

The Book of Toran

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The History of the World

The Ascension and the Downfall (8000 BC – 0 AC)

When the Triad left its home, they found Toran. A plane manifested by itself, an ancient and hidden away world, lost and disconnect from all of the Multiverse.

A vast, diverse, wonderful and desolated world. The Triad found creatures that were cast into the void at every second. Ancient beings of light and shadow that at almost the same time they were brought into existence, they were being ripped apart in front of unbelievable complexity of its own existence.

When the Three Gods, also known as the Saviors, touched the plane, Toran was saved.

Ieyr, Ynera, and Ydus freed every created from what tormented their existence. The energies within the plane itself gave birth to a diversity never seen before, and those creatures were scattered throughout Toran. And like that the Age of the Elders started.

The Saviors helped the Elders to conquer the earth. Forests were explored, mountains were conquered and the seas were sailed. The world surrendered to the creatures that once held as hostages.

The Triad live in communion with their protected. Ydus advised the untold number of civilization and empires that reached far into Toran. Ieyr taught the balance the nature itself needed. And Ynera provoked the first spark of magic that would flood the plane.

And that was how the first millennia of the Age of the Elders were. Empires were built and destroyed. Wars were fought and peace was achieved at every moment. Amazing scientific feats were preformed at the same time as the Magic evolved. Great heroes saved millions, and great villains threatened the whole of existence.

The Saviors admired those creatures that they once saved but eventually decided to stop interfering in the mundane life. The Triad had done it's part and believed that the Elders wouldn't be truly free with the constant influence of the Three Gods.

Of course, what the Triad had done started a fast and unpredictable evolution in every civilization. The science and magic reached unimaginable levels. Toran learned about the endless complexity of the Multiverse.

That was the spark that would set the whole plane of fire.

Not the most enlightened beings, and not even the Triad itself understood the reason why Toran was disconnected from the Multiverse. Toran simply existed, amidst in all the chaos.

And then, the Grand 13 decided to find a way to bring Toran closer to the Multiverse. An amalgam of scientist, philosophers, and mages got together to cause the greatest cataclysm the Toran has ever seen.

The Tredecim Council decided to reach out for the Triad. Ieyr, Ynera and Ydus heard their studies, theories and opinions. The Three Gods shared the same doubts about Toran's origin and decided to aid their protected to reach their goal.

Never before the Gods were left without answers. The Triad proved that they were not omniscient as the Elders thought, but they also showed their humility in taking an active part in the Council's ritual.

The objective of the Ritual was simple: Place Toran in synch with the whole of the Multiverse. Those were the tensest decades in the history, but those 30 years proved that those who believed that Toran would be launched into a new era had to welcome a destruction without precedents.

The energy released when the Ritual cracked open portals to other planes was so immense that the whole plane itself started to shatter.

Ieyr, Ynera and Ydus were witnessing the destruction of all that they helped to create.

And, in the Shatter of the World, the Triad performed its final act. A sacrifice for all that they learned to love.

The gods managed to stop the Void. The price? Their own existence. The Saviors ceased to exist, and in their place the Storm came and punished Toran for millennia. But eventually, the calm after a storm came.

The Shatter of the World had destroyed more than half of all that existed. Continents shattered and ocean swallowed everything in their way. The creatures of Toran were being cast into the void. It was ironic, but Toran reverted back to the moment when the Triad touched the plane.

The Cataclysm almost exterminated the whole of Toran, and those who survived had to spend centuries living underneath the earth itself, waiting for the day that the Storm would cease.

And when the Eyes of the Storm formed itself, humanity could finally crawl out from their caves and once again rule the world.

The Dark Ages (0 - 450)

While the Storm destroyed everything in the surface, the denizens of the underground world had to create some form of society. Immense cavernous openings were home to large groups. Societies started to appear and people started to get used to that lifestyle.

They could hear the Storm roaring and raging in the world above. Those sounds were a reminder of all that was lost, and just like that, the Inquisition started to form.

Magic became the defining factor of the hierarchy of the Underground World. It wasn't everyone who had the essence of Ynera inside themselves, so the Casters ruled over man. The world became a dangerous place for those that weren't the Descendants of Ynera and something had to be done.

During the Dark Ages, the denizens started to realize that the Triad wasn't gone forever, and their essence still had some of its former power. Decades passed, and new gods started to pop into existence and help Toran in its new age.

With almost a thousand years, the Storm finally ceased, the Eye of the Storm was there, and humanity started to walk on the earth again.

The Awakening (450 - 900)

In the first centuries of the Awakening Toran went on a renewal of itself. The continent that was left divided into two and the two hemispheres were isolated for a long time.

This Era marked the formation of the current governments in Toran.

The Inquisition had an unprecedented ascension and consolidated itself at the end of this era as a worldwide institution with a movement that would shape the new world, the war against the Descendants of Ynera.

While the Inquisition grew in the Tazurian Empire, the Republic of Velanor realized that the natural magic was as alive as ever. For some reason, one of the members of the Tredecim council was still alive and performing its greatest achievement. In a resistance against the Inquisition, the Draconians began walking through the land.

Reinassanse (900 - Current days)

This era began with the Marca Convention, when the four sovereign governments were recognized by one another. The Republic of Taldoria, The Republic of Velanor, The Kingdom of Arian and the Tazurian Empire.

The Renaissance was the stage for an unbelievable technological and social evolution in Toran. The Inquisition performed amazing things for humanity, mainly in the deep studies with the Runic Crystals, huge structures washed by the Storm.

The Runic Magic overthrew the Natural Magic. The Casters were hunted down and couldn't defend themselves anymore since there could be a threat anywhere.

In the late years of the Renaissance, The Republic of Velanor witnessed the greatest technological advance of the new Toran. Guns brought a whole new variable to a complex equation. The Non-casters didn't have to fear the Sons of Ynera. The Casters wouldn't subjugate people anymore.

Currently, Toran is at the Year 1641, in the second half of the Cycle 820. Political tensions are growing each day. The aggressivity of the Tazurian Empire is a constant threat to peace.