance reconsolidates.
- The Green Lady's influence will not vanish, merely because she is contained.
- Aragorn's eventual death will remove the final keystone of the current system.
- Any attempt to "restore the past" will fail. That world no longer exists.

If Hurssia survives what comes next, it will do so by choosing a new structure, not by reinforcing the old one.

Comment: I have lived through several endings.

They are never tidy.

Anyone promising otherwise is either ignorant or lying. Ptira