

ATLANTEAN HISTORY

35,000 BC Poseidon brought a mortal couple to Atlantis. (*Evenor* and *Leucippe*, who birthed Cleito.) After the couple died, Poseidon came to Cleito in her sadness and fell in love with Cleito and they wed. They had five pairs of twin sons.

- Vondarien (the oldest) was made king over the others. The Atlantean word "Atlan" means "First among Equals". Gadrius was his twin.
- Ampheres and Euaemon
- Mneseus and Autochthon
- Elasippus and Mestor
- Azaes and Diaprepes

They were immortal, unaging, and could wield magic. They gathered followers as they traveled the world.

For 1,400 years Atlantis ruled the known world. The power of the gods began to wane as people began to worship the wizard kings. Vondarien couldn't broker peace. He battled the challenger Cormar, a descendent of Mneseus and Azaes, and won after several days. Cormar's army was scattered.

30,600 BC Cormar's son, Dalsith, sacrificed his soul for revenge. He was transformed through magics into Sharna-Gorak, the Destroyer.

30,598 BC Details of the war between Sharna-Gorak and Vondarien are few if any. The brothers were to petty to put aside their differences and defend Atlantis. But Sharna-Gorak managed to gather the inhuman races who hated humanity. With fire and darkness about to consume the world, the brothers at last joined and all ten brothers were consumed, taking the destroyer's physical form with them into the destruction.

The world was reshaped. Atlantis sank beneath the waves. Many died. Poseidon, perhaps angry that the people had slowly turned from worship of him, let the city sink. But knowing that he could never regain prominence he held in the past without worshippers, he transformed those who survived the calamity into sea-dwellers. A son of Vondarien, Glaucus, a philosopher, was made the new Atlan. Those who did not follow Glaucus moved out from the city and their descendants are the modern barbarian tribes.

1867 AD Oceanus became the new king upon the death of his father, Pontus. He had Atlan's gift (The ability to breath out of water for periods of time). He explored the world to understand the complexities of making his sunken land known to the world. He married Orana (a distant cousin). His advisor, Gangar, believed contact should be through conquest and betrayed Oceanus by going to his military and portraying the king as weak.

Civil War resulted. Oceanus slew Gangar and defeated the rebels. Most reintegrated into the existing society and forces, but those who didn't, fled to live among the barbarians.

1920 AD Mara was born. She too had Atlan's gift.

1924 AD Orana died.

1935 AD Dargon, Son of Gangar, led a secret cabal who monitored attempts to make contact with the surface dwellers. They used tales of the strangeness and cruelty of the surface-dwellers to drive Oceanus' army to work against a peaceful contact with the surface.

1937 AD Dargon formed an alliance for additional aid with the German army due to their sea-going technology (U-boats). Oceanus discovered the plot against him, but Dargon slew him and

declared himself king. The rest fled or went into hiding.

1938 AD

Uncle Slam pursues a U-boat into the deep and encounters Queen Mara. The two destroy the U-Boat together and an alliance is formed. Slam accompanies Queen Mara to the barbarian outlands of Atlantis and she makes contacts there and gains strength in an agreement: If restored to power the Atlanteans will make no move on the barbarians for as long as she is in power. Further, she will marry one of their great warriors, one that has only recently been forced from Atlantis, so as not to alienate her peoples. She will make Miniton her king.

They take refuge in ancient Atlantean law of trial by combat and return to the city. Queen Mara defeats their champion. A summoned beast is destroyed by Uncle Slam and King Miniton. All the while, the U-Boats are kept from the city by the barbarian forces.

With the queen restored, Slam returns to the surface world with Atlantis as an Ally. Queen Mara makes Miniton her king.

1942 AD

Atlantis secretly joins the war on the side of the Allies.

1943 AD

Uncle Slam and Paragon try to track down a secret project called Jormungandr but narrowly miss it, the U-boat traveling to the future (See 2007 AD).

Jormungandr returns with stow-aways who defeat the crew. King Miniton sees them back to the future when he understands the nature of their presence after consulting the Oracle (A withered old Atlantean man).

1945 AD

May. Victory in Europe. The allies set their sights on Japan. The German project that birthed Uncle Slam's clone flees to Japan.

August. Hiroshima bombed. The U.S. rushes to bomb Nagasaki before the Japanese surrender so that they can destroy the cloning program that made Uncle Slam's clone.

September. The Japanese Surrender. Uncle Slam learns that Nagasaki was bombed and thousands were killed to prevent him from being cloned.

October. Uncle Slam visits Atlantis as a farewell. He's told about the heroes who destroyed a submarine. He will remember their description for when the team selection for The Sentinels is made.

1946 AD

Prince Marus is born.

1960 AD

Dargon tries to use the same right of combat rules to seize power. He meets King Miniton in the arena but falls short. However, when Miniton's back is turned he defies the rules and slays Miniton with a weapon given him by the surface-dwellers.

Rather than embrace his strength, the people turn on Dargon and he flees. He spends the next couple of decades sending agents to sow dissent among the populace, to cause an uprising and a desire for war against the destructive and uncaring surface world. His movement is slowly gaining steam now that the environment is so soiled and the surface again becomes war-like.

2005 AD

The team is assembled with recommendations from Uncle Slam.

2007 AD

Jormungandr arrives in our century and collects history books and tactical information about the end of the war. They head back to 1943, but with the heroes on board.