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## Forward

The text in your hand is unique in two ways: first-that it is unabashedly honest and straightforward, and second-that it endeavors to unveil the truer histories behind one of the most divisive schisms in the history of Azeroth. Amongst elven kind there are some fifteen thousands of years of unyielding counter culture movements, violent politicking, elitism, and dogmatic perspectives concerning the histories which came before. Speaking as one such elf who has been prone to such flaws during his life, I can attest that the conflict which has divided the elven people is both complex and yet surprisingly simple, and that there are many sides to its truths.

There are Ren'dorei, Sin'dorei, Quel'dorei, Shal'dorei, Highborne, Kaldorei, and perhaps others we've yet to be made aware of, or do not yet value sufficiently enough to name. We are many, and at the same time few. Each of these people have their own perspective on history; their own culture; their own beliefs; their own dogmas. But, the existence of each of these elements is only the result of tragic events that pushed our people further and further apart, and ever closer to extinction. Notable throughout our shared history are no less than six such events of monumental import. Scholars may argue on whether or not such events were preventable, but none can deny the impact these moments have had all the same. It has become clear to me, in earnest, that the elven people of Azeroth have never been closer to annihilation, even though at the time of this edition's publication we are in what might be called peace time. War may be a distant thought at the moment, but our behaviors have changed little, and our dogmas threaten to finish what our enemies could only start. Simply put: the elves are running out of time to save ourselves from our own mistakes.

This text, in all three of its volumes, is an effort to chronicle our history for two purposes: to honor those who came before and to remember their lives, and to teach future generations of decisions and actions made which have brought us to this present moment. This text is one of elven history, both past, present, and if the elven people can be both fortunate and forgiving, will include their future as well. I cannot deny my identity, that of Thalassian origin–of ancient Highborne descent-but I can attest to my earnest and genuine desire to understand in full the history of all our people and to learn of those to whom I have been foe, friend, and family.

The historical accounts I share in these texts, gathered from countless interviews conducted over a span of many years, illuminate parts of history that previous texts have been unable to adequately portray, largely owing to the divisive nature of our kind. Elves are not known for playing well with one another, and as a result, many historical texts are largely one sided; they tell a story, but do not present all the facts. In order to truly understand and observe elven history, one must look at the whole picture, and to see how the various stories and threads intertwine and overlap.

The accounts you will read in this text begin with a brief history of our cosmic origins—as far as is known and speculated, at least—and then proceed to unravel in earnest the beginnings of the elven people. Though this text is a resource penned by one of Thalassian descent, and its initial focus and namesake has been of the Thalassian histories, it is essential to do justice to the history of all elven kind that came before.

Thus, at the beginning, this first volume delves into the earliest days of the Kaldorei and their ancestors, and concludes with the opening of the Dark Portal, a moment which marked a significant turn in history.

The second volume follows the history of the elven people during the Great Wars, the fall of Quel'Thalas to the Scourge, and then concludes with the rebirth of the Sunwell.

The third and final volume examines the more divisive, recent history of ceaseless conflict between those of elven blood, beginning with the war against the Lich King, the resumption of hostilities between the Horde and Alliance, and the many bloody battles which have followed since.

Many are named, many more are yet to be spoken of, but every last elven soul is equally worthy of having their story told, regardless of their misdeeds or infamy. In order to find a path forward we must learn from the past, and that requires us to be critical of our own decisions, and of those that we put on pedestals.

Read, learn, and go forth with the knowledge, wisdom, and clarity of understanding that, if heeded by our forebears, might have saved untold lives from the many plights that have been faced.



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To grasp the full depth of elven history and its impact upon Azeroth, it is essential for those seeking knowledge to first understand the origins of the world, the cosmos, and how elvenkind came to be in the first place. That history begins with accounts gathered from outside the Thalassian archives, drawn from the records of the Titan-Forged Keepers themselves.

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# <u>Amongst the Cosmos</u> (-25,000 - -10,000)

## - The Shaping of the Universe -

- Records recovered from ancient vaults across Azeroth posit claims that at this time massive celestial beings, known as the Titans, begin to awaken and emerge into the universe in its formative stages. The souls of great and powerful worlds, they wander the universe seeking out a purpose. Eventually, these Titans who awaken, including **Aggramar**, **Aman'thul**, **Eonar**, **Golganneth**, **Khaz'goroth**, **Norgannon**, and **Sargeras**, forge a cohort known as the Pantheon. The Titans elevate themselves to the task of shaping the universe.
  - Records and accounts captured in recent years-allegedly from beyond the veil within the Shadowlands-suggest the existence of even more ancient beings, known as the First Ones, who initially shaped the cosmos and its beings, including the Titans of the Pantheon, the Eternal Ones-who are alleged to rule over the Shadowlands-and the six governing forces of existence: Light, Void, Disorder, Order, Death, and Life.
  - These accounts, it should be noted, are impossible to verify, and are the subject of mere hearsay.
- The Pantheon begins to seek out unborn Titans and works to nurture them until they wake. This consists of shaping the planets that protect world souls, forging mountains and oceans, forests and plains, and fostering the growth of living essence and establishing Order. They also create countless races to watch over these sleeping Titans, building vast facilities within the cores of these worlds in order to monitor the health of their future siblings.
- The nascent world upon which elven life would later thrive is formed amongst the many other worlds in the universe.
  - A World-Soul, named **Azeroth**, dwells within the core of the world, not yet born. It is from this would-be Titan that the world takes its name.

- At the same time, aspects of the Light and the Void make their way deeper into the universe, coming in the form of both the Naaru and the Old Gods, two diametrically opposed elements. Both forces are cast deep into the universe and settle upon worlds, spreading their influence both passively, and aggressively.
- As the Pantheon continues to wander the cosmos while searching for new life, one of their most powerful champions, **Sargeras**, comes across the first of the demons–chaotic entities that seek only destruction.
  - Sargeras sets himself to hunting down and destroying the demons.
- Among these demons are a race of vampiric beings known as the Nathrezim, cunning and malicious beings who possess the ability to skin-walk, mind control, and reanimate the dead, among other powers.
  - It is alleged by some scholars and explorers who claim to have ventured beyond the veil and into the Shadowlands, that these demons came into the universe at large at the direction of their master, a being known as the **Zovaal**-one of several mythic figures supposedly in control of the realms of death.
  - These Nathrezim utilize their many talents to sow chaos throughout the cosmos.
- As **Sargeras** pursues his endeavor to erase demonkind from the cosmos, he begins to imprison them all within a world called Mardum.
  - During his ongoing crusade, however, he becomes distraught, unable to comprehend the existence of such evil and chaotic beings in a universe he has been led to believe is good and whole and deserving of the Titan's ordering.
  - Affected so deeply by this chaos, **Sargeras** begins to question the order of things.
- **Sargeras'** views are entirely changed for the worse when he comes across a world consumed by the void, a writhing nest and throne to the insidious old gods. Realizing that the Titans were not the only beings in the universe seeking out world souls, it is claimed that **Sargeras** obliterated the tainted world, preventing the void from claiming the world soul within, while also denying that soul its birth.
  - **Sargeras** returns to the Pantheon to reveal what he's found, only to be met with admonition from his peers. The Titans are furious that **Sargeras** would destroy another world soul, something which drives Sargeras to confused anger.
  - Unable to convince the Pantheon that the only way to save the universe is to erase all life, **Sargeras** departs and sets about scourging the universe on his own.



Sargeras destroys a corrupted world soul.

### – The Black Empire –

- On the young world of Azeroth, primordial elementals wage endless war against one another; the surface is consumed by chaos.
  - Of the powerful elements are four supreme entities which vie for dominance across Azeroth: **Ragnaros the Firelord**, who held dominion over fire; **Neptulon the Tidehunter**, who held dominion over water; **Al'Akir the Windlord**, who held dominion over air; and **Therazone the Stonemother**, who held dominion over earth.
  - Several entities of the void, known by mortals and immortals alike as the Old Gods, crash into Azeroth and embed themselves deep within the world. Their tentacles snake into the chasms and crevices of the world like roots, and the horrific influence of the void spreads across Azeroth through them.
  - The n'raqi and aqir rise as servants of the ever hungering void.
- The elemental lords battle against the forces of the four Old Gods on Azeroth–C'thun,
   N'zoth, Yogg-Saron, and Y'Shaarj–but eventually fall before the might of the void.
  - The four primal elemental lords become servants of the Old Gods.

• The Old Gods expand the reach of their Black Empire as they strive to corrupt **Azeroth** and transform it into a corrupted, void tainted world soul whose power would be the supreme force within the universe.

- It is unknown just how many servants of the void reside amongst the cosmos, but it is certainly no small number.
- The Pantheon discovers Azeroth and learns of the Old Gods infesting the world.
  - Attempting to destroy the infestation, the Pantheon creates mighty defenders of earth called Titan-Forged Watchers who wage war in the Pantheon's name.
  - Notable and known Watchers include: Aman, Ammunae, Anraphet, Archaedas, Aum-ka, Auriaya, Creteus, Eyir, Freya, Helya, Hodir, Isiset, Jotun, Loken, Mimiron, Nablya, Odyn, Ra, Rajh, Rehu, Saba-tok, Setesh, Thorim, Yotnar, the Maidens of Grief, Vitality, Virtue, Valor, Vigilance, and the Etymidian.
- Of the Titan-Forged, several of the most promising are selected to receive boons from the Titans and be elevated to the position of Keeper.
  - Archaedas, Freya, Hodir, Loken, Mimiron, Odyn, Ra, Thorim, and Tyr are blessed with the power of the Titans, and go on to lead the Titan-Forged in an all out crusade against the Old Gods on Azeroth.
  - Many other creations of the Titans are forged, including the Mogu, Tol'vir, and Earthen.
- The primary task given to the Titan-Forged is to defeat and banish the elemental lords.
  - A brutal war is waged across Azeroth as the Titan-Forged battle against the forces of the enslaved elemental lords and the servants of the Old Gods.





Creatures of the N'naqi (pictured left), and Aqir (pictured right).

- One by one, the elemental lords are defeated. In order to imprison the defeated elemental lords, Highkeeper Ra and the titan-forged sorceress Helya create a pocket dimension known as the elemental plane, where the elemental lords are banished to.
  - Ragnaros the Firelord is banished to the Firelands; Neptulon the Tidehunter is banished to the Abyssal Maw; Therazane the Stonemother to cavernous Deepholm; and Al'Akir the Windlord is banished to Skywall, in which the Throne of the Four Winds is built.

- The Titan-Forged continue their way against the armies of the Black Empire after the defeat of the elemental lords.
- Defeating both the enslaved elemental lords and the armies of the Black Empire itself, the Titan-Forged armies converged on the massive body of **Y'Shaarj**, the greatest of the Old Gods on Azeroth. Its power proves to be too great, however, and the Pantheon grows concerned that their creations will succumb to the Old God's power.
  - Resolving to act directly, Aman'Thul reaches down and rips Y'Shaarj from the earth. Despite killing the Old God, Azeroth is severely wounded.
  - Realizing that the other Old Gods could not be killed in such a manner without endangering the slumbering world soul of Azeroth, the Titans are forced to lock the Old Gods away after their defeat.
- The war between the Titan-Forged and the Old Gods rages across Azeroth, with each of the known Old Gods being defeated and imprisoned by the Titan-Forged Keepers one by one.
  - Of the three surviving Old Gods, **C'thun** is imprisoned within the southern desert vault known as Ahn'Qiraj, **Yogg-Saron** is imprisoned within the northern mountain vault known as Ulduar, and **N'zoth** is imprisoned within an eastern titan vault.
  - The bleeding wound in Azeroth's surface is contained by the Titans and shaped into what is later called the Well of Eternity, a vast pool of the world soul's life blood. This fount of power greatly helps to spread the growth of life in the wake of the war.
  - Peace, at long last, comes to Azeroth.
- The Keepers Archaedas, Mimiron, and Highkeeper Ra build the Forge of Wills and the Forge of Origination to help stabilize Azeroth's life force, and produce new Titan-Forged creations to look after Azeroth.
- The **Titan-Forged Keeper Odyn** is appointed Prime Designate of Azeroth, and tasked with overseeing the development and ordering of the world in the absence of the Titans.
  - Under the **Prime Designate Odyn**, the facility of Ulduar is expanded into a vast stronghold and becomes the seat of power for the Titan-Forged.

### Year -25,000

## – Reign of Galakrond –

- In the peace that reigns on Azeroth following the defeat of the Black Empire, many species begin to evolve and grow. Among them are the proto-dragons, a primitive form of dragon that hunts across the world in order to survive.
  - They are largely divided amongst five or six packs, or broods, of varying color.
  - **Galakrond**, considered to be the progenitor of dragonkind in its entirety, begins to suffer under the influence of **Yogg-Saron**, who is able to spread his influence throughout Azeroth despite the protections placed upon his prison.
  - **Galakrond** begins to mutate under the influence of the void, and starts to hunt within the territories of other dragon packs, leading to food scarcity.
  - **Galakrond's** hunger grows beyond containment, and he begins to devour other proto-dragons, an egregious violation of what many view to be the natural order. Those devoured by **Galakrond** are raised again as undead.
- **Galakrond's** sudden hostility stirs deep resentment and fear amongst the proto-dragons, who resolve to attack **Galakrond** with the aid of the **Titan-Forged Keeper Tyr**.
- The proto-dragons engage **Galakrond** in the battle, during which **Tyr's** arm is bitten off by the massive dragon. The other proto-drakes flee.
  - The proto-dragons are forced to adapt and hide rather than openly confront **Galakrond** who, in growing further unstable, begins to devour even his own undead proto-drakes.
- Preparing while in hiding, the proto-dragons later strike again at **Galakrond** and choke him to death by lodging a boulder in the dragon's throat.
- In recognition of the proto-dragon's bravery and willingness to unite, the Titan-Keepers empower five proto-dragons who led the efforts against **Galakrond**, including:
  - Alexstrasza the Lifebinder, who was gifted the powers of Eonar by Keeper Freya; Nozdormu the Timeless One, who was gifted the powers of Aman'Thul by Highkeeper Ra; Malygos the Spellweaver, who was gifted the powers of Norgannon by Keeper Loken; Neltharion the Earthwarder, who was gifted the power of Khaz'goroth by Keeper Archaedas; and Ysera the Dreamer, who was also gifted the power of Eonar by Keeper Freya.

• These proto-dragons are transformed into the Dragon Aspects, and rapidly evolve. This marks the decline of the proto-dragons, and the rise to power and dominance of the dragons. • Despite being reduced in status and influence, the proto-dragons do not entirely become extinct, and persist in many locations across Azeroth.

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- As a unified order, the dragons establish a kingdom of their own on a string of northern isles.
- Not all of the Titan-Keepers are in accord with the decision to empower the dragon aspects; the decision is opposed by **Prime Designate Keeper Odyn**, who, in protest, elevates part of his stronghold, Ulduar, away from the mortal plane and isolates himself in his new seat of power the Halls of Valor.
  - In his absence, Keeper Loken assumes the mantle of Prime Designate.

## - Betrayal of Sargeras -

- It is claimed in records and accounts captured from both the Legion, and Titan facilities that at this time, elsewhere in the universe, **Sargeras** dedicates himself to unmaking the universe.
  - **Sargeras** sets free all the demons he had imprisoned in Mardum, binding them to his will, and he forges an unstoppable army called the Burning Legion.
  - In the process of breaking the prison he built, the sudden release of chaotic Fel energies breaks his skin, and fire emerges from his body. He becomes evil incarnate, hell bent on eradicating life in the universe.
- **Sargeras'** former lieutenant, **Aggramar**, learns of the noble Titan's fall, and confronts himonly to be wounded in battle.
  - Aggramar retreats and gathers the Pantheon, who confront Sargeras together.
  - Refusing to relent, Sargeras strikes down the Titans of the Pantheon.
- It has since been learned that the souls of some of these Titans are then cast out into the universe, drifting aimlessly, while others are imprisoned by the Legion.
  - It is unclear what the mechanisms enabled the escape of these souls, but it is known that they endured beyond the point of their supposed death. Whether Titans are capable of ever truly dying is a point of major contention amongst scholars, though given the limited direct exposure to such individuals, it is not possible to ascertain the truth of the matter.
  - During the alleged incursion into the Shadowlands, following the Banshee Queen's sundering of the veil between life and death, there are claims of the Titan's influence being present within that realm in one fashion or another, though this cannot be verified.
- While it is not something easily confirmed, reports gathered by archaeologists and historians well schooled on the history of the Titans suggests that some fragments of the souls of these Titans were drawn to the Keepers on Azeroth, but none were able to make sense of the occurrence at the time.
  - What the ultimate effect or impact of such an occurrence was is not known, nor relevant to the specifics of this chronicle.

## - Rise of the Eredar –

- The Eredar of Argus rise to power, becoming some of the most powerful sorcerers alive.
  - The prophet **Velen** and the sorcerers **Archimonde** and **Kil'jaeden** serve as the leading triumvirate, and guide their people into an age of prosperous utopia.

- Sargeras, the Mad Titan, corrupts both Archimonde and Kil'jaeden with promises of power, and lures them into a pact which begins the downfall of the Eredar, ensuring their servitude to the Legion.
- **Prophet Velen** refuses this pact and gathers many of the Eredar, later called Draenei, Exiled Ones in the Draenei tongue, and seeks a way to escape.
- The Naaru arrive aboard the dimensional fortress called Genedar, and aid **Prophet Velen** and his Draenei in escaping Argus.
  - The Naaru aid the Draenei in making their escape, staging a hasty and desperate evacuation of the planet. Given the hurried and desperate nature, only a fraction of Argus' population is able to board the Genedar.
  - The Naaru L'ura remains on Argus in order to waylay the forces of Archimonde and Kil'jaeden, and is later captured. The Naaru is imprisoned within the Seat of the Triumvirate, and falls into a void state during its long captivity.
- The escape of the Draenei leaves Argus and the remaining Eredar completely in the hands of the Legion.
  - **Kil'jaeden** swears revenge on **Prophet Velen** and his people for what he deems to be their betrayal.
- The Draenei aboard the Genedar split their forces, with the strongest warriors and sorcerers boarding another vessel, the Xenedar, with the Naaru **Xe'ra**. This company of holy warriors become known as the Army of the Light, and they journey outwards into the universe to battle the Burning Legion.
  - The remaining Draenei stay aboard the Genedar with the Naaru **K'ure**, **K'ara**, and **D'ore**, and travel across the universe in search of refuge, all the while being hunted by the Burning Legion.
- The Burning Legion cements its grasp on the world of Argus, and the Eredar living upon it. All those who did not leave the world with **Prophet Velen** are drawn into the service of the Legion, willing or not.
  - Small pockets of resistance do form and prepare for a long war for survival against the Legion's brutality.
- Sargeras' arrival at Argus heralds a new age for the world.

• Fissures rupture through the surface of the world, and in an effort to reach the world soul within the planet, **Sargeras** and his demons claw their way to the world's core and heart.

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- Argus becomes the first known unborn World Soul captured and claimed by the Legion.
- The shattered world of Argus becomes the formal seat of power of the Burning Legion, and demons from all across the cosmos flock to it and establish an expansive array of fortifications.
  - The demons construct Antorus, the Burning Throne, the actual seat of command for the Burning Legion, located in the Antoran Wastes of Argus.
  - Far beneath the surface, the demons construct a heavily fortified temple around the planet's core, the World Soul named **Argus**.
  - **Argus** is tortured and twisted while in the possession of the Legion, and transformed into a figure of endless, searing pain and agony.

## Year -16,000

## - Dominance of the Troll Empire -

- The primitive trolls rapidly evolve and expand their influence across Azeroth's main continent, Kalimdor, and establish numerous holdings of great power.
  - Among the troll tribes that flourish are the Amani of Zul'Aman, in the northeast; the Gurubashi of Zul'Gurub, in the southeast; the Drakkari of Zul'Drak in the north; the Farraki of Zul'Farrak in the southwest; and the Zandalari of Zuldazar located in central Kalimdor.
- Trolls rise to prominence on Azeroth, though they remain a divided species.
  - The Zandalari, of all the empires, retain the most control and influence, something which they apply vigorously throughout history to affect regime change, and even to launch entire invasions of other kingdoms.
  - Most of these troll empires are ruled by chieftains, kings, or some combination.
- The remnants of the aqir, servants of the Old Gods and their Black Empire, launch a sudden resurgence and sweep across the continent.
  - The trolls are unified under the Zandalari tribe and forged into a single, mighty empire which battles back the aqir and secures dominance over Kalimdor in the process.
  - The aqir retreat to their respective regions, forming hives and dens, including Manti-vess in the south, Azjol-Nerub in the north, and Ahn'Qiraj in the south west.

### Year -15,000

### – The Curse of Flesh –

- Vrykul and other Titan creations, such as the Mogu and the Tol'vir, are affected by the Curse of Flesh, which causes their descendants to lose their stone forms and become flesh-like.
  - The Mogu forge an empire under a single ruler and begin to break from their historic duties appointed by the Titan-Forged Keepers. The death of their emperor, however, results in the Mogu fighting endless wars amongst themselves to secure a leader amongst their people.

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- Lei Shen, the Thunder King, reigns victorious and establishes the Mogu Empire, which spreads across the region known as the Vale of Eternal Blossoms.
- The Pandaren, Jin'yu, Hozen, and many other races located in the south of Kalimdor are enslaved by the Mogu.
- The Zandalari Empire and the Mogu Empire, though rivals of one another, secure peaceful relations in the short term.

### – The Origins of the Kaldorei –

Here begins the evolutionary origins of elven kind, and the proper history of them and their collective ancestors and descendents.

- Though it is disputed by some on the basis of heresy-rather than reasoning or logic, artifacts and records indicate that at this time, around fifteen thousand years before the opening of the Dark Portal, dark trolls living on the edge of the Well of Eternity begin the slow transformation process, spurred on by the powerful latent magics of the fount of power.
  - Over the following three thousand years, these dark trolls evolve into a dark skinned race of tall, long eared, and highly intelligent beings known as the Kaldorei, a name meaning "Children of the Stars" in the elven tongue.
- The Kaldorei begin to worship the goddess **Elune**, a deity they believe is closely tied to the moon, but who is thought to sleep within the Well of Eternity.
  - Faith tied to the goddess becomes more widespread, in contrast to the dominant practice of naturalism under the guidance of the Wild Gods.
- Khal Snowywolf is born during this period, one of the early Kaldorei to fully evolve.
  - The son of dark trolls living along the edges of the Well of Eternity.
  - Ysrena Moonscale is born during this period, one of the early Kaldorei to fully evolve.
    - The daughter of trolls living along the edges of the Well of Eternity.

- Khal Snowywolf and Ysrena Moonscale meet and become partnered.
- Atalas Skyshroud is born during this period, one of the early Kaldorei to fully evo
- A caste of elves rise within the Kaldorei civilization with an affinity for magic.
  - They guide and shape Kaldorei culture, and around the edges of the Well of Eternity build a vibrant metropolis known as Elun'dris. It becomes the heart of Kaldorei civilization.

- It should be noted that this city, Elun'dris, is named in honor of the goddess Elune, whom the Kaldorei believe to be sleeping within the Well of Eternity itself. This further expands the influence of the Kaldorei's faith in the goddess.
- Ithil Snowywolf is born in the city of Elun'dris, along the shores of the Well of Eternity; she is the third child of Khal and Ysrena Snowywolf.
- A sisterhood of priestesses devoted to **Elune** cements itself as the dominant house of faith across the Kaldorei civilization.
  - Devoting themselves to the worship of **Elune**, this group adopts the name the Sisterhood of Elune, and their priestesses oversee the construction of grand temples all across Kalimdor.
- A cohort of proto-druids, predating the teachings of **Cenarius** and **Malfurion Stormrage**, collaborate with the early arcanists of the Kaldorei to experiment in finding a balance between the natural cycle and the powerful arcane magics accessed through the Well of Eternity.
  - This experimentation leads to the creation of the Arcan'dor, a tree that feeds on ley lines and requires neither light nor water to grow.
  - Many seeds of the Arcan'dor are gathered and placed into sanctums across Kaldorei civilization.
  - While these seeds, and later the trees that sprout from them prove to be a sufficient source of power, drawn from the balance of nature and the arcane, they are not something many Kaldorei have direct exposure or knowledge to, and certainly in the wake of the Sundering, knowledge of them is mostly lost or forgotten.
- Ithil Snowywolf learns of the Wild Gods, the Loa, and Elune through the teachings of her parents and grandparents, fostering a sense of fascination and wonder tied to storytelling.
  - Over time, however, the growing divide between the Kaldorei and their dark troll ancestors begins to drive the family's generations apart.
  - Ithil Snowywolf endeavors to preserve the ancestry of her family despite the tension, and dedicates her life to learning and studying history.
  - When she comes of age she ventures out into the wilds of Kalimdor to collect stories, explore, and travel.

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### – The Fall of Lei Shen –

- The **Thunder King's** Mogu Empire attempts to invade Uldum in the south of Kalimdor, but **Lei Shen** is slain by its Titan-Forged guardians, the Tol'vir. The region is made desolate and barren as the guardians activate the Forge of Origination in an effort to defend the technology within their halls.
  - The Mogu Empire continues on under several other emperors, but infighting cripples any hopes of expansion or resurgence.

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- The Pandaren, slaves of the Mogu Empire, revolt against their oppressors and wage a brutal war for independence.
  - They succeed, and establish an order of monks whose teachings form the foundations for a new Pandaren Empire.

## Year -11,900

### – The Zandalari Wars –

- The Zandalari, who allied with the constantly shifting Mogu Empire over the centuries, attempt to take over parts of southern Kalimdor which, under their pact with **Lei Shen**, were promised to them in return for prior services and aid.
  - The Pandaren monks and the Order of the Cloud Serpent work to drive back the invaders. The Zandalari's efforts fail.
- With diminished power, the Zandalari's grasp on their empire wanes, and troll civilization splinters into smaller factions.
  - The two most notable factions are the Gurubashi Empire (which includes the Bloodscalp, Darkspear, Razorbranch, Shatterspear, and Skullsplitter tribes) in the south of Kalimdor, the Amani (which includes the Firetree, Mossflayer, Revantusk, Smolderthorn, Vilebranch, and Witherbark tribes) in the north east, the Drakkari Empire (which includes the Frostmane and Winterax tribes) in the north, the Farraki Empire in the southwest, and the Zandalari Empire in central Kalimdor.
- Kaldorei civilization continues to expand across Kalimdor, threatening the borders of troll civilization.
  - The Kaldorei draw upon the power of **Elune** to elevate several of their most fearsome soldiers, transforming them into Night Warriors who fight to expand the domain of the Kaldorei.

• Conflicts between the Kaldorei and the Zandalari Empire become more frequent, and a bitter feud between the two races develops. The lack of any central authority within troll civilization, however, leaves little real opposition for the Kaldorei to overcome.

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• The Kaldorei draw upon the Well of Eternity as a source of power and begin to expand their primitive knowledge of magical power and spellcasting.

## Year -11,000

## - Birth of the Kaldorei Empire -

- As the Kaldorei learn to master arcane magic, the sorceress **Azshara** attains fame and power above all other elves and is elevated to the status of Queen.
  - She becomes the most beloved and revered figure in all of elven society, second only to the goddess **Elune**, and is seen as the bright and glorious jewel of the Kaldorei Empire.
  - Her rule brings a broad and rapid expansion of the Kaldorei Empire, which sweeps out across Kalimdor in all directions.
  - The city of Elun'dris, built up around the Well of Eternity, is renamed to Zin-Azshari in honor of **Queen Azshara**, and it becomes the formal capital of the Kaldorei Empire.
- Kaldorei sorcerers, having begun to master the arcane while living around the Well of Eternity, gather into a higher, more noble caste within the Empire.
  - Drawn into close orbit around **Queen Azshara**, these sorcerers become known as the Highborne, and help to shape the Empire and expand its borders with use of the arcane.
- Many great cities are founded and flourish under the guiding hand of **Queen Azshara** and her noble Highborne. Some of the notable cities founded or expanded include:
  - The northern cities of Eldra'nath, Hajiri, Kalanaar, Moonrest Gardens, Shandaral, a presently unknown settlement destroyed during the Sundering-known now as the *Riplash Ruins*, and others.
  - The western cities of Arkkoran, Eldarath, Ethel Rethor, Lathar'Lazal-*now known as the Blackfathom Depths*, Loreth'Aran, Nordressa, Tethris Aran, a presently unknown settlement built around the Lake Mennar Academy, and others.
  - The central cities of Andu'talah, Arauk-Nashal, Elor'shan, Elune'eth, Falanaar, Faronaar, Kal'delar, Lian'tril, Lorlathil, Meredil, Nar'Thalas, Shala'nir, Suramar, the burial town of Tel'anor, Teloth'aran, Zarkhenar, Zin-Azshari, and others.
  - The eastern city of Vashj'ir, and others.

- Many houses of noble lineage begin to form during **Queen Azshara's** thousand year reign, establishing highly coveted bloodlines that carry down through the ages.
  - Among the many noble bloodlines of the empire are: House Amberwind, House Astravar, House Dawnrunner, House Duskmere, House Farondis, House Feathersong, House Lunastre, House Moonblade, House Mooncrest, House Moonlance, House Moonshadow, House Narassin, House Ravencrest, House Ravenoak, House Silverleaf, House Skyshroud, House Starbreeze, House Starseeker, House Starsinger, House Stellaris, House Stormrage, House Sunstrider, House Vashj, House Whisperwind, House Whitespire, and others.

- Atalas Skyshroud establishes her lineage as a powerful house within **Queen Azshara's** Kaldorei Empire.
  - After marrying, she begins to conceive children who would all, in one branch or another, carry on and expand the legacy and influence of the Skyshroud lineage.
- Terimas Skyshroud is born in Zin-Azshari.
  - The first born daughter of Atalas Skyshroud, she has a natural affinity for the arcane and, from a young age, begins to expand her powers and skills as a sorceress.
- Nar'shala Skyshroud is born in Zin-Azshari
  - The second born daughter of Atalas Skyshroud, she is blessed with an affinity for divination and is taken in by the Sisterhood of Elune as an oracle. Though she is not an official sister of the order, she is closely looked after by the priestesses.
- Faeron Nightfury is born in Kalanaar, in the northwest of the Kaldorei Empire.
  - The son of **Lord Adanion** and **Lady Solivyra Nightfury**, he is the eldest child of the family.
- Feyawen Nightfury is born in Kalanaar, in the northwest of the Kaldorei Empire
  - The daughter of Lord Adanion Nightfury and Lady Solivyra Darkthorn of Solarsal, she is the younger sister of Faeron Nightfury.
- Ithil Snowywolf continues her travels across Kalimdor, visiting many cities, temples, and groves, including the cities of Kajiri and Suramar, and even locales far beyond the borders of the Kaldorei Empire.
- Aradas Skyshroud resettles her family in the flourishing city of Suramar, and has several more children.
- Cyllabor Skyshroud is born in Suramar City
  - The third born daughter of Acalas Skyshroud, she follows in the footsteps of her mother and older sister and displays a great affinity for the arcane from a young age. She is taken to study under the many Highborne sorcerers of the Kaldorei empire.

Dath'solan Skyshroud is born in Suramar City

The first son and fourth child of <u>Araba</u> Skyshroud, he, like many before him, demonstrates a powerful affinity for the arcane. Shrewd, calculating, and devoted to the idea of family legacy and unity within blood, he is seen to be the more extreme of the Skyshroud family members.

- Reyana Skyshroud is born in Suramar City
  - The fourth born daughter and fifth child of **Atalas Skyshroud**, she is considered to be an oddity given her limited affinity for the arcane.
  - She becomes enamored with her older sister, Nar'shala Skyshroud, who had been taken by the Sisterhood of Elune years prior to live as an oracle in their temple at Zin-Azshari.
- The Kaldorei Ravencrest bloodline settles in the region of Val'sharah and begins to carve out a stronghold, which later becomes known as the Black Rook Hold.
  - Over the next several millennia, the Ravencrest descendants carve more and more of the stronghold from the mountain upon which it sits, ever expanding the fortification.
- Kelsunas Skyshroud is born in Suramar City.
  - The second son and sixth and final child of Atalas Skyshrouid, he displays an affinity for the arcane at a young age, like many of his siblings, but is largely considered to be the softest and most empathetic and compassionate of the family. This personality trait puts him often at odds with his older brother, Dathesolan Skyshroud.
- Queen Azshara's Highborne sorcerers begin to establish and expand numerous vaults, sanctums, and archives across Kalimdor in which to store powerful artifacts and knowledge.
  - One such vault is the Shen'azura Sanctum in northwestern Kalimdor, where the Highborne store a wealth of spell scrolls and enchantments.
  - Eldre'Thalas becomes another secluded bastion of knowledge amongst the Highborne, within which a sect known as the Shen'dralar come to gather. These sorcerers, members of Queen Azshara's Highborne caste, begin to hoard both knowledge and powerful artifacts within the vast, magical city nestled deep within the woodlands of south western Kalimdor. There, Prince Tortheldrin comes to rule.
- Reyana Skyshroud joins the Sisterhood of Elune as a priestess; she settles near Suramar at the Temple of Elune.
- Durb'solar, Terimas, Kelsunas, and Cyllabor Skyshroud follow in their mother's footsteps and become powerful mages and sorcerers amongst the Highborne.
- Dath'solan Skyshroud leaves Suramar City and journeys west to the city of Eldarath where he establishes a reputation as a powerful sorcerer with tremendous influence, in part due to his family's influence in Suramar and Zin-Azshari.
- The Zandalari trolls sue for peace and reach an agreement with **Queen Azshara** in exchange for being able to retain full control of the Zandalari Mountains–a place they hold as sacred.

- This pact fosters a deep resentment of the Kaldorei and their descendents by the trolls.
- The fragmented troll populations, split between multiple empires, remain divided and continue to spread apart with the further weakening of the Zandalari empire.

- Cyliabor Skyshroud settles in Falanaar, near Suramar City, and pursues intense, cutting edge magical research.
- Kelsunas and Terimas Skyshroud settle in Suramar together and work to expand both their magical prowess, and their family's influence throughout the elven empire.

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- Dath solan Skyshroud establishes his own branch of the Skyshroud lineage when his wife gives birth to triplets in the western reaches of the Kaldorei Empire.
- Mor'drathan Skyshroud is born in Eldarath City.
  - The first born child of Dath'solan Skyshroud, he is the noble mage's first son.
  - Held to tremendously high expectations, Mordiathan establishes an unfriendly relationship with his father given the often impossible expectations placed upon him.
  - Nonetheless, Mordrahm becomes an accomplished magus in his own right, achieving renown as master of the arcane with a specialty in abjuration.

#### Elbathan Skyshroud is born in Eldarath City

- The second born son of **Datheolan Skyshould**, he excels at magic from a young age and easily secures the praise and celebration of his father.
- Seen as the star child of the family, he is quick to charm in the higher circles of nobility within Eldarath City

#### Gladathan Skyshroud is born in Eldarath City

- The third born child and first daughter of DathSolan Skyshroud, she settles comfortably in the shadow of her older brothers who take both the ire and praise of her father, leaving her to pursue her own whims and face few consequences.
- She becomes a skilled enchantress and arcanist, specializing in the more abstract schools of magic including runemancy, enchantment, and abjuration.
- Both of her older brothers become fiercely protective of her, a quality not shared by her father who often seems far too preoccupied with his sons to worry about her.
- During the first century of her life, **Glachehan Skyshroud** makes many notable contributions to the ever expanding fields of magical research, and develops strong, positive relationships with many factions of magi and scholars across the empire.

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- Sidhanei is born in Kalanaar, in the northern reaches of ancient Kalimdor.
  - She is adopted into the Nightfury family at a young age and takes on their name for herself in the process.

- The adoptive daughter of Lord Adanion and Lady Solivyra Nightfury, she also becomes the adoptive sister to Feyawen and Enora Nightfury.
- Some years later, Lord Adanion and Lady Nightfury conceive two more children, a son, Faeron, and a daughter, Anwen.
- During her early years living on the frontier of the Kaldorei Empire, Sidhanei Nightfury patrols and hunts amongst the wilds in addition to learning and studying the arcane. Additionally, she supports her older sister **Feyawen** as second in command of Kalanaar's rangers.
  - Over time she develops a private venture selling dragon scales to pay for scrolls, tomes, and other items of magical intrigue. Through her business during these years she begins to develop an association with the dragons.
- Without an external enemy to distract the Kaldorei, **Queen Azshara's** Highborne turn their focus towards plumbing the depths of the Well of Eternity for more power and knowledge, something which begins to lead them down a dark path.
- The Highborne noble and renowned sorcerer **Dath'Remar Sunstrider** dreams of a furious arcane blade that burns like the sun.
  - He shares the story of this dream with the famed arcane smith Luminarian.
- Sidhanei Nightfury applies for enrollment at the Nar'thalas Academy, just west of Suramar City.
  - Her application is declined due to her lack of Highborne heritage, and lack of substantial magical power.
  - Seeking a way to attain power enough to satisfy the standards for enrollment, she seeks
    out one of the troll loa and strikes a bargain for greater power: in exchange for runes to
    be grafted onto her bones, Sidhanei would enable a group of trolls to escape their
    enslavement by the Kaldorei. The deal weakens the defenses of Kalaanar, a settlement
    on the Empire's northern frontier.
- After applying once more, Sidhanei Nightfury is accepted into the Nar'thalas Academy, just west of Suramar City.
  - There, she begins to develop theories on the foundations of spellbreaking, matrices, and interlocking magics. She also develops a mastery of abjuration, among other schools of magic.

- During her time at Nar'thalas she also first encounters the mage **Naelir** and his sister, whom she becomes close with. The friends become a formidable trio.
- The rapid expansion and growing power of the Kaldorei Empire threatens both the Amani and Gurubashi Empires, who continue to suffer the loss of their territory to the elves.
  - The slow bleeding of territory results in the ruin of both the Amani and Gurubashi Empires.

#### Rayne Sunstriker is born.

- The daughter of noble Highborne living in Zin-Azshari, she begins studying the arcane arts at a young age and pursues special studies in metallurgy and smithing.
- Caestas Starseer is born.
  - The son of a powerful family of Highborne sorcerers in the elven capital of Zin-Azshari, he is quick to begin training in the ways of the arcane, having been granted an esteemed position as first student to his own mother.
  - Nepotism earns him highly coveted direct instruction, which he takes considerable advantage of.
- The mage-smith Luminarian forges the elven runeblade described to him by Dath'Remar Sunstrider, who had envisaged the weapon in a dream. The finished blade is named <u>Felo'melorn</u>.
  - Dath'Remar rises in status and reputation as one of Queen Azshara's most skilled sorcerers.
- Elven arcane smiths, including Rayne Sunsteller, work in consort with members of the five dragonflights to forge the twin prismatic blades <u>Quel'Serrar</u> and <u>Quel'Delar</u>, among many others, which are then gifted to the Kaldorei Highborne.
  - These weapons, some of the finest blades in existence, would be passed down from one wielder to the next for thousands of years. The blades are noted for their efficiency and lethal edge when put against dragons.
  - One such runeblade, named <u>Quel'lassan</u>, is forged for Dath'solan Skyshroud of Eldarath City by Rayne Sunstriker.

It is believed, and broadly speculated by scholars and historians, that the dragonflights participated and guided the forging of these blades with the intention of supporting Kaldorei warriors who were tasked with hunting and slaying surviving proto-drakes, enemies of the five dragonflights. It is not currently known how many prismatic elven blades were originally forged, and records of such crafting have been lost to time. Only several blades have been recovered in the ten thousand years since the Sundering.

• It is believed that during this era **Prince Toreth** first gathers his Dragon Riders of Loreth'Aran and establishes close connections with the Emerald Dragonflight.

- Rayne funsitiker is married to Sin'thorn Brookhollow, a fellow noble who held status as one of the many guard captains within the capital of Zin-Azshari.
  - The couple are quick to expand their family and establish the Sunstriker bloodline.
  - Two sets of Sunstriker twins are born within a year of each other: Vin'tor and Sharan'asal, and Ashor and Hylian Sunstriker.

- Twins Vin'tor and Sharan'asal Sunstriker begin training in the ways of the elite Highborne soldiers at a young age, and are later posted to serve as scouts and patrols in the areas around Zin-Azshari.
- Rayne Sunstriker is commissioned alongside an enchanter to craft a series of twelve staves using branches from one of the many Arcan'dor residing across the empire.
  - The staves are anchored with enchanted metal fittings-crafted using powerful magics-and then presented to a cohort of powerful Highborne sorcerers.
- Elunar'adana Skyshroud is born in Suramar City.
  - The first born child of Terimas Skyshroud, she follows closely in her mother's footsteps in becoming a fiercely powerful sorceress with an immense sense of pride in their family name.
- Maeunar Skyshroud is born in Suramar City.
  - The second born child and first son of Terimas Skyshroud, he is reported by most to be slightly mad, even at a young age. Impulsiveness and an innate affinity for the arcane, his temperamental outbursts manifest as powerful and dangerous fits of arcane destruction.
  - Drawn to the appeal of powerful magics, Maeunar spends his early years focusing on learning and studying the many fields of magic, often at the cost of social relationships.

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- Sidhanei Nightfury graduates from the Nar'thalas Academy at the top of her class.
  - During this time she publishes her first paper, "Sundered Spells: A Treatise About the Art, Theory, and Practice of Spellbreaking and Spell Manipulation", which is published in the Academy's research journal.
  - Later volumes containing detailed appendices are published under the title "Counterspelling: Lettering Your Enemy Cast For You, Spell Lifting, and Magical Manipulation For The Archmage".

Kor'abath Skyshroud is born in Suramar City.

• The second born son and third child of Terimas Skyshroud, he breaks from the trends set by his older siblings and pursues a less intense education of the arcane, intent on improving life for those in Suramar rather than attaining more power for himself.

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- He and his older brother, Maeunar Skyshroud, often fight constantly, much to the ire of their mother.
- Cyllabor Skyshroud splits her time between the magic-focused cities of Falanaar and Nar'Thalas, the latter being where she helps to expand the Nar'Thalas Academy.
  - Cyllabor Skyshroud's lasting influence at the Academy becomes tied to the curriculums she designs and structures, many of which are inscribed with runic magic upon stone tablets that are later preserved within the Academy's archives in the central building.
- After graduating from the Nar'thalas Academy, Sidhanei Nightfury meets a man by the name of **Berox Shadowfern**, a blacksmith living in Suramar at the time.
  - The two become romantically involved, and settle together in Suramar City.

- Sidhanei Nightfury establishes her own reputation within Suramar, and attains a position as Court Abjurer for a local magistrate.
  - During those years, Sidhanei's older sister Feyawen visits Suramar and in that time falls in love with Berox Shadowfern, Sidhanei's partner. A conflict emerges between the sisters and Berox, resulting in a duel between the Nightfury siblings.
  - After being talked down by **Berox** from an increasingly violent confrontation that would certainly end in **Feyawen's** death, **Sidhanei** enchants her apprentice's appearance and has them take her place.
  - During the duel, Feyawen murders who she thinks is her sister, but is in fact Sidhanei's apprentice. The murder results in Feyawen's arrest at Sidhanei's behest, and though it concludes with her sister's imprisonment, it results in a splintering between her and Berox.
- Court Abjurer Sidhanei Nightfury is elevated into the court of **Queen Azshara**, earning her patronage after impressing the court with her ambitious moves in Suramar.
  - With this elevation she is granted the title of Magistrix of Majiri, and High Abjurer within the Queen's royal court.
  - Following her elevation in status, Sidhanei courts and then marries a prince of Hajiri.

## Year -10,516

#### Mithaelar Grovesong is born in the central region of Kalimdor, near Nar'thala

• The son of the renowned seamstress **Alisande Grovesong** and **Denalar Riverwind**, even as a child the color of his hair draws the attention of elders and peers which earns him the nickname Kaldrassil, or *Starhelm* in the ancient elven tongue.

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Ancient capital of Zin-Azshari.

- Sharan'asal Sunstriker, having followed in the footsteps of her father as a soldier and earned renown in skirmishes against the Zandalari war bands still prowling the wilds of Kalimdor, joins **Prince Toreth** as one of his Dragon Riders of Loreth'Aran.
- Mithaelar Grovesong's mother insists upon his attendance at the Nar'thalas Academy given its close proximity and its prestige, but his fascination and investment in study, ready, and swordplay distracts him from mastery of the arcane.

Ashor Superliker ascends to the ranks of the renown sorcerers of Queen Azshara's Highborne, the first in their family to do so.

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- Reyana Skyshroud, a priestess of Elune, marries a commoner with whom she has several unnamed children.
  - Given her marriage to a commoner, and the fashion in which her children are raised, she is considered an outsider within her family.
- Ashuna'alorn Everwarden is born.
  - He rises quickly over the five hundred years as a sorcerer of considerable talent. Though not born into nobility, he is granted status and title, and a position as one of **Queen Azshara's** Shen'dralar, as reward and recognition for his research and experimentation in the field of astromancy.
- Nar'shala Skyshroud departs the Temple of Elune and journeys west towards Mount Hyjal after learning of the natural cycles preached by the early proto-druids. She settles there and begins to learn from the Wild Gods and other elven settlers.
  - There, on the slopes of mount Hyjal, she falls in love and marries a young student of the Wild Gods, and later gives birth to twins.
- Althuron Skyshroud is born on Mount Hyjal.
  - The first born son of Nar, he is the first of the Skyshroud lineage to not display any affinity for magic whatsoever. Despite this inability, he becomes deeply connected to nature, and thrives on time spent in the wilderness where he helps to maintain the balance of nature as an archer and hunter.
- Danebb Skyshroud is born on Mount Hyjal
  - The second born son of Nar, even from a young age he proves himself to be a brash and often too-aggressive sort, but one with a strong affinity for nature magic. He follows in the footsteps of his mother and becomes one of the early proto-druids that eventually perfect the craft of druidism.

- Aldorae Starseeker is born in the countryside of the Suramar region.
  - The daughter of **Folandrin Valeshade**, a hunter, and **Ashlani Starseeker**, a devout follower of Elune and strong presence for the family, she and her brother, **Falin**, are raised and spend much of their early life outside of Suramar city.
  - From a young age, Aldorae begins to independently study the arcane, and becomes well-versed in its practice through self-teaching.

• As the years pass, **Falin** follows in the footsteps of their father, **Folandrin**, while Aldorae continues to further her mastery over magic, and the two siblings begin to see each other less and less, though their closeness is not in any way diminished.

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- The dark troll grandsires of Ithil Snowywolf pass away at some point during this time.
- Around this time Aldorae Starseeker enrolls in at the Nar'thalas Academy northwest of Suramar City, and continues her studies in the arcane.

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- Around this time Aldorae Starseeker, reaching the limits of her studies at the Academy in Nar'thalas, ventures out into the wilds of Kalimdor to seek further learning and knowledge outside of libraries and studies.
  - She sets out on her own with sufficient skill in swordplay, archery, and sorcery.
  - Determined to find new knowledge, Aldorae ventures throughout the regions adjacent to the Suramar region,
- During her travels across the heartland of the Kaldorei Empire, Aldorae Starseeker comes across a cult intent on gaining a more intimate understanding of the elements, and harnessing the power of the elementals themselves. The cult's experimentation, though in some part successful, leads to the death of the cult's leader.
- Aldorae Starseeker visits the city of Zin-Azshari and studies under the Highborne magi there.
  - She publishes a unifying theory on magic which is rejected outright by many mages and scholars.

## Year -10,200

- Ashumidorn Everwarden and several other astromancers glimpse great power out amongst the stars and begin to prepare a ritual to better understand it.
  - Several sorcerers of the Shen'dralar, under Ashuni'alorn Everworden's guidance, craft an enchanted crystal, cut by some of the Highborne's most skilled craftsmen, which they call the <u>Amethyst Focus</u>.
  - The <u>Amethyst Focus</u> is taken and attuned to key focal points of Azeroth's ley lines, including the Well of Eternity, the Temple of the Moon in Suramar, and the peak of one of the Zandalari mountains. The rituals in each of these locations enables the focus to pierce beyond the skies of Azeroth with immense clarity.

• The legendary, renowned Highborne sorcerer **Meitre**, through his connections with the azure dragons, comes into contact with an otherworldly begin known as Aluneth

- In Suramar City, Kelsunas Skyshroud explores the deeper secrets of the magical universe, drawing on research from visits to and from Zin-Azshari where he is able to study the Well of Eternity itself.
  - He travels back and forth between the cities with high frequency, and becomes a renowned scholar on the subject of magical preservation and containment, and later becomes an consultant to **Grand Magistrix Elisande** of Suramar.

- At some point around or before this time, **High Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind** is drawn into the Sisterhood of Elune as a novice priestess, and she settles into the Temple of Elune to train.
- Ashuna'alom Everwardon and the Shen'dralar gather in the secluded city of Eldre'thalas and conduct a powerful spell to see beyond Azeroth and deep into the cosmos, with the <u>Amethyst</u> <u>Focus</u> at the center of the ritual.
  - The beholding of such endless and tremendous cosmic power observed through the focus by Ashundalom-the primary caster for the ritual-overwhelms the sorcerers conducting the ritual, Ashundalom in particular.
  - Ashunableur is struck into a coma that would last for thousands of years, during which his mind is left only to ponder the unbelievable sights that were beheld.
  - The Shen'dralar place Ashuna's body into a protected chamber and preserve him with magic, intending to observe and care for the astromancer until he wakes from his coma.
- The Skyshroud Family, under Atalas Skyshroud, continues to expand their influence throughout the Kaldorei Empire.
- The Shen'dralar lock the <u>Amethyst Focus</u> away in the depths of Eldre'thalas, deeming it too powerful to be used without terrible injury.
  - Records of the artifact are carefully preserved and kept within the vast archives of Eldre'Thalas.
- Aldorae Starseeker continues her exploration of the Kaldorei Empire's territories, seeking out new magical research and knowledge.

- While visiting the city of Zin-Azshari to record the histories and stories of local nobles, Ith Snowywolf meets the Highborne noble **Fyrnor Quickenspell**.
  - The two are quick to fall in love and settle in Zin-Azshari, a place that Ithil Snowyw comes back to frequently in between her travels.

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- The growing ambitions and corruption of the Highborne drives Mithaelar Grovesong and his family from the Suramar region, seeking a less hostile and tense environment.
  - The family settles in a small village to the west.
  - Far from the bustling metropolis of Suramar, Mithaelar Grovesong finally finds a sense of peace and calm, and draws closer to nature.

# <u>The Ancient Wars of Azeroth</u> (-10,000 - -6,800)

## Year -10,000

## – The War of the Ancients –

- Using the Well of Eternity, **Sargeras** contacts **Queen Azshara**, her Highborne magi, and her counselors-including the sorcerer **Xavius**-and turns them to serve his Burning Legion.
  - Initially, the Highborne are granted powerful magics and abilities through the Fel in exchange for their loyalty, and begin to convert additional followers to join them.
  - Queen Azshara and Lord Xavius begin construction on a gateway within the Well of Eternity through which to enable the Legion's arrival.
- Highborne summoners within **Azshara's** court begin to use the portal within the Well of Eternity to summon the lieutenants and servants of the Burning Legion in secret.
  - The Kaldorei capital of Zin-Azshari becomes ground zero for the Legion's invasion of Azeroth, and these demons spread out through not just the city, but the empire at large.
  - With their influence and reach expanding, more of the Highborne across the empire submit to the Legion's will, and accept the Fel in exchange for greater power.
  - Many Highborne willingly accept this gift in a bid for greater power and influence.
- The Legion dispatches one of **Sargeras'** lieutenants, **Hakkar the Houndmaster**, and his hordes of felhounds to hunt down and drain the life and mana of lower class magi throughout the kingdom.
- Queen Azshara's palace, and the capital of Zin-Azshari at large, becomes a bastion of the Legion's influence, long before any demons themself arrive.
  - Ashor Sunstriker and Terimas Skyshroud pledge their loyalty to **Queen Azshara** and her court, and embrace the Fel as it is offered.
  - Grand Magistrix Elisande of Suramar pledges her people and city to Queen Azshara's forces, allying with the Legion.
  - Caestas Starseer and the Starseer family serve **Queen Azshara** loyally, but do not directly take up the Fel. Instead, they are tasked with rooting out dissenters. Caestas joins the hunt for rogue/rebel magi and others who seek to challenge the Queen.

• **Dath'Remar Sunstrider** and his family pledge themselves to Queen Azshara, siding with her in a pursuit for greater power.

- Learning of the ever expanding invasion, Aldorae Starseeker returns home to seek out her family, and to aid in the growing crisis.
  - She assembles a company and begins to coordinate efforts to aid in the formation of a resistance movement, along with her future husband, **Talyn Starleaf**.
  - The company marches for Blackrook Hold after hearing whispers of others willing to resist the Legion.



Demonic invasion of the Burning Legion on Azeroth.

- Many Highborne in service to **Queen Azshara** who embrace the Legion and are bestowed dark powers-with some even transforming into satyrs.
  - The sorcerer Lord Xavius, one of Queen Azshara's closest and most influential advisors, is one of the first to wholly embrace the powers of the Legion and be transformed into a satyr.
  - Ashor Superiker is transformed into one of the satyr, and the transformation is partially completed for Terimas Skyshroud.
  - Other notable members of **Queen Azshara's** court who embrace the Fel and transform into satyrs include the sorcerers **Rethazar**, **Xalan**, **Zevrax**, and the princes **Kellen** and **Xavalis** who are rumored to be the sons of none other than **Lord Xavius** himself-one of **Queen Azshara's** closest advisors and most powerful sorcerers. The sorcerer **Alzzin**, one of **Lord Xavius**' first students, is also transformed into a satyr.
  - Terimas Skyshroud's children, Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud, also pledge their loyalty to **Queen Azshara** and work to bolster the Legion's ranks by aiding in the summoning of demons.

• Atalax Skyshroud is another of the Highborne who align themselves with Queen Azshara, but do not actively participate in the summoning of demons or any combat.

- Not all Highborne embrace the dark gifts of the Legion, however, and some even outright oppose the dark turn taken by **Queen Azshara**.
  - Kelsunas Skyshroud and his nephew, Korabath Skyshroud-the son of Terimas Skyshroud-are weary of Queen Azshara's decisions and withhold their loyalties, but do not outright oppose her.
  - Sin'thorn Brookhollow is slain in Zin-Azshari by rebels in opposition to Queen Azshara's demonic allies.
  - Jarod and Maiev Shadowsong, along with Malfurion Stormrage and Tyrande Whisperwind, are among the many notable individuals who oppose the Legion.
  - The legendary, renowned Highborne sorcerer **Meitre** disavows **Queen Azshara** and seeks to join those who oppose her, and the Legion.
- As the Legion's armies emerge through the Well of Eternity into the capital city of Zin-Azshari, they destroy the city nearly entirely, sparing only the Highborne loyal to **Queen Azshara** and the Legion.
  - As news of the demonic invasion spreads, the Kaldorei struggle to rally against the invaders. Some Highborne even turn against Azshara and are charged by Lord Kur'talos Ravenrcerst with forming the Moon Guard, an order of magi sworn to oppose the Legion.
  - Hylian Sunstriker is one of the many sorcerers who join the Moon Guard, along with her mother Rayne Sunsuliker.
- Refugees from Zin-Azshari and Suramar flood out into the neighboring regions, including the small town where Mithaelar Grovesong and his family had settled, just west of Suramar.
  - Following them, the demonic soldiers of the Legion spread outwards, and assault the small township.
  - During the fighting, Mithaelar's father, **Denalar Riverwind**, is severely burned, and later passes away from the burden of his injuries.
- Mithaelar Grovesong and his family flee their home, seeking refuge elsewhere from the endless pursuit of the Legion.
  - During their travels they bury the body of **Denalar Riverwind** after his passing, though they are eventually found out by the Legion.
  - Mithaelar Grovesong's mother, **Alisande Grovesong**, is killed while attempting to flee, and Mithaelar just barely manages to survive and escape.
  - Mithaelar manages to find refuge within the holdings of Lord Kur'talos Ravencrest, at the Blackrook Hold.

• **Tyrande Whisperwind** tends to the wounded in Suramar city, at the Temple of Elune, which had been turned into a refuge for the injured.

- **Kur'talos Ravencrest**, along with other heroes of the Kaldorei, endeavors to form the Kaldorei Resistance, an army of elves, guardians of nature, and otherworldly individuals from both the present and the future.
  - **Prince Toreth** also joins the Resistance, bringing with him the Dragon Riders of Loreth'Aran, who, blessed by **Ysera**, ride on the backs of emerald drakes and dragons to battle the Legion.
  - **Kur'talos Ravencrest** becomes leader of the Resistance, and commands its armies from Black Rook Hold, near Suramar.
  - Aldorae Starseeker, her future husband Talyn Starleaf, and Nar'shala Skyshroud and her two sons, Althuron and Danebb, join the Kaldorei Resistance, along with Nar'shala's sister, Reyana Skyshroud.
  - Vin'tor Sunstriker abandons the loyalist forces and joins the resistance.
- Lord Kur'talos Ravencrest leads the resistance out across Kalimdor to battle the Burning Legion, and passes through the city of Suramar.
  - Many in the city flock to join the resistance movement, including Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind and the young Shandris Feathermoon, an orphan residing under the care of Priestess Tyrande herself.
- Around this time, **High Priestess Dejahna**, leader of the Sisterhood of Elune, names **Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind** as her successor in the event of her death.
- Given her place of reverence within Kaldorei culture, many of the elves are unaware, or refuse to believe that **Queen Azshara** herself had aligned herself with the Legion, and instead believe that they were fighting a war to save her.
- Reyana Skyshroud's children are slain while attempting to flee from loyalists of Queen Azshara.
- The Highborne sorcerers of **Queen Azshara's** court, under **Lord Xavius**, weave a spell that severs the Kaldorei's magical connection to the Well of Eternity, sapping the abilities of many to use the arcane.
  - Elves all across the kingdom feel the effects of this severance, and it leads to major aches and suffering amongst the populace.
  - Ithil Snowywolf and her lover, Fyrnor Quickenspell, both of whom resided within the capital of Zin-Azshari, begin to grasp the severity of the mounting crisis. Despite being deeply loyal to the Queen, Fyrnor's inability to draw magic from the Well of Eternity proves concerning enough to prompt him to rethink his loyalties, and the couple depart Zin-Azshari and flee along with many other refugees.

- Aldorae Starseeker and other members of the growing Resistance are tasked with infiltrating the repositories and libraries of Izal-Shurah, in Suramar City.
  - They wage a battle against demons on the outskirts of Suramar City, seeking entry to the repository while also working to avoid becoming surrounded and overwhelmed.
  - After a prolonged battle, the host of demons and their soldiers turn north east towards Arauk-Nashal, in what is today known as the region of Stormheim.
  - Aldorae Starseeker and her company march on in pursuit of the demons, gathering what supplies they can and sending word of the demon's movement to Suramar city.
- Ithil Snowywolf and her lover **Fyrnor Quickenspell** travel to Suramar to seek refuge from the conflict.
- Pursuing a host of demons into the fortifications of Arauk-Nashal–the far northeastern portion of the Suramar region–Aldorae Starseeker and her company battle against the Legion's forces in a critical battle.
- High Priestess Dejahna, leader of the Sisterhood of Elune, is slain in battle against the Burning Legion.
  - Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind succeeds her as High Priestess.
- In an effort to thwart the spellwork severing the Kaldorei's connection to the magical energies of the Well of Eternity, made possible by a spell woven by **Lord Xavius** himself, **Malfurion Stormrage** infiltrates the royal palace in Zin-Azshari.
  - The battle between the two is highly destructive, and the tower in which the spell had been woven is sundered to ruin during the fighting, resulting in **Lord Xavius'** death, and the unraveling of the spellwork.
- Aldorae Starseeker and her company, battling against the Legion in Arauk-Nashal, withdraw to a stronghold where they barricade themselves in and prepare defenses to hold out against fresh assaults by the demons.
  - Despite once again having access to the energies and magic of the Well of Eternity, the company faces difficult odds against the Legion, odds made even more dire by the arrival of one of the annihilan, a pit lord-the commanders of the Legion's armies.
  - Records recovered by the Illidari during one of their many assaults on Legion installations have since revealed the name of this annihilan to be **Destromezod**.
  - During the battle against the pit lord, Aldorae Starseeker's future husband, Talyn Starleaf climbs Destromezod's back and pierces its spine with a spear. A summoned bolt of lightning further weakens the demon, and the Kaldorei fighters are able to drag the demon to the ground and deal the killing blow.

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   Despite defeating the demon in command, the Battle of Arauk-Nashal draws a high
- cost from the ranks of the Resistance, and leaves countless dead in the wake of the fighting.
- The experiences shared between Aldorae Starseeker and Talyn Starleaf forge a close bond, and eventually love between the two.

#### – The Resistance Grows –

- **High Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind** is captured by the Legion on Azeroth and held as a prisoner.
  - Dath'Remar Sunstrider, after learning of her capture, visits High Priestess Tyrande in prison and reveals his doubts and reservations about Queen Azshara and her pact with the Legion.
  - It is alleged that during her captivity, **High Priestess Tyrande** is offered a place at the side of **Queen Azshara**, which she refuses. This refusal is claimed to have resulted in an attempt on **High Priestess Tyrande's** life by **Lady Vashj**, one of the Queen's handmaidens.
  - Dath'Remar is offered sanctuary and redemption within the Resistance. He breaks High Priestess Tyrande out of prison and rallies many other Highborne sorcerers who defect with him. Together, they flee the city and escape to join the Resistance.
  - This major development proves to be a huge boon to the Resistance efforts, as it not only brings to their side powerful arcanists, but it also deprives **Queen Azshara** and the Legion the sorcerers they need to stabilize and expand the portal within the Well of Eternity.
  - Dubbolan Skyshroud and his children, Morchathan, Elbathan, and Gladathan
     Skyshroud are drawn into the resistance and join Kaldorei forces in battling the Legion. They operate out of the city of Eldarath initially, but branch outwards as the conflict expands.
- The renowned sorcerer **Meitre** furthers his connection with the otherworldly being known as **Aluneth**, and develops a way to draw upon her power—greatly enhancing his own magical abilities.
  - He develops a wealth of magical research during his years.
- Caestas Starseer is dispatched to Suramar to root out potential rebels, and his investigation takes him close to Nar'Thalas, a prosperous city and one of the central places of magical instruction within the Empire.

- As waves of refugees fleeing the conflict flood into cities across Kalimdor, Suramar begins to struggle with the high volume of new arrivals.
  - Seeking to escape the overcrowding, Ithil Snowywolf and her partner Fyrnor Quickenspell depart Suramar and seek out a new refuge in which to ride out the war.

- The couple turn west, and begin a long journey on foot to Mount Hyjal, a place rumored to be a safe haven for those fleeing the war.
- Kur'talos Ravencrest tricks two ravens, Huginn and Muninn, companions of the Titan-Forged Keeper Odyn, into giving him the <u>Raven's Eye</u>, a powerful artifact capable of enabling the user to read and understand any language.
  - In spite of Kur'talos's trickery, the ravens adopt a fierce dislike of Kaldorei.
  - **Kur'talos** is able to use the <u>Raven's Eye</u> to great effect during the War of the Ancients, enabling him to stay on top of intelligence and reconnaissance.
- The elven prince **Farondis**, in the city of Nar'Thalas, plots to destroy the Well of Eternity using the <u>Tidestone of Golganneth</u>, believing it to be a way to bring an end to the War of the Ancients before it spirals further out of control.
  - Farondis is betrayed by an advisor, and word of his plot reaches Queen Azshara.
  - To punish the prince, **Queen Azshara** lays waste to the city of Nar'thalas where **Farondis** rules, and curses its inhabitants to an eternity as tormented spirits. The destructive magic the **Queen** unleashes also decimates the <u>Tidestone</u>, and the pieces are lost to the bottom of the ruined city.
  - Cyllabor Skyshroud and both Hylian and Rayne Sunstriker are both killed as the Wrath of Azshara destroys Nar'thalas, a place they had been operating out of.
  - Caestas Starseer is witness to the destruction of Nar'thalas, which prompts him to rethink his allegiances. He seeks out the Moon Guard near Suramar and pledges his aid, finally turning against both the **Queen**, and his noble lineage.
- Neltharion, the Aspect of Earth and head of the Black Dragonflight, emerges to also join the resistance. Having been slumbering in the earth for ages, Neltharion's mind has been warped by the presence and whispers of N'zoth-one of the old gods.
  - Neltharion convinces the other dragon aspects to put their power into an artifact called the <u>Dragon Soul</u> which he then unleashes upon them during battle, decimating the ranks of the Dragonflights and forcing them to scatter. This leaves the defenders of Azeroth without the aid of the dragons.
  - **The Dragon Riders of Loreth'Aran,** including **Prince Toreth**, are slain in western Kalimdor by **Neltharion's** black dragons, erasing all that existed of the noble order of dragon riders. What remains of their legacy is buried on what would soon become Silvergale Isle west of Kalimdor.

- Sharan'asal Sunstriker is one of the many elven dragon riders to be slain in the battle.
- Lord Illidan Stormrage, brother to Malfurion, fights beside the Moon Guard, an elite cadre of Kaldorei mages who oppose Queen Azshara and the Legion.
  - **Lord Illidan** is promoted to lead the Moon Guard after demonstrating his impressive capabilities with the arcane.
  - Lord Illidan embraces more and more dangerous means to fight the Legion, eventually going as far as to break ties with the Moon Guard and pursue his own path to defeating the demons.
- Kelsunas Skyshroud and his nephew, Kor'abath Skyshroud-the son of Terimas Skyshroud-learn the extent of **Queen Azshara's** pact with the Legion, and urgently confronts his mother, Atalas Skyshroud, and his sister, Terimas Skyshroud, in an effort to break them away from a path of destruction.
  - The confrontation erupts into violence between Kelsunas and Terimas, the latter who has already begun a partial transformation into one of the satyr. Drunk with power, Terimas refuses to betray **Azshara** and the Legion, and the siblings come to blows.
  - Unable to stop the fighting, both Atalas Skyshooid and Kor'abath Skyshooid are witness to the death of Terimas at the hands of her brother, Kelsunas.
  - Seeing just how far Terimas' craving for power had taken things, Atalas relents and breaks ties with **Azshara's** Highborne forces. She joins Kelsunas and Korabath, in joining the Kaldorei Resistance operating out of Suramar.
- The Highborne sorcerer **Lord Xavius**, chief advisor to **Queen Azshara**, is reborn by the and of the Legion as one of the vile satyr, and empowered with fel magic.
- Queen Azshara dispatches her chief commander, Captain Varo'then, to deal with the Kaldorei Resistance.
  - **Varo'then** deploys an assassin who murders **Lord Kur'talos Ravencrest**, dealing a significant blow to the Resistance.
  - Lord Desdel Stareye, and later Jarod Shadowsong, replace Kur'talos as leader of the Kaldorei army after his death.
  - The death of **Kur'talos Ravencrest** drives his daughter, **Illysanna Ravencrest**, into immense despair. She abandons the Resistance to join **Lord Illidan Stormrage**-believing him to know how best to defeat the Legion.
- Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud, children of the now-slain Azshara loyalist Terimas Skyshroud, learn that their uncle Kelsunas Skyshroud is responsible for the death of their mother, and vow to take revenge.
  - The siblings travel to the city of Suramar with a small cadre of demons and retainers with the intent of battling their uncle to the death.

- Determined to attain power beyond comprehension, Lord Illidan Stormrage joins the Legion and is imbued with power by Sargeras himself.
  - Tasked by the Mad Titan with capturing the <u>Dragon Soul</u> from Deathwing, Lord Illidan ventures out into Kalimdor while the Kaldorei continue to wage a war for the survival of their world.
  - **Lord Illidan** successfully captures the <u>Dragon Soul</u> and delivers it to the Highborne so that they can create a gateway in the Well of Eternity for **Sargeras** to emerge through.
  - This process deeply corrupts the <u>Dragon Soul</u>, and it becomes known as the <u>Demon</u> <u>Soul</u>.
- Caestas Starseer goes on a mission back into Suramar once more, working undercover in order to rally more support for the Resistance amongst the ranks of Suramar's finest sorcerers.
- The Highborne of Suramar, under the leadership of **Grand Magistrix Elisande**, begin to see the folly in having thrown their lot in with the Legion.
  - Learning of the Legion's intention to open a portal in the Temple of Elune just outside the city of Suramar in order to to further expand the war, a task which may very well destroy Suramar, **Elisande** leads a covert mission against the Legion to thwart their efforts and destroy the portal.
- Despite successfully completing their task and thwarting the Legion's efforts, **Grand Magistrix Elisande** decides against joining the resistance, and instead leads the Highborne magi of Suramar in using the <u>Eye of Aman'Thul</u>, one of the Pillars of Creation, to create a vast fount of magic known as the Nightwell, and in the process raise a barrier around the city.
  - Kelsunas Skyshroud is one of the many magi who take part in both creating the barrier and the Nightwell within Suramar.
- Many elves become trapped within Suramar city, including Atalas Skyshroud, Caestas Starseer, Elunar'adana Skyshroud, Maeunar Skyshroud, Kelsunas Skyshroud, and Kor'abath Skyshroud–son of the late Terimas Skyshroud.
  - Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud, having traveled into Suramar to kill their uncle, Kelsunas Skyshroud, become trapped within the city.
  - Over time, exposure to the energy of the Nightwell transforms the Highborne Kaldorei within Suramar into the Shal'dorei–the Nightborne. Suramar remains sealed off from the world beneath its barrier for ten thousand years, and many within the city believe the world outside to have been destroyed.
- The elven forces within Suramar City exact a purge of any lingering demons within the city, and many **Azshara** loyalists are pressured into publicly declaring their loyalties to **Elisande**, or are tried and executed in extra-judicial courts held by aggrieved victims of the Legion's cruelty.

- Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud discover that their brother, Kor'abath Skyshroud, was present for the murder of their mother, and believe him to be complicit.
  - Acting before the sham Suramar courts can capture or compel them, Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud move to attack and kill their uncle, Kelsunas Skyshroud, and brother, Kor'abath Skyshroud, but are stopped by their grandmother, Arabas Skyshroud.

- The matriarch of the Skyshroud house forbids further bloodshed, and sets her household in order. Addressing the new reality of life within Suramar's bubble, Atalas demands that those of the Skyshroud line forget old grievances and put their focus towards surviving and cementing their status in Suramar. She anticipates many political rivalries to grow and become deadly.
- A bitter feud develops as Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud focus their attention on the younger, less dominant half of the Skyshroud family line, pitting themselves and their descendents against the dominant half, under the lordship of Kelsunas Skyshroud-now the oldest living child of Arabas Skyshroud-in a feud that lasts through the next ten millennia.
- The Skyshroud family, under Aiglas Skyshroud in Suramar, eventually evolve into the Nightborne.
- Feeling the ire and hostility of his siblings, Kor abath Skyshroud beseeches his uncle, Kelsunas Skyshroud, to adopt him, a request which is given the blessing of matriarch Atalas Skyshroud and then made official.
- **Dath'Remar Sunstrider**, one of the Highborne's greatest sorcerers, leads many of his fellow sorcerers in joining the resistance-having seen what fate an alliance with the Legion would bring.
  - United under the leadership of the Kaldorei **Jarod Shadowsong**, the resistance assaults the last standing fortifications within Zin-Azshari, the capital of the Kaldorei Empire.
  - Most notably, **Dath'Remar** battles against the demons wielding his arcane blade <u>Felo'melorn</u>, which becomes a symbol of hope for many in the resistance.
  - **Dath'Remar** and his famed elven blade attain legendary status amongst the Highborne, a legacy which carries far into the future.
- In Suramar City, Atalas Skyshroud and her son, Kelsunas Skyshroud, recement the influence and status of House Skyshroud in the eastern half of the city. Along with Kelsunas' nephew/adopted son Kor'abath, they are recognized as high nobility and develop a well polished reputation as having stood against the Legion.

- In Suramar City, siblings Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud, both children of the slain sorcerer Terimas Skyshroud, establish the prominence of their own branch of the Skyshroud line in the western half of the city.
  - They, being niece and nephew to the heir to the Skyshroud line, Kelsunas Skyshroud, are recognized as lesser nobles, but nonetheless develop a reputation for being cunning and vengeful.

- Kor'abath Skyshroud marries Sha'alar Frostspire in Suramar City and the two conceive a child.
- Reyana and Dath'solari Skyshroud-the children of Atalas Skyshroud living outside of Suramar-are summoned to Hyjal by their sister, Nar'shala Skyshroud, to join the Kaldorei resistance in the latter battles of the war.
  - Also present are Duch'solan Skyshroud's children, Mordrathan, Elbathan, and Gladathan, as well as Nar'shala's Skyshroud's children, Althuron and Danebb.
  - These surviving members of the Skyshroud family-at least the ones outside of Suramar-remain together for the remainder of the war.

### - The Sundering of Kalimdor -

- Malfurion Stormrage and High Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind lead an all out assault on the capital, Zin-Azshari, and the portal within the Well of Eternity itself. They are joined by Lord Illidan Stormrage, who claims his defection had been a ruse to learn of the Legion's weaknesses.
  - Together, the trio reclaim the <u>Dragon Soul</u>, now the <u>Demon Soul</u>, and destroy the Well of Eternity by interrupting the gateway ritual.
- The destruction of the Well of Eternity causes the Sundering, in which some eighty percent of Kalimdor is destroyed.
  - Azshara, with most of her people drowning, is alleged to have made a pact with N'Zoth-one of the Old Gods imprisoned within the earth-and swears herself to an eternal pact.
  - Many Kaldorei dragged underwater are transformed into the hideous naga as part of **Azshara's** pact.
  - Some of those transformed include her own handmaidens and chief advisors, including Lady Vashj, her personal handmaiden. Other notable Highborne transformed into the naga include Athissa, Naz'jar, Naj'entus, S'theno, Sira'kess, Nar'jira, Ophelia, Idra'kess, Raj Naz'jan, Zar'jira, and Zhahara.

• Though an accurate, trustworthy account is not attainable, it can be presumed that much of the capital city of Zin-Azshari sinks nearly whole to the bottom of the fast rising oceans. Being built around the Well of Eternity, and at the epicenter of the Sundering, much of the city remains intact. The outlying regions, however, and much of Kalimdor, is destroyed.

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- Beneath the rising waters which form the Great Sea, the naga, under **Queen Azshara**, forge an insidious empire.
  - The naga claim the ruins of Zin-Azshari, former capital of the Kaldorei Empire, as the seat of their new empire. From the ruins they build the underwater city of Nazjatar, from which **Queen Azshara** comes to rule once more.
- A secretive sect of Highborne called the Shen'dralar meaning "Those Who Remain Hidden", who had cloistered themselves away in the city of Eldre'thalas under the leadership of Prince Tortheldrin, shield their city from the destruction which brings near ruin to much of the world.
  - Cut off from the Well of Eternity's reach and power, the Shen'dralar begin to struggle with diminishing power and waning mortality.
  - Preserved and warded in a chamber deep within the city, Ashundalorn Everwarden remains in a coma, unaware of the events unfolding across Azeroth.
  - Struggling to find a way to survive without the power granted by the Well of Eternity, the Shen'dralar look to darker magics and rituals as a way to make up for the shortfall.
  - These efforts begin to drive **Prince Tortheldrin** to madness, a sickness which only grows over time.

#### - The Birth of Nordrassil -

- Fearing a repeat of the War of the Ancients, the Kaldorei forbid the use of arcane power, and flee to Mount Hyjal to seek refuge.
  - At the summit, however, they discover that **Lord Illidan Stormrage** has created a new fount of power using water from the original Well of Eternity.
  - Furious that his brother would so recklessly create another potentially catastrophic fount of magic, **Malfurion Stormrage** banishes his brother, **Lord Illidan**, to a prison deep within a barrow den, and tasks **Maiev Shadowsong** with serving as his warden for the next ten thousand years.
- **Maiev Shadowsong** builds a cohort of fierce sentinels, known as Wardens, who assume the lifelong duty of guarding the barrow den prison.

• Their ranks swell as the Wardens are tasked with hunting down rogue demons and magic users who aided the Legion.

- The Vault of the Wardens is built off of a coastal island surrounding the now-shielded city of Suramar, and it is used to house prisoners captured by the Wardens.
- Knowing the new Well of Eternity could potentially become another source for the Legion to use, the surviving Dragon Aspects place an acorn from G'Hanir, the Mother Tree, into the well of Eternity. From this seed the new World Tree Nordrassil, meaning *Crown of the Heavens* in the ancient elven tongue, begins to take root.
  - Serving as a cap, the tree both masks and protects the new Well of Eternity from being used as a gateway for the Legion.
  - Alexstrasza the Lifebinder, queen of dragons, imbues Nordrassil with strength and vitality, blessings which affect the Kaldorei as well.
  - **Ysera the Dreamer** also places a blessing on Nordrassil, binding it to the Emerald Dream and enabling the Kaldorei to freely enter that realm.
  - **Nozdormu the Timeless One** places the one last blessing upon Nordrassil, blessing it with immortality which extends to the Kaldorei as well.
  - The Kaldorei begin to draw their immortality from this new world tree and the well beneath it, and dedicate their lives to druidic practices, swearing off magic for good.
- The Dragonflights seal off the Dragon Isles from the world following the Sundering, departing the seat of their own empire to more closely watch over Azeroth.
- Beneath the waters, the newly created naga rally under **Queen Azshara**, who begins to form an underwater empire for her serpentine followers, now all sworn and bound to the old god **N'zoth**.
  - The naga form a large collective of tribes that spread across Azeroth. Some of those tribes and their notable leaders include the: Azsh'ir; Blackfathom, led by Lady Sarevess; Blackscale, led by Fathom-Lord Heth'Jatar; Bloodcursed, led by Atoph the Bloodcursed; Bloodscale, led by Rajis Fyashe; Bloodwash; Coilfang, led by Lady Vashj; Coilskar, led by High Warlord Naj'entus; Daggerspine, led by Prince Nazjak; Darkcrest, led by Rajah Haghazed; Darkspine; Darkscale, led by Warlord Wrathspine; Darktide, led by Soulbinder Kraj'tess; Deepsurge, led by Lady Ssathara; Dreadcoil, led by Summoner Siavass; Felrage, led by Warlord Kaz'jatar; Hatecoil, led by Tidemistress Athissa and Warlord Parjesh; Hatecrest, led by Lord Shalzaru and Lady Szallah; Idra'kess, led by Overseer Idra'kess; Murkwater; Nazeshi, led by Tidemistress Nazesh; Naz'jar, led by Lady Naz'jar; Rimescale; Riplash, led by Emperor Raj Naz'jan; Sashj'tar, led by Tidemistress Sashj'tar; Sira'kess, led by Lady Sira'kess; Slitherblade, led by Lord Kragaru; Spitefin, led by

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**Zithreen**. Note that listed leaders are those identified and confirmed to have, at least at one point, have led their tribe, or a faction of it, and they may not be the overall or permanent leader. Given the hostility of the naga, it is not currently possible to discern specifics beyond what is presented.

- In the wake of the War of the Ancients, Dath'solan Skyshroud moves to establish himself as the Lord of the Skyshroud noble line, with the family believing that Atales Skyshroud and the others were killed during the Sundering.
  - The eldest member of the family still living, he confronts his surviving siblings, Reyan
    and Narishala Skyshroud, who both pledge to support his claim and not contest him.
  - Darb solan Skyshroud takes control of the family's remaining estates and retainers and works to restore their influence and ensure their hold on power, despite the growing resentment shown towards the Highborne.
- Seeking to maintain the arcane practices of the Highborne, Dath'solan Skyshroud faces hostility from the Kaldorei at large, and the Skyshroud nobles struggle to cement their position once again.
  - Reyana and Nar'shala Skyshroud, disinterested in following Dath'solan's path, embrace the Kaldorei's new druidic mindsets and swear off arcane magic; over time they too come to advocate for the prohibition on magic use.
  - Tensions within the family rise, but no confrontations ever erupt into violence.
- Determined not to abandon his arcane practices, the renowned Highborne sorcerer **Meitre** withdraws from the world and becomes a recluse, leaving behind a vast wealth of scrolls and knowledge that is gathered by other Highborne and carried into the future.
  - Shal'suri Skyshrond is born in Suramar Cit
    - Born under the shield isolating Suramar from the world outside, Shal'sini spends much of her childhood studying under her great grandmother, Arabis Skyshroud, and rises to become a highly skilled and reputable arcanist.
- In Suramar City, siblings Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud establish themselves as powerful, albeit lesser nobles, and build a strong foundation of allies to help reassert their

influence. Both siblings soon marry other nobles and expand the strength and influence of their own bloodlines.

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#### Korvan Terimas is born in Suramar City.

 The first and only child of Elunar'adana Skyshroud, Korvan Terimas is named in honor of his grandmother, Terimas Skyshroud, who was slain during the war of the ancients by Korvan Terimas' great uncle, Kelsunas Skyshroud.

Toul'anar and Vas'queth Skyshroud are born in Suramar City.

• Twins, Toulanar and Vas'queth are the first children of Maeunar Skyshroud.

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#### Shorem Skyshroud is born in Suramar City.

• She is the third child of Maeunar Skyshroud, and she sets herself apart from her siblings by trying to avoid the family feud that continues to simmer even long after the War of the Ancients.

#### Year -9,400

### - Regrowth-

- Exiles from the city of Suramar are cast out into the world to a fate unknown to those residing within the secluded city. Cut off from both the Well of Eternity, and the Nightwell, these exiles begin to wither away.
  - They are found by **Valewalker Farodin**, a tender of the Arcan'dor at Moonshade Sanctum. Taking pity on them, **Farodin** provides them with a seed of the Arcan'dor, though it only sustains the exiles for a time before becoming unstable.
  - The Arcan'dor at Falanaar explodes, damning the exiled Highborne from Suramar drawing upon it for sustenance, and transforming them and the man dryads taking sanctuary with them into the Fal'dorei, a twisted race of crystalline monsters.
  - The Fal'dorei come to dominate the ruined sanctums of Falanaar under the rule of **Orathiss**, one of those transformed, and they expand their holdings throughout the labyrinth.
  - Within the Temple of Fal'adora at Falanaar, the ruined Arcan'dor remained in the chamber known as the Shattered Locus, and would be the source of power for the Fal'dorei for nearly ten thousand years.

- Valewalker Farodin laments the destruction of the exiles and their curse, and resolved to take one of the seeds of the Arcan'dor and look after it to ensure a repeat did not occur.
  - With this endeavor, he remains close to the ruined sanctums west and north of Suramar City, a vigilant watcher of sorts that seeks to study and understand the plight of the Fal'dorei.

- Korvan Terima, son of Elunar'adana Skyshroud, comes to serve under a powerful magus in the court of the Grand Magistrix of Suramar, Elisande, something which places him directly next to his cousin Shal'sur Skyshroud-daughter of Korabath Skyshroud, Korvan Terimas' grandmother and namesake-who is also apprentice to the magus.
  - Despite both their parents' extreme hostility towards one another, the two cousins develop a friendly working relationship that defies the family feud. While it earns the condemnation of their parents, the two continue to remain above the conflict, and focus their attention on mastering their schooling and earning a reputation for efficiency and pragmatism.
- In the centuries following the Sundering, the Kaldorei spread out into the slowly healing wilds of what remains of Kalimdor. They create several organizations, such as the Sentinels, to protect and guard the remains of their society.
  - **Malfurion Stormrage**, now Archdruid over all others, trains other druids and many of them additionally turn to the emerald dragon **Ysera** in the Emerald Dream, the Aspect of the Green Dragonflight, for further instruction.
  - Nar'shala Skyshroud and her son, Danebb Skyshroud, are some of the early druids trained by Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage.
- Althuron Skyshroud, the only living member of the Skyshroud line to have no affinity for magic, sets himself to training in the way of both bow and blade, and becomes a renowned hunter and marksman who hunts the wilds in pursuit of lingering demons.
  - He earns a reputation for being both fierce and unrelenting, but always kind and at peace with nature. He is also known for being the most weary of Dath'solan Skyshroud, his uncle, and the Lord's Highborne aligned interests out of all his family. This distrust and distaste only grows with time, tempered only by the influence of his mother, Nar'shala Skyshroud.
- Within the sealed city of Suramar, Caestas Starseer adjusts to his new life and the belief that the world beyond the barrier had been utterly destroyed by the Sundering.
  - He seeks out associates and allies within Suramar, but remains on edge and highly cautious unsure who he is able to trust.

- Having narrowly escaped destruction during the Sundering at the end of the War of the Ancients, **Prince Tortheldrin** and the Shen'dralar in Eldre'thalas grow weak while cut off from the Well of Eternity.
  - Toiling away to find a solution, **Prince Tortheldrin** orders the construction of massive pylons within the elven city, and fashions them into a prison for a powerful demon known as **Immol'thar**-which is captured and imprisoned within the halls of the city.
  - The **Prince** begins to siphon the demon's dark energy, which rejuvenates the power lost to him over the years.
  - Many of the Shen'dralar take after
     Prince Tortheldrin, and begin to siphon from the demon, something to which they quickly grow addicted. The magic is coarse, raw, and far more potent than the powers they once drew upon from the Well of Eternity.
- Over time, the task of keeping **Immol'thar** imprisoned requires more and more power from the Shen'dralar, something which drives them to dangerous methods and means.
  - Though the resulting doom of the Shen'dralar is well known now, at the time there was a considerable effort made to conceal the truth of circumstances within Eldre'thalas, something which has limited the

life within the city at this time.

accounts and details available concerning



Eldre'thalas, Sanctuary of the Highborne

- Surviving however they can, the Shen'dralar become even more reclusive, and largely vanish into the depths of their city within the wilds of southern Kalimdor.
  - Though over the centuries to follow numerous individuals attempt to penetrate and explore the ruined city, it remains an obscure and little known location to most surviving on Kalimdor after the Sundering.

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#### – War of the Satyr –

- Antranal Skyshroud is born in Suramar City.
  - She is the fourth child of Maeunar Skyshroud, and becomes one of the most powerful, albeit dangerous sorcerers in the history of the Skyshroud family line.
  - She is often admonished by her mentors for how wreckless her thirst for power is.
- Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage, while experimenting with the various shapeshifting abilities of the druids, uncovers the ability to shapeshift into the form of a feral wolfman-a worgen.
  - Beyond his ability to control, this pack form drives Archdruid Malfurion into a rage and his mentor, the Wild God Cenarius, compels him into a slumber beneath Daral'nir, an ancient tree within the Emerald Dream known to have the power to calm enraged beings.
  - Upon regaining control, **Archdruid Malfurion** bans the use of the pack form, though its use is discovered and continued by others in secret.
- Elunar'adana and Maeunar Skyshroud continue to build their own influence and reputation within Suramar, ever intent on surpassing their uncle and grandmother, and usurping control of the family lineage.
  - Their children are utilized as pawns in the game, which foments further tension amongst the divided family.
- The satyr, Highborne sorcerers who were gifted power by the Legion centuries before and thus transformed into hideous demons, emerge once more and seek to wage a war of all out destruction against the Kaldorei. These efforts are coordinated and led by the Lords of the Emerald Flame, satyrs who still fight in the name of the Burning Legion.
  - Chief among the many satyr who join the war effort is **Xalan the Feared**, who rises to lead the satyr during the war.
- The satyr, under the leadership of **Xalan the Feared**, launch an all out assault on the Night Run, a Kaldorei stronghold along the northwestern bank of the Falfarren River, which sets off the broad reaching War of the Satyr.
  - In the wake of Night Run's fall, the satyrs and their demonic forces spread across Ashenvale and set fire to the forests, raining down both chaos and destruction upon the Kaldorei.

- At the urging of Sentinel-Captain Shandris Feathermoon, Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage agrees to waken the slumbering druids, and summons them to battle alongside the Sentinels.
  - The Kaldorei summon a powerful army to stand against the satyrs, and make heavy use of guerrilla tactics to strike at the weak points in the demonic army.

- The initial skirmishes build to a larger battle near Raynewood Retreat, in central Ashenvale, which exacts a heavy toll upon both armies. Ultimately, the Kaldorei are forced to withdraw back to the well defended Retreat.
- Leaders amongst the Kaldorei forces face an impasse on how to best confront and defeat the satyr, with many, the druid **Ralaar Fangfire** chief among them, arguing for the druids to embrace the restricted forms accessible to the druids.
  - Specifically, the Pack Form, associated with the feral worgen, had been forbidden by **Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage**.
- Seeking to deal a decapitating strike at the satyr leadership at Xavian, the demons' stronghold in Ashenvale, **Sentinel-Captain Shandris Feathermoon** and the druids **Ralaar Fangfire** and **Arvell**, along with a host of other sentinels and druids, launch a covert assault.
  - In the battle at Xavian, **Ralaar Fangfire** kills **Xalan the Feared**, leader of the satyr armies, while **Sentinel-Captain Shandris Feathermoon** occupies the attention of the satyrs' main forces.
  - In the fighting, Arvell is slain by the satyrs.
- Driven to rage at the death of his near-brother **Arvell**, **Ralaar Fangfire**, a druid of the Kaldorei, joins **Belysra Starbreeze** in combining a fang of the Wild God **Goldrinnn** and a staff blessed by the Moon Goddess **Elune**, and creates the <u>Scythe of Elune</u> with the intent of controlling the Pack Form's fury.
  - Out of his control, however, the <u>Scythe of Elune</u> instead transforms **Ralaar** and his followers into the worgen, beasts shaped in the image of the Wild God **Goldrinn**.
  - Ralaar Fangfire then leads the worgen into battle against the satyrs.
  - Danebb Skyshroud is among those who follow **Ralaar Fangfire**, and becomes one of the early worgen.
- Danebb Skyshroud's brother, Althuron Skyshroud, sees Danebb's choice to embrace the Pack Form to be one of abandoning the family, choosing power over companionship-something their ancestors did when siding with the Legion ages before.
- Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage, High Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind, Sentinel Captain-Shandris Feathermoon, and many other Kaldorei heroes continue the fight against the demonic satyrs.

• Reyana Skyshroud, her sister Nar'shala Skyshroud, and the latter's son, Althuron Skyshroud, join the Kaldorei in battling against the satyrs.

- Althuron and his brother, Danebb, fight side by side on numerous occasions, but Danebb's feral nature puts increasing strain on their ability to safely work alongside each other.
- The worgen show their primal and feral power; part elf and part wolf, they deal just as much damage to the Kaldorei as they do to the satyrs.
- Realizing the danger posed by unregulated practice of druidism, **Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage** summons the many druids of Kalimdor to hold a conference, intending to decide how to address the problem posed by the feral worgen, whose curse was spreading faster with each passing day.
  - The result of this conclave is the establishment of the Cenarion Circle, an order that would guide and govern all the affairs of druidism.
  - Nar'shala Skyshroud is among the many to join the Circle.
  - The Circle also concludes that the only solution to the issue of the worgen is to ensure their banishment.
- Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage and the druids of the Cenarion Circle use the <u>Scythe of</u> <u>Elune</u> to put the worgen to sleep beneath the boughs of Daral'nir in the Emerald Dream where they sleep for thousands of years, temporarily brought to peace and rest.
  - Danebb Skyshroud is among the worgen who are put to sleep within the dream.
  - In the wake of the banishment of the worgen, **Mel'Thandris Starsong** is entrusted with possession and guardianship of the <u>Scythe of Elune</u>.
- Bereft of his close friend and brother, Danebb Skyshroud, Althuron Skyshroud begins to contemplate his path in life.
  - Though dedicated to continuing his service during the War, his mind begins to turn towards the prospect of life without his brother, and the misery that would come with it.
- **Mel'Thandris Starsong** sacrifices her life in battle against the satyr in order to save the lives of other Kaldorei.
  - She is honored for her sacrifice with the erection of a shrine to her in northern Ashenvale.
  - The <u>Scythe of Elune</u> is buried with her at the shrine.
- The War of the Satyr drags on and costs the Kaldorei dearly, but eventually the demons are driven back and scattered to small pockets throughout Kalimdor.

- Though the satyr are largely defeated, they never truly fade as a threat, and often emerge to cause trouble and suffering for the Kaldorei. Even to the present day, the satyrs remain a chief enemy of the elves.
- Amongst the many small pockets of satyrs, several notable factions emerge, including: the Bleakheart, ruled by Rethazar the Fallen; the Deth'ryll; the Felmust; the Haldarr; the Hatefury, ruled by Prince Kellen; the Jadefire, ruled by Prince Xavalis; the Legashi, ruled by Master Feardred; the Putridus, led by Lord Vyletongue; the Wildspawn, ruled by Alzzin the Wildshaper; the Xavian, formerly ruled by the slain General Xalan the Feared; the Axxerien, ruled by Zevrax; the Nethervine, ruled by Thorngrin the Tender; the Nazzivus; the Sargerron; and the Unbound.
- Reyana Skyshroud joins the Sentinels under High Priestess Tyrande Whisperwind and Sentinel-Captain Shandris Feathermoon, a role she would continue through the many long years ahead.
- In years following the War of the Satyr's end, a large gathering of druids depart Kalimdor, feeling that their various animalist forms are, in fact, their true nature, and that their elven forms were only disguises.
  - These druids venture out into the Great Sea and settle upon a chain of islands that later come to be known as the Verdant Wilds. They are joined in time by keepers of the grove, dryads, furbolgs, and other druidic types.
  - Among those that make this journey to the Verdant Wilds over the following millenia are the elven druids Bloodmaw the Savage, Branch-Leaper the Swift, Deepgrowl the Ferocious, Ironfur, Lumberclaw the Ancient, Ridgeback, Slumbering Mountain, Thorncoat, Thornfur the Protector, and Underbrush.

# Year -7,300

# - Exile of the High Elves -

- Found still to be practicing the "dangerous" arcane magics that had led the Burning Legion to Azeroth, and resulted in the Sundering, the Highborne survivors are looked down upon by the Kaldorei, and forbidden from using their magics.
  - **Dath'Remar Sunstrider**, one of the leaders of the Highborne who had sided with the Resistance, publicly mocks the druidic ways, claiming that magic is the birthright of the Kaldorei.
  - The Highborne continue to use their magic and in a show of defiance unleash a powerful and devastating magical storm on Kalimdor's forests.

• This bold and dramatic act enrages many of the Kaldorei, and even strikes fear of another invasion by the Legion, which prompts the leadership of the Kaldorei to act.

- Unwilling to kill off so many of their own people, **Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage** banishes the surviving Highborne from the continent, an act that drives a wedge between the elven people.
  - Dath'solan Skyshroud and his children, Mor'drathan, Elbathan, and Ghehrhan, are among the many exiled Highborne who prepare to venture east with Dath'Remar Sunstrider.
  - Duch'solan Skyshroud and his children, given no other choice, part ways with their kin, Reyana and Nar'shala Skyshroud, and Nar'shala's son, Althuron. Though bittersweet for the siblings, all children of Atalas Skyshroud, Althuron sees the departure of the Highborne as a just and correct decision, something that he and his mother disagree on.
- The exiled Highborne journey across the sea under **Dath'Remar Sunstrider's** leadership and settle in Tirisfal, a place later to be called Lordaeron.
  - Vin'tor Sunstriker is one of the many exiled Highborne who venture east with **Dath'Remar**. A veteran soldier and officer of modest rank, he is tasked with leading many of the scouting parties after making landfall.
- Severed from the magic of the Well of Eternity, and so far from it now, the elves struggle to survive in this new land. Many die of starvation and withdrawal, or are driven to insanity by the dark energies permeating the land in western Tirisfal.
  - This dark energy, in fact, is the result of an ancient battle between the Titan Watcher Tyr and the C'Thraxxi monsters Zakajz the Corruptor and Kith'ix, a fight in which Tyr sacrificed himself to kill Zakajz and wound Kith'ix–which in turn cost him his own life. The death of Zakajz spread corruption into the land where he fell, an effect which still lingers today.
  - Many of the exiles blame their plight on the primitive humans that live in the region, however, and many more begin to lose faith in this new 'promised' future.
- Elbachan Skyshroud, son of Dath'solan Skyshroud, withers away and dies during the Highborne's exile.
  - Dath'solari puts blame for his son's death on the Kaldorei, and begins to develop a resentment towards his now-distant kin.
- Dath'Remar manages to rally his people and lead them onwards further to the east and north.
  - As the elves venture in the northern lands of the continent they encounter the Amani trolls, savage primitives who also survived the Sundering and have held out within their domain of Zul'Aman.

• Desperation drives the elves further north, and into direct conflict with the trolls.

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- Despite the desperation facing the exiled Highborne, Vin'tor Sunstriker connects with one of the other exiles, Sciendul Evenbloom, and the two wed soon after their introduction, and then conceive the first of their children.
- Melor Sunstriker is born.
  - The firstborn son of Vin'tor Sunstriker and Selendial Everbloom, he is also the first in his family to pursue the skillset and life of a ranger.



The gates to the troll kingdom of Zul'Aman.

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- Lutheran and Talas'arien Sunstriker are born.
  - The sons of Vin'tor and Scientifial Sunsaiker, they follow in the trend of many in their family before them, being born twins. They both follow in the footsteps of their father, Vin'tor Sunstriker, and start training at a young age to become soldiers.
  - The family's reputation and influence continue to spread throughout Quel'Thalas as several members rise to prominence in various courts and circles. The children of Vin'tor and Sciencial Sunsuriker are tutored and reared deliberately with the intent of them inheriting a considerable amount of influence and power.

<u>The Founding of Quel'Thalas</u> (-6,800 - 2,800)

### Year -6,800

# – The Founding of Quel'Thalas –

- The elven exiles from Kalimdor fight onwards and settle in the Amani lands. The trolls, still holding bitter resentment towards the elves from the days of **Queen Azshara's** empire, wage unrelenting war against the exiles, hounding them at every turn.
  - Vin'tor Sunstriker leads his three sons, Melor, Lutheran, and Talas'arien, among other soldiers of the Highborne army, against the Amani trolls.
  - Durb'sonal Skyshroud, son of the Highborne Skyshroud matriarch Atalas Skyshroud, leads his two surviving children, Gladarhan and Mordrathan against the Amani trolls.
  - Luthren Sunstriker is killed in battle against the Amani, having reached barely a hundred years old.
- Discovering the nexus of ley lines in the far north of the continent, **Dath'remar Sunstrider** pours a vial of water from the Well of Eternity, stolen from the Kaldorei, into a lake, creating a new font of power and blinding light that the elves proclaim as the Sunwell.
  - The elves vow to cast aside the Kaldorei's practices and culture, and come to embrace the sun instead of the moon. They take on the name Quel'dorei in honor of the new future they have embraced.
  - The Quel'dorei call their new home Quel'Thalas, or High Home in Thalassian.
- The seven most powerful noble families amongst the Quel'dorei form a ruling council known as the Convocation of Silvermoon, which rule the nation. **Dath'remar Sunstrider** continues to hold the title of king, but serves only as the symbolic leader of the nation rather than a domineering monarch.
  - Several noble families comprise the Convocation, including: House Dawnstar, House Drathir, House Duskwither, House Falthrien, House Salonar, House Starseeker, House Windrunner, and House Wyrmrider.
  - Lesser noble families not included within the Convocation of Silvermoon include: House Andilien, House Dawnsinger (later House Dusksinger), House Duskrider, House Dayleaf, House Saltheril, House Skyshroud, House Starseer, House Sunstriker, and House Thuron.

- In the wake of the Sunwell's creation, its magic seeps into the forests of the north and is absorbed by the living trees.
  - The oldest tree in Quel'Thalas, in particular, begins to rapidly grow, expanding into what becomes known as Thas'alah–Light of the Forest–the mother tree of Quel'Thalas.

- The mother tree is located in the far south of Quel'Thalas along the base of the mountains at the border.
- In the wilds of Kalimdor, Nar'shala Skyshroud and several druids and Sentinels on patrol are ambushed and slain by satyrs.
  - The murder of his mother leaves Althuron Skyshroud alone with no sibling and no mother; he falls into a deep depression, and begins to plot ways to return his brother, Danebb Skyshroud, from the Emerald Dream where worgen were put to sleep.

## – Wrath of the Amani –

- The Amani trolls do not not share the Quel'dorei's eagerness for a new elven empire in the east, and launch an all out assault upon the fledgling nation.
  - Dath solar Skystrond's wife, **Ornalad'anel**, is slain by the Amani in the early months after the Quel'dorei's arrival.
  - Both Dath'solan Skyshrond and his surviving two children, Gladathan and Mordnuhan, take part in the aggressive campaigns against the Amani trolls. Through his service, Dath'solan is elevated to the status of Lord, and promised territory within the region.
  - Barely able to hold back the tides of enemies, Dath'Remar encourages his Quel'dorei to embrace the arcane powers of the Sunwell, and together the elves drive back the Amani.
  - It is through these initial battles that the Quel'dorei develop tactics and strategies that prove to be highly effective against the Amani, who are in turn unable to best the elves in open combat.
  - Quel'dorei soldiers and magi unleash blistering magics upon the trolls, and develop a staunch position of total war against the trolls.
- During the long years of fighting, Lord Dach solan Skyshroud establishes a family estate for his kin and descendents in the middle of the territories that would become Quel'Thalas.
  - There, he oversees the construction of Elb'athalan along the banks of the Elrendar River, a magical enclave and stronghold that serves as home to the line of powerful

Skyshroud sorcerers, and also many other magi who train under Lord Darhisolan and his descendents. The estate is named after Elbathan, Dath'solan's son who died during the Exile of the Highborne. Though they are not the highest of nobles within Quel'Thalas, the Skyshrouds earn a positive reputation amongst the Quel'dorei.



The Sunwell Plateau on the Isle of Quel'Danas.

- The Quel'dorei carve away huge portions of land from the Amani, expanding their own empire. With each battle, the Quel'dorei grow more powerful, drawing upon greater and greater magic that raises concerns about a repeat of the War of the Ancients and the return of the Legion.
  - In order to shield themselves from the eyes of the Burning Legion, and to better practice their magic in peace, the Quel'dorei erect <u>Ban'dinoriel</u>, a magical shield that covers all of Quel'Thalas something which is powered by several runestones scattered across the kingdom, as well as the Sunwell itself.

- The Amani, realizing there is no hope in defeating the Quel'dorei, withdraw back into the mountainous forests of Zul'Aman, harboring resentment from afar.
  - Instead of waging an all out war, the Amani engage in skirmishes and ambushes, attacking the Quel'dorei wherever weaknesses are found.

- To counter these ambushes, the Quel'dorei establish the Farstriders-also known as the Thalassian Ranger Corps.-an organization of archers and trackers capable of matching the troll's skill in forest combat.
  - Melor Sunstriker, already a fairly skilled archer and wilderness tracker, is one of the early members of this elite cast of rangers called Farstriders.
- Using their now unrestrained magic the Quel'dorei transform the region, forging a prosperous nation wrapped in eternal spring assured through raw power drawn from the Sunwell.
- The Quel'dorei establish Silvermoon City as their capital, and expand it into a sprawling utopian society that some argue even rivals Zin-Azshari in its prime.
  - **Dath'Remar Sunstrider** establishes the Sunstrider dynasty, which would last until the fall of the kingdom some six millenia later.
- Reyana Skyshroud reconnects with Althuron Skyshroud, her nephew and son of the late Nar'shala Skyshroud, and becomes a surrogate mother figure.
  - She frequently returns to stay with him while continuing her work as a Priestess of Elune, and even brings the archer along with her on various endeavors for the Sisterhood.
- Taileth and Nadrassa Skyshroud are born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The daughters of Mordharhan Skyshroud, they follow in their father's footsteps and train to become powerful sorcerers, furthering the legacy of the Skyshroud line.
  - They train at Elb'athalan under their grandfather, Lord Dath'solan Skyshroud.
- Twins Daine and Vorathel Skyshroud are born a year apart in Quel'Thalas.
  - The sons of **Ghabthan Skyshroud**, they are both inquisitive and knowledge hungry children who are quick to follow in the family tradition of embracing sorcery and magic.
  - They train in their early years at Elb'athalan, the Skyshroud family estate and school of magic.

Lord Dath'solan Skyshroud helps to establish the arcane sanctums throughout Quel'Thalas, aiding in the process of securing a steady current of ley energy throughout the kingdom.

• In his later years, he also takes to chronicling the history of his family's exile, the records of which are sealed away in the family's estate, Elb'athalan. Within those records he makes note of a second marriage, though never names the woman to whom he

allegedly is wed. It is unclear if this was a secret marriage, or simply one that did not last a considerable period of time.

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Through his influence, both of Lord Dath'solan's children, Gladathan and Mor'drathan Skyshroud are elevated to the status of magisters of Quel'Thalas.



Quel'Thalas, High Home of the Elves

- Melor Sunstriker makes a pilgrimage to the Mother Tree of Quel'Thalas, Thas'alah, and encounters a powerful, wild lynx in the woods.
  - Forced into a fight for his life, Melor struggles to best the lynx, but eventually succeeds. Choosing to spare the lynx's life, Melor slips past the lynx and continues on his pilgrimage, only to be confronted once again by the lynx under the boughs of the Mother Tree.
  - This second encounter results in the cementing of a kinship between Melor and the lynx, which becomes kin, and a protector of Melor's home and family.

# Year -6,300

- Soren'adal Skyshroud is born in Quel'Thalas
  - The third child, and only daughter of Magistrix Gladathin Skyshroud, she becomes a fiercely lethal pyromancer who earns a reputation for being relentless and determined.

- Desperate for the companionship of his brother Danebb, Althuron Skyshroud conscripts the aid of his lover, a young druidess, and several allies, and steals away into the Emerald Dream, though he keeps his plan hidden from aunt and surrogate mother, Reyana Skyshroud.
  - There, the company travels to Daral'nir and performs a ritual which awakens Danebb and several other worgen from the slumber imposed upon them by the druids of the Cenarion Circle.
  - Despite succeeding in their task, Danebb is disoriented and still out of control, and he flees with the other worgen. He and his fellow worgen escape the Emerald Dream and vanish into the wilds of southern Kalimdor, claiming the dense forests of Feralas as their new home.
  - Althuron pursues his brother into the wilds with some of his company, and begins a hunt which lasts centuries and then millenia. During this time, Althuron marries his lover and establishes a small company of roaming druids, Sentinels, and priestesses who

tend to the wilds, hunt down rogue demons, and also pursue Danebb Skyshroud and the other worgen.

# Year -6,000

### - The Cursing of Moonsong -

- Highborne elves living in the partially ruined city of Shandaral, in the isolated reaches of Northrend, struggle to survive in the wake of the Well of Eternity's destruction.
- The Highborne of Shandaral witness the Blue Dragonflight, natives to the area, consuming raw power from creatures they've turned into crystals through magic. The Highborne believe this method



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The forest of Moonsong.

can be a cure to their withdrawal, and that their civilization could be saved with the use of such practices. Despite attempts to communicate and seek aid from the dragons, the Highborne are ignored, or even met with violence.

- The Highborne resolve to sneak into the domain of the Blue Dragonflight, the Nexus, and uncover the dragons' method of crystalizing living essence.
- The Highborne also steal artifacts from the Blue Dragonflight while inside, driven by their greed and lust for knowledge and power.

- The selfish thievery and disregard for magic exhibited by the elves enrages the Blue Dragonflight, and the azure dragons assault the Highborne in Shandaral.
  - Intending to protect themselves, the Highborne attempt to use the new found ritual to crystalize part of the forest in order to drain it of magic, and then use it as a weapon against the dragons. Their actions, however, bring only ruin.

- Sensing the dangerous magics at play, the azure dragons flee vacating the region entirely to spare themselves the coming destruction.
  - The ritual crystalizes the entire forest of Moonsong transforming it, the elves, and every living thing in the region into crystal.
  - The souls of those destroyed remain trapped within the region forevermore.

# Year -4,562

- Vin'tor Sunstriker is struck down in combat during an ambush by Amani skirmishers.
  - His eldest son, Melor, becomes Lord of the Sunstriker line.

### Year -4,500

- Tal'thas Duskrider is born to a lesser noble family of sorcerers in central Quel'Thalas.
  - He is raised and trained from a young age to become a powerful sorcerer, but ventures away from that path and instead takes up arms as a ranger of Quel'Thalas.
- Talas'arien Sunstriker marries his wife, Caelen'or Autumnleaf, an archer in the Ranger Corps.
- **Fandral Staghelm**, a leading druid of the Kaldorei under **Archdruid Malfurion Stormrage**, takes six branches from Nordrassil, the World Tree, and plants them across Azeroth.
- Fandral Staghelm and his followers plant one sapling in the eastern forests of Northrend.
  - These branches take root and grow, despite having been planted in soil tainted by saronite, blood of the Old Gods that has hardened into mineral ore.
  - The druids of the Cenarion Circle become enraged upon learning of **Fandral's** act, but given the seeming success of the transplantation, they elect to observe and reflect instead of uprooting the branches.
  - In time, one of the branches grows into a new world tree, which the druids name Andrassil, meaning *Crown of the Snow* in the ancient elven tongue.
  - Despite initial successes in growth, the roots of Andrassil reach deep into the earth, and become affected by the influence of **Yogg-Saron**, one of the Old Gods imprisoned within the nearby Ulduar facility.

- **Fandral Staghelm** and his followers plant the remaining five saplings elsewhere across Azeroth, seeking to bolster the influence and power of the Emerald Dream, within which the druids of the Cenarion Circle slept. These saplings eventually grow into Great Trees.
  - One sapling is planted in Bough Shadow, in northern Kalimdor, in the dense forests of Ashenvale.

- One sapling is planted in Dream Bough, in southern Kalimdor, in the dense woodlands of Feralas.
- One sapling is planted in Crystalsong Forest, in central Northrend, to halt the spread of saronite across the continent. Given the prior crystallization of Moongsong Forest, now known as Crystalsong Forest, this Great Treat is one of the only non-crystalline features of the region.
- One sapling is planted in Seradane, in the Hinterlands of the eastern continent known now as the Eastern Kingdoms.
- The final sapling is planted in Twilight Grove, in the Brightwood region–now known as Duskwood–of the eastern continent known now as the Eastern Kingdoms.
- After several decades, the corruption of Andrassil, the World Tree, the indigenous species of the eastern forests of Northrend become aggressive and foul, leading the Cenarion Circle to investigate, and determine that the tree had become corrupted without the same protections upon it that the Dragon Aspects had granted to Nordrassil at the end of the War of the Ancients.
  - The druids resolve themselves to fell the great tree, which crashes down into the forests of Northrend. Forevermore it would bear the name Vordrassil, meaning *Broken Crown* in the ancient elven tongue.

# Year -4,457

#### Korus Verdentbloom is born in Quel Thalas.

• He is born into an affluent family in the capital of Silvermoon, where he would later begin his studies in the magical arts at a young age.

### Year -4,362

- Korus Verdentbloom is bestowed the title and status of Magister within Silvermoon, and assumes a power position governing the instruction of new, young magi.
  - The newly minted magister begins to conduct new, experimental research within the city's high spires, drawing in star pupils and colleagues alike.

#### Year -4,350

- Tal'thas Duskrider inherits the mantle of Lord of his family's house, and becomes one of the early Ranger Lords of Quel'Thalas.
  - He wields both the magic of a sorcerer, and the skills of a ranger, and begins to train generations of spellbows which blur the lines between factions within Quel'Thalas' military.

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- Melor Sunstriker, eldest son of Vin'tor Sunstriker, is slain fighting the Amani in the south of Quel'Thalas.
  - A monument is erected to memorialize his sacrifice, having stayed behind with his rangers to buy time for travelers to escape an attack by Amani warriors.
  - Talas'arien Sunstriker, the last living son and heir to the Sunstriker bloodline, becomes Lord of his house.

# <u>Year -3,400</u>

- Althuron Skyshroud at long last confronts his aunt and surrogate mother, Reyana Skyshroud, and admits to her his crime of stealing away into the Emerald Dream and awakening and releasing his brother, Danebb Skyshroud, one of the worgen.
  - Though initially stunned and enraged, Reyana is able to understand her nephew's actions, herself dearly missing her sister, Nar'shala, who had been slain centuries prior.
  - Althuron admits his wrongdoing, and beseeches Reyana to help him find Danebb in order to protect him from succumbing entirely to the feral nature of the worgen.
  - Though hesitant to aid Althuron without first drawing upon the support of the Cenarion Circle, Reyana relents on the condition that Danebb be returned to his sleep within the Dream–the only place she thinks he will be truly safe.
- Althuron Skyshroud, his wife-a druidess, his aunt and surrogate mother-Reyana Skyshroud, and his company of sentinels, priestesses, and younger and more adventurous druids gather together in the south of Kalimdor and set out into the wilds on a venture to locate Danebb Skyshroud and the other worgen in his pack.
  - Deep within the wilderness of Feralas, the feral worgen, led by Danebb Skyshroud, ambush the party as the Kaldorei wade deep into the pack's territory.
  - A battle erupts, with the Kaldorei hard pressed to not kill or severely wound the worgen in the process, and therefore at a severe disadvantage.
  - Several of the worgen are captured, including Danebb, but many more flee deep into the wilderness.

Realizing just how far gone these worgen are, Reyana and Althuron Skyshroud realize how unlikely it will be that the Cenarion Circle would risk drawing the feral worgen back into the Emerald Dream, and fear that the druids may resolve to lay the worgen to rest.

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- Without the <u>Scythe of Elune</u>, and desperate to spare the life of <u>Danebb</u> and the other worgen. The company decides to instead bring the worgen to a shrine to **Goldrinn**, the Wild God, and call upon the spirit to draw the worgen into his embrace and grant them tranquility and balance. To their dismay, **Goldrinn** does not answer their calls.
- Seeking another solution with the refusal of Goldrinn to aid their cause, Reyana Skyshroud and several of the priestesses in her and Althuron Skyshroud's company make a desperate plea to Elune. A vision is granted to the priestess, and the company is then led to a grove to the northeast of the ruins of Eldre'thalas.
  - There, under the light of the moon, **Elune** wraps the worgen in the veil of night and draws them into sleep under her watchful gaze. The grove becomes a sanctuary of tranquility and restoration, sealed away from the wilds by thick walls of foliage and trees.
  - In the aftermath of the ordeal, Althuron pledges himself to the Cenarion Circle in an effort to make amends for his actions. He is taken in as a guardian, and begins to learn of the druidic ways. He relocates to Moonglade with his wife, a druidess, and remains there to protect Nighthaven from then on.
  - Reyana Skyshroud returns to her work with the Sisterhood of Elune, but maintains frequent communication with her nephew, Althuron.

# Year -2,898

- Sav'eren Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas on June 6th.
  - The daughter of a shipbuilder and an arcanist, both of whom were among the Highborne exiled from Kalimdor, she grows up sailing and learning the trade of shipbuilding.

# Year -2,805

- An arcane smith in the township of Tranquillien forges the elven runeblade <u>Felo'dinal</u>-Flamereaper.
- Menethar Meadowfen is born in northern Quel'Thalas.

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# Year -2,800

## - The Founding of Arathor -

- Primitive humans continue to expand their holdings within the regions south of Quel'Thalas, forming small clans and tribes that practice druidism and simplistic shamanism.
  - Rivalries between clans, and a desire to survive in the harsh wilds where animals and the Amani trolls are a threat, drives conflict between the humans.
  - As the Quel'dorei in the north cemented their hold on Amani land, the trolls were forced south, and increasing aggression from the trolls prompted fears that a larger war could unfold.
- Having grown up on the sea and aboard ships, **Sav'eren Starbreeze** attains command of a small ship called the *Dawning Spear* and begins to patrol the shores of Quel'Thalas with a small company of elven warriors.
  - She and her crew provide security and safety for local merchants and citizens in the coastal towns.
- A human named **Thoradin**, of the Arathi clan, sees this inevitability and rallies the human clans of Arathi through force, forging together the Empire of Arathor and becoming the first King of humanity.
  - The humans begin construction on the city of Strom, which serves as capital to the empire, and erect the Wall of Thoradin to keep out the Amani trolls.
  - The empire of Arathor expands into a mighty and formidable dominion, which draws in many more disparate clans who seek the shelter of the empire.

## - The Troll Wars -

- As troll raids increased in frequency along the edges of the empire's borders, **King Thoradin** dispatches his generals, **Lordain** and **Ignaeus**, to drive back the Amani threat. They become renowned heroes amongst humanity, with **Ignaeus** earning the title "Trollbane" in recognition of the sheer number of trolls he had slain.
- Pinned between two powerful empires, the Amani trolls seek a way to drive back their enemies.

- The reclusive Zandalari emerge once more and seek out the Amani, encouraging them to rise up and reclaim their once coveted position as rules of this land.
- The Zandalari support the Amani by summoning the savage Loa to aid the trolls in battle, granting them new powers and strength.
- Adanas'alor Sunstriker is born in eastern Quel'Thala
  - The firstborn daughter of Talas'arien Sunstriker and Caelen'or Autumnleaf, she initially begins training as a soldier, following in the footsteps of her father.
- The Amani begin to attack the Quel'dorei in force, and months later, a full on war breaks out. Tens of thousands of trolls march upon Quel'Thalas with the Loa at their side.
  - A bloody conflict ensues, and the Quel'dorei struggle to hold their ground against the coordinated and amassed furor of the Amani.
- **Talanas Windrunner** becomes the first Ranger General of Silvermoon and establishes the Farstriders, a company of rangers dedicated to defending those of elven blood both within and beyond the boundaries of Quel'Thalas.
  - Talanas Windrunner is gifted a weapon, a bow, made from the boughs of the Mother Tree of Quel'Thalas, Thas'talah. The weapon is infused with the power of the sunwell, and the bow, <u>Thas'dorah</u>, "Valor of the Forest", is later passed down through the Windrunner line.
- **Sav'eren Starbreeze** establishes a reputation as a fierce and skilled ship captain, and becomes well known for her ruthlessness and cunning.
  - She demonstrates her prowess and mastery of sailing by regularly sailing *Dawning Spear* close to the shorelines, enabling her crew of elven warriors and rangers to storm and raid coastal Amani villages while still she and her shipboard magi provide fire support with magic infused ballistae bolts.
- Quel'dorei sorcerer **Belo'vir Salonar** forges three powerful artifacts to be used against the Amani, the <u>Stone of Flame</u>, <u>Stone of Light</u>, and the <u>Stone of Spark</u>, items of tremendous power that he imbues with the energy of the Sunwell. His renown continues to grow throughout the war, and he is later elected to serve as Grand Magister of Quel'Thalas.
  - The <u>Stone of Spark</u> is shattered during the war, and **Belo'vir Salonar** gathers the fragments and secures them away safely in the Magister's Terrace.
- **Magister Andolin**, wilder of the elven runeblade <u>Felo'dinal</u>-Flamereaper-is killed in battle. The runeblade is taken up by a low-ranking ranger named **Theramyr Quel'dorah**, and is wielded by him through the end of the war.
- Tal'thas Duskrider leads many Thalassian rangers and spellbows against the Amani, earning them a reputation for cunning and guile which proves effective against the trolls. Ultimately though, their efforts are not enough to hold back the Amani.

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- Lord Dach solan Skyshroud leads his descendents into battle against the trolls, including his children, Maginter Mordrahar, and Maginter Gladathan, his grandchildren Jaileth, Nadrassa, Dame, Vorathel, and Sorenadal Skyshroud, and many other apprentices and magi who had trained with the Skyshroud family.
  - During a battle in the southern regions of Eversong Forest, Lord Dudr'solan's prismatic blade, <u>Quel'lassan</u>, is shattered in battle against a powerful Amani hex-crafter. He suffers a grievous injury, but survives the battle.
- The shards of <u>Quel'lassan</u> are gathered, and reforged into five elven daggers, one given to each of Lord Dath solan's grandchildren.
  - <u>Quel'lasar</u> is given to Taileth, daughter of Magister Mordrathan Skyshroud.
  - Quel'laseth is given to Nadrassa, daughter of Magister Mor'drathan Skyshroud.
  - <u>Quel'lasera</u> is given to Daine, son of Magistrix Gladathan Skyshroud.
  - <u>Quel'lasuna</u> is given to Vorathel, son of Magistrix Gladathan Skyshroud.
  - <u>Quel'lasa</u> is given to Soren'adal, daughter of Magistrix Gladathan Skyshroud.

#### – The First Alliance –

- **King Anasterian** of Quel'Thalas dispatches emissaries to meet with **King Thoradin** who is shocked to learn of the true horrors unleashed by the trolls. He is convinced to send aid to battle back the trolls before their attention turns south towards the human empire.
- In exchange for the aid from Arathor, **King Anasterian** agrees that the Quel'dorei will teach one hundred humans the ways of the arcane.
  - The armies of Arathor begin to assemble, establishing forward bases for an offensive north, including strongholds in the Tirisfal Glades and the Alterac Mountains. At the same time, elven sorcerers begin training the humans in the ways of the arcane.
- Sav'eren Starbreeze begins sailing frequent voyages aboard the *Dawning Spear* between Quel'Thalas and Lordaeron, ferrying soldiers and supplies to human and elven military encampments.
  - On the coastal seas west of Quel'Thalas and north of Lordaeron, *Dawning Spear* engages and sinks numerous Zandalari ships during the war.
- Upon the elves' completion of their tutoring of the one hundred humans, **Thoradin** begins his northern campaign against the Amani.
  - Plotting to weaken and then break the Amani, the alliance of humans and elves is employed to great success as **Thoradin** strikes at the trolls the Amani forces, drawing them south towards Alterac. The human king leaves his magi behind, intending to wait until the right moment to put them into play.

- The armies of Arathor reach southern Quel'Thalas and strike hard at the Amani's flanks, driving them into a frenzy as they're pinched between two forces.
  - Tal'thas Duskrider's forces push the advance, striking at the Amani's flanks and carving away tremendous portions of the troll's army.

- Believing the humans weaker, given that they seemed to lack any magic users within their armies, the Amani forces turn south to drive back the humans, intending to wipe out one of the two armies so that they can focus all their attention on Quel'Thalas.
  - The humans begin to retreat, luring the Amani armies south towards Alterac.
  - The Thalassian armies, composed of magi and rangers, also push south harassing the Amani flanks as they chase the humans south and west.
  - Lord Dath'solan Skyshroud is slain in battle against the Amani. Mordhathan Skyshroud, his eldest son, becomes Lord of House Skyshroud.
- During this tactical withdrawal, **General Lordain** of Arathor is slain, but the region in between Quel'Thalas and Arathor is named Lordaeron, in honor of him.
  - **Lordain's** sister, **Mereldar**, was inspired by her brother's selfless sacrifice in battle, and dedicates her life to caring for the wounded and sick in the wake of the Troll Wars.
  - Many of Arathor's spiritual folk over the years had seen visions of the Naaru and the shadowlands beyond the realm of the living, but **Mereldar** becomes the first to put words and visions to practice. She becomes the first cleric.
  - **Mereldar** uses her powers of the Light to heal the sick, and begins to spread the teachings of the Light, eventually leading to the founding of the Church of the Holy Light several centuries later.
- On the coastal seas north of Lordaeron, **Sav'eren Starbreeze** nearly loses her life in battle against the Zandalari ships coming to aid the Amani.
  - During the battle her ship, *Dawning Spear*, suffers severe damage that forces her to return to Quel'Thalas for repairs and refit. Upon her return she is recognized for her contributions to the war effort, and granted a promise of reward following the end of the war.
- The Amani lay siege to Alterac Fortress, intending to wipe out the human army entirely, though the humans hold their ground.
  - **King Anasterian's** forces continue to strike at the Amani's flanks, and together the alliance whittles down the troll's forces.
  - Deciding the time was right, **King Thoradin** unleashes his human magi. The sorcerers gather as one and wove a devastating firestorm upon the troll army, shattering it entirely and shocking both the Quel'dorei and the Amani.
  - Lord Aridaeus Greenwalker is present to witness the immolation.

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- The brutal display of magic breaks the Amani's forces, and they scatter only to be hunted down by the forces of both Quel'Thalas and Arathor. The final battle brings a swift and decisive end to the Troll Wars.
  - For their actions in helping to defend Quel'Thalas, **King Anasterian** pledges the Quel'dorei's undying loyalty to **King Thoradin** and his descendants, owing them a debt to be called upon at any time.



The human magi unleash their magic.

- The Light becomes the centralized faith of humanity, and the use of magic spreads across the human kingdom.
  - Adama'alor Sunstriker embraces the teachings of the Light, and becomes one of the early elven clerics to return to Quel'Thalas with new powers and teachings to spread.

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- The Quel'dorei endeavor to keep a closer eye on the humans after the end of the war, aware of just how much potential for destruction the mortal race has. Despite that wariness, the Quel'dorei enjoy positive relations with the humans over the coming ages.
- In the wake of the war, Lord Morthan Skyshroud leads the Skyshroud family in Quel'Thalas on to greater prosperity than ever before.
  - Elb'athalan, the Skyshroud family estate, is expanded and becomes a thriving bastion for magical study in central Quel'Thalas.
  - There, the Quel'dorei begin to delve deep into magical research tied to the ley-lines of the nation, and their paths all throughout the world. They begin to scry, and watch the world as the centuries pass, using the ley-lines as their connection to the world beyond the kingdom.
- Of the fourth generation Skyshroud descendents living in Quel'Thalas, Sonen'adal, Nadkassa, Daine, and Taileth Skyshroud all join their parents, Magistrix Gladathan and Lord Moridrathan Skyshroud, in the ranks of the magisters of Quel'Thalas, and establish their own reputations and practices.
  - Nadrassa Skyshroud becomes a well-watcher on the Isle of Quel'Danas, tasked with safeguarding and maintaining the Sunwell, and the plateau stronghold that is built up around it.
  - Screnadal Skyshroud serves as a magister within Silvermoon, training new generations of sorcerers.
  - Daine Skyshroud becomes one of the kingdom's fierce battle mages, blending his mastery of the arcane with lethal melee fighting skills.
  - Taleth Skyshroud travels back and forth between Dalaran and Quel'Thalas, spending time with her cousin and close friend Vorathel Skyshroud, an Archmage of the Kirin Tor. Through him she develops a close friendship with many humans.
  - Siblings Magistrix Gladathan and Lord Mordrathan Skyshroud continue to serve as the eldest children of the late Lord Dath'solan Skyshroud, and guide the constant expansion of the Skyshroud family line and its history.
- Caelen'alor Sunstriker is born in eastern Quel'Thalas.
  - The second child of Talas'arien and Caelen'or Sunstriker, he is brother to Adanas'alor Sunstriker. Unlike his siblings and ancestors, he is considered a late bloomer and does not pursue a path until later on in his first century.
- With the close of the Troll Wars, **King Anasterian** issues awards and titles to many of the war's heroes, including land, prestigious status and renown, and high offices.
  - Lord Aridaeus Greenwalker, the son of a scribe and notary who took to the duties of a ranger of Quel'Thalas, was one such individual awarded land at the close of the war.

For his role, he was bestowed the title of Lord, and granted land in the south west of Quel'Thalas where he established the Treehome estate which would remain in his family and be passed down to his descendents.

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- Sav'eren Starbreeze is granted status as a lesser noble and also a plot of land within Quel'Thalas along the shores of the northern branches of the Elrendar River, just upstream from the Sunsail Anchorage, where she opens an academy for sailors and captains. The academy would prove pivotal in preparing new generations of naval commanders.
- Despite demands from Silvermoon for **Theramyr Quel'dorah** to return <u>Felo'dinal</u>, the elven runeblade he took up in battle during the war, fellow soldiers defend his honor and he is permitted to keep the runeblade.
  - This blade becomes a family heirloom of the Quel'dorah family line.
- **Sav'eren Starbreeze** and Menethar Meadowfen are wed, and have three children over the course of the next two thousand years.

# Year -2,700

### – The Expansion of Humanity –

- Anasterian Sunstrider ascends to the throne of Quel'Thalas, the third descendant of Dath'Remar Sunstrider to do so. He succeeds an unnamed king.
  - **King Anasterian Sunstrider** also inherits and wields the ancient Sunstrider runeblade heirloom <u>Felo'melorn</u>.
- The Kingdom of Arathor expands thanks to the might of their new magi, and the humans establish new cities all across the northern Eastern Kingdoms. Nation states emerge, including the powers of Lordaeron, Gilneas, Kul Tiras, Alterac, and the nation state of Dalaran where the Magi began to gather establishing a magocracy to govern themselves.
  - Over the decades to come, these regional powers develop further and begin to diminish the influence and power of Strom itself the seat of the empire's power.
- At some point within the next millenia, **Belo'vir Salonar**, Grand Magister of Quel'Thalas, takes on **Rommath** as his apprentice. He and his apprentice serve on **King Anasterian's** council and are important and heavily involved in the governance of Quel'Thalas.
- Adela Duskrider is born.
  - Born into the Duskrider family, and follows the path of the rangers in the footsteps of her father, Tal'thas Duskrider.

- The city state of Dalaran, ruled by the human mage named **Ardogan**, flourishes and becomes the heart of magic within humanity's territories.
  - Ruled by mages, the practice and spread of magic expands rapidly within the city, with many new students flocking there to learn from those trained by the elves.

#### Year -2,680

#### - The Shadow of the Legion -

- Human mages begin to withdraw from the many human settlements across the north, viewed with suspicion by the general populace. These mages flock to Dalaran, where their use of magic expands quickly.
  - A magocracy is formed within the city, and Dalaran's influence spreads far and wide. The reckless use of magic, however, begins to draw the attention of the Burning Legion
     - something that the Quel'dorei of Quel'Thalas sought to avoid by erecting the magical barrier around their kingdom.
- A number of demons manage to infiltrate Azeroth, and lurk amongst the human populace sowing chaos and discord, and threatening to draw forth a larger conflict once more.
  - Unable to contain the threat, the magi of Dalaran seek the aid of the elven sorcerers in Quel'Thalas. The Convocation of Silvermoon deploys its most powerful mages to support the humans in investigating and eliminating the threat.
  - The elven sorcerers argue in favor of the magi restricting and limiting their open and reckless use of magic, though the humans outright refuse this suggestion. Regardless of what restrictions are placed, the mages who had attained power would not wish to part with it, or restrict themselves and there would be no containing their practices.
- Resolving to confront the issue another way, the humans and Quel'dorei form an order known as the Council of Tirisfal, which is tasked with doing battle with any agents of the Burning Legion that slip into Azeroth and seek to sow chaos.
  - Through this council, the Quel'dorei teach the humans more of the dangers of the Burning Legion, and the history of the ancient Kaldorei Empire, including the devastating War of the Ancients.
- This expansive knowledge only elevates the human magi to greater enlightenment, which helps to spur on better growth and more responsible practices within Dalaran.
  - The magocracy refines its methods, establishes a senate to more closely govern magical use within the human nations, and begins to curtail more dangerous practices. This

slow change over time works to the benefit of humanity, and all of Azeroth, but the reckless use of magic by humans is never fully contained.

- Vorathel Skyshroud departs Quel'Thalas to join the human magi in Dalaran; he shares knowledge and rises quickly to become an Archmage of the Kirin Tor. There, in Dalaran, he establishes many connections amongst the many human nations, but always keep close in touch with his family back in Quel'Thalas.
- Understanding that knowledge of the Highborne's failings in the past could be at risk of being forgotten due to a concerted focus on revising elven history, a sec of elven magi within Quel'Thalas establish the Elrendar Fellowship, a program designed to rotate magi to various townships and settlements throughout Quel'Thalas to share and spread knowledge in a discrete manner.
  - In addition to spreading knowledge and wisdom, those partaking in the Fellowship further study the defenses of Quel'Thalas, and practice magics tied to preserving those defenses against potential intrusion.
  - Though the organization is public facing, a sect within the order establishes a secretive ulterior motive for the order: to study and understand the dark magics used by the Legion which may, in the future, be used against elven-kind.
  - Tayan'adara Autumnbloom is one of the early members of the Elrendar Fellowship. She begins her tenure by journeying to the western regions of Quel'Thalas to help spread a deeper understanding of the arcane.

# Year -2,610

## – The Guardian of Tirisfal –

- The Council of Tirisfal continues its duties in tracking down and defeating rogue demons, perfecting the practice of channeling their powers into one single member to do battle with the demons for a short time something which requires the council members to be in close proximity to one another during the process.
  - This method, while ideal for tackling the average demon, proves to be the council's folly as one demon in particular, **Kathra'natir**, strikes at the vulnerable members who momentarily lack their power devastating the council.
  - Resolving to change their methods, the Council begins to permanently empower a single guardian, rather than doing so only temporarily.

• This singular guardian, serving for one century at a time, becomes the living embodiment of the Council's duty to hunt down and defeat demons on Azeroth. **Alodi** is the first Guardian, though certainly not the last.

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• Adela Duskrider attains a high ranking position within the Farstriders, and follows in her father's footsteps learning the skills of a spellbow.

# Year -2,500

# - The Dwarven Expansion -

- Having been afflicted by the curse of Flesh and transformed over centuries while they slumbered in the earth, the semi-evolved dwarves begin to set out from the titan city of Uldaman and begin to establish their own kingdom called Khaz Modan.
  - The massive mountain city of Ironforge is the first major settlement to be established.
  - Other massive dwarven and earthen fortress cities have since been discovered elsewhere on Azeroth, including the iron dwarf city of Thor Modan in the Grizzly Hills region of Northrend, and Stonehearth, in the elemental plane of Deepholm.

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# <u>The Long Years</u> (-2,500 - 200)

# Year -2,300

- Ranger Lord Tal'thas Duskrider is slain in an Amani ambush while patrolling the southern regions of Quel'Thalas.
- Tayan'adara Autumnbloom responds to calls for aid from Windrunner Village where an arcane anomaly is reported to be threatening the township.
  - Tayan'adara Autumnbloom confronts the anomaly, an unstable void entity, and battles against it.
  - The void entity is slain, and with its death creates a rift into the Void itself. Tayan'adara journeys through the rift and seals it from the otherside. She is presumed dead.
  - An investigation into the disruption and anomaly is linked to the reckless experimentation and spellcasting of a lone magi who sought to draw energy from the void.
  - The magi in question is imprisoned by the local authorities.

## Year -1,900

- Varen Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas.
  - The first born son of **Sav'eren Starbreeze** and **Menethar Meadowfen**, he is born with a natural affinity for the arcane, and begins schooling at a young age to hone and focus those skills.

- Varen Starbreeze is enrolled at the Falthrien Academy on Sunstrider Isle.
  - While enrolled, he begins to develop firm control over his magical abilities and thrives upon the challenging course work.
  - He is drawn towards astromancy, and studies under several prominent magisters during his years at the academy.
  - A fierce rivalry with a fellow student proves to be a point for major contention that nearly gets him expelled early in his career.

#### Year -1,790

• Varen Starbreeze graduates from the Falthrien Academy on Sunstrider Isle, and joins into the Elrendar Fellowship, a secretive order of magi working to educate the Quel'dorei on the safe use of arcane magic, and also focused on studying darker magics in order to protect the kingdom from them.

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# Year -1,540

- Varen Starbreeze works with several of his colleagues within the Elrendar Fellowship to construct Vindel Arkhan'alah, an arcane tower in the eastern Quel'Thalas, in the mountains bordering Zul'Aman.
  - The arcane spire on the surface is used to divert leylines passing through Zul'Aman, and redirect them towards the Sunwell to further empower the Quel'dorei's fount of power.
  - The spire becomes a thriving beacon of arcane power that draws the attention of magi from all across the kingdom who come to study within the sanctum built below ground, which benefited from the extraordinarily high concentrations of raw ley energy passing through.
  - The sanctum constructed beneath the tower becomes one of several key holdings for the Elrendar Fellowship.

# Year -1,380

- Taliah Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas at the family estate along the Elrendar River.
  - The second born child, and first daughter of **Sav'eren** and **Menethar Starbreeze**, she is raised and trained in the family trade of shipbuilding and sailing from a young age.

- Taliah Starbreeze weds a fellow tradesman, Harathow Bradenoak, and the two have a set of twins in the same year.
- Caspen'alar and Geldir Starbreeze are born in western Quel'Thalas at the family estate along the Elrendar River.

• The son and daughter of Taliah Starbreeze and Harathow Bradenoak, they are both raised to follow in the family trade, shipbuilding and sailing.

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#### Year -1,280

- Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Geldir Starbreeze are enrolled at Sav'eren Starbreeze's naval academy where they both are pushed hard and held to exceedingly high standards given their family legacy.
  - Both prove their worth as sailors, but Caspen'alar demonstrates clear mastery and excels ahead of the rest of his class.

#### Year -1,206

- Ansinosth Summerbough is born in Quel'Thalas on the 16th of August.
  - He is the first born child of the senior magistrix Gwenthic Summerbough, and runesmith Kelvath Dawnwaver, who settled in northeastern Quel'Thalas.

# Year -1,200

# - The Decline of Arathor -

- The Kingdom of Arathor's power slips away as the city states and settlements become autonomous, and the focus of structure and power is less centralized.
- The Kingdoms of Gilneas, Lordaeron, Alterac, and Kul Tiras are established, with the Magocracy of Dalaran and the Kingdom of Arathor continuing to expand and endure over the long years. Relations normalize between the many sects of humanity.
  - Trade, faith, and wisdom are traded, and humanity prospers as the many people collaborate for a brighter future free of outside threats.
- Ethrian Duskrider is born.
  - The son of Adela Duskrider, the daughter of Ranger Lord Tal'thas Duskrider.
- In Lordaeron, the Church of the Holy Light continues to expand its influence, and one of **Thoradin's** descendants, **Faldir**, leads settlers south, founding the Kingdom of Stormwind.
- Ansinosth Summerbough begins training in the magical arts at the young age of six, learning the basics and earning himself apprenticeships under highly placed sorcerers throughout the capital city.

• During his long years of schooling he studies many forms of magic, including the research of Grand Magistrix Sidhanei Ambersong of the Kaldorei Highborne.

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- Adanas'alor Sunstriker, now a well regarded cleric of Silvermoon, weds Maldan'tiel Ravenbrook, a sorcerer and fellow Highborne noble many years her senior. Their marriage is widely considered to be a strategic move to cement power for their houses.
- In Stormwind, the humans battle against gnolls and Gurubashi trolls, but manage to settle across the region and begin to spread and seed the Church's teachings in the south.
- Fel'tharanas Everwyern is born in Quel'Thalas.

#### - The Doom of the Shen'dralar-

- Within the halls of the ancient Highborne city of Eldre'thalas, **Queen Azshara's** keepers of rare tomes and artifacts, the Shen'dralar, have continued to siphon energy from the imprisoned demon **Immol'thar**, though the cost of keeping him contained is far beyond what they can afford.
  - So costly is the magical prison that it leaves no energy for the Shen'dralar themselves to siphon and feed off of. Prince Tortheldrin's plan to supply his people with essential magic for their survival fails.
- Addicted to the demonic magic of **Immol'thar**, and now without any source of power, or their immortality, the Shen'dralar grow desperate.
  - **Prince Tortheldrin** plots in secret, and conspires with his allies within the halls of Eldre'thalas. Together, they murder many of the Shen'dralar, reducing the number of elves needing to feed off of the demon, and empowering them to live on.
- With the drastic reduction in population, **Prince Tortheldrin** and his allies withdraw to the inner sanctums of Eldre'thalas, and leave much of the city to its fate. The jungles of Feralas begin to claim the ruins, and many other creatures and monsters come to make it their home.

- Apprentice Ansinosth Summerbough completes and publishes his first major study on the loss of matter during conversion through arcane spellcasting, which explores, in detail, the usage and depletion of reagents and raw energy when spellcasting.
  - The research, titled "*A Refined Perspective on Regent Cast Attrition*," earns him several small accolades amongst scholars within Silvermoon.
  - The paper receives additional contributions postscript by several of Apprentice Ansinosth's instructors.

### Year -1,160

• Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Geldir Starbreeze graduate from the Starbreeze Naval Academy and seek out formal assignments to begin their careers.

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• Given the long years of peace and little need for a navy, few positions are available.

## Year -1,140

- Caspen'alar Starbreeze is finally granted a commission, and is assigned command of *Silverspell*, an elven destroyer. He is tasked with guarding the western coasts of Quel'Thalas from raiders and pirates on the seas.
  - Always close with his sister, Geldir, he appoints her as his second in command and the two develop a strong working relationship with one another.

# Year -1,120

- During his later years of mastery studies, Apprentice Ansinosth Summerbough engages in new training, under Senior Magister Vouliex Arcanaweaver within Silvermoon, which focuses on advanced schools and practices of combative sorcery.
  - This new training deepens Apprentice Ansinosth's mastery of offensive spellcasting and abjuration.
- Geldir Starbreeze weds a dragonhawk breeder named Orwenth Duskwing.
- Zandayn Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas on October 30th.
  - The first and only child of Geldir Starbreeze and Orwenth Duskwing, she is raised in the family trade of sailing and shipbuilding.

- A band of human settlers attempt to land on the shores north of Lordaeron, dangerously close to Quel'Thalas.
  - The humans attempt to forage lumber and other resources from Quel'Thalas, and when refused and driven out by the locals, lash out and pursue a course of violence.
  - Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Geldir Starbreeze are dispatched to repel the humans aboard their ship, *Silverspell*, along with two other destroyers, *Verdant Flame* and *Fearless*.

The war pack engages in several battles along the coasts as the humans convert merchant ships with weapons and attempt to secure control over the area for its resources.

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- Geldir Starbreeze is killed during the engagements.
- The elven war pack is able to repulse the humans with enough force to compel the settlers to depart for other land further west into Lordaeron.

- Apprentice Ansinosth Summerbough completes his mastery training as an arcanist in Silvermoon City.
  - In recognition for completing the daunting trials and tests necessary to be recognized as
    a Master Sorcerer, Ansinosth's most trusted mentor commissions Master Smith
    Vorthanael Duskwither to forge a staff for him.
  - The staff, known as <u>Val'quellar</u>-Staff of Surging-is made from an ancient and well preserved branch of an ancient elven Arcan'dor tree, though the truth of this branch's origin is at the time unknown. The staff is imbued with powerful enchantments, and also a vacant chamber crystal, enabling <u>Master Sorcerer Ansinosth</u> to siphon and store high volumes of power in the staff, and then later unleash that energy.
  - Thereafter, Master Sorcerer Ansinosth begins missionary work across the kingdom with the Elrendar Fellowship.
  - He assists in the ever ongoing task of aiding the people of Quel'Thalas and strengthening the kingdom's defense and magical education practices.
  - Rowan Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas at the family estate along the Elrendar River.
    - The third and final child of **Sav'eren** and **Menethar Meadowfen**, she is much younger than her siblings, and even her nieces and nephews.
    - From a young age, she displays a natural affinity for the Light, and embarks on a journey to become a priestess.
- Over time, the human nations across the Eastern Kingdoms begin to turn inwards, focusing on their own growth and prosperity. The vision of a unified humanity that had been championed by **Thoradin** in Arathor slips away.
- Aging more with each year, Magister Korus Verdentbloom ventures beyond the borders of Quel'Thalas with a small cohort of other magical researchers in an effort to explore and study the ancient Kaldorei ruins across the Eastern Kingdoms.

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- During this expedition, the group of elven magi is ambushed and killed in a battle against rogue demons. Magister Korus becomes host to one of the Nathrezim, Keth'axi.
- In returning north, **Keth'axi**, disguised as **Magister Korus**, convinces a band of elven rangers patrolling the southern borders of Quel'Thalas to aid him in returning, claiming that he is the sole survivor of his expedition and that a band of demons are in pursuit. In order to evade them, the group will need to use a secret passage leading beyond the elven border barrier.
- Passing through without being noticed, **Keth'axi** uses the disguise of **Magister Korus** to plant himself amongst Silvermoon's high ranking authorities and magisters, masquerading as the renowned sorcerer.
- Distraught over the death of his wife, Geldir Starbreeze, **Orwenth Duskwing** becomes reclusive and neglectful of his daughter, Zandayn Starbreeze.
- Ethrian Duskrider, a skilled spellbow even at such a young age, takes to dragonhawk riding, and quickly becomes an experienced rider. He applies his skills as a spellbow to the craft, and becomes a champion mounted archer, capable of navigating the wilds with haste, and striking from places unknown.
- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze adopts his niece, Zandayn Starbreeze, and raises her aboard his ship, *Silverspell*.

- Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough completes and publishes his second major study, "An Inverted Thesis on the Confluence of Magical Schools," which focuses on the blending of magic schools to empower and improve upon reflective abjuration spells.
  - The study, which explored and documented the results of new magical theory and practice, expands upon existing knowledge of reflective shielding. As a result, new spellwork, developed through the research, is able to both reflect incoming spellwork and simultaneously siphon off a portion of the energy to further empower the shield.
  - The necessity of prior mastery of abjuration and siphoning practices in order to sufficiently perform the new grade of spellwork results in limited common use and application of the research, but gains considerable traction in higher circles.
  - Despite the limited widespread use of the paper, it earns the Master Sorcerer an audience with the highest ranking Magisters within the kingdom to be presented.

#### Year -1,090

- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and his ship, *Silverspell*, is chartered for an expedition under the pay and authority of a wealthy and influential magister of Silvermoon.
  - Zandayn Starbreeze accompanies her adoptive father on the expedition.
  - The expedition takes the magister and their company of scholars and magi far southwest into the Great Sea where they seek out a chain of half sunken islands upon which are thought to be the ruins of an ancient Highborne treasure vault.

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- Upon landing on the islands, the expedition comes to face a deadly mire full of murlocs and strange serpentine beasts-some of the devolved mutants and offspring of the insidious Naga that dwelt below the seas.
- The expedition flees the island chain when their strange foes prove too powerful to best without additional support. *Silverspell* sails east, towards the coasts of the human kingdoms of Kul Tiras and Gilneas.
- Aboard his elven destroyer, *Silverspell*, Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze, his adopted daughter Zandayn Starbreeze, and the expedition force they were escorting, seek shelter along the Kul Tiran coasts.
  - As they travel, they extensively chart the waters and coastal shoals, something few elves had ever attempted to do before.
  - North of Kul Tiras, Silverspell is set upon by pirates, and the elves wage a fierce battle against overwhelming odds.
  - Despite being outnumbered and outgunned, Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and his crew are able to fight through and sail south towards Kul Tiras and seek shelter under the protection of Boralus' guns.
- While staying in Kul Tiras, Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Zandayn Starbreeze make connections with many of the human sailors, and Captain Caspen'alar forms a particularly strong bond with Captain Hardy Steeltide, who agrees to join Captain Caspen'alar in hunting down the pirates and bringing them to justice.
  - During their time in Boralus, *Silverspell* is repaired and refitted with supplies.
- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Captain Hardy Steeltide form a warpack, composed of *Silverspell* and *The Maiden's Virtue*, and sail out to hunt down the pirates which had harassed Captain Caspen'alar's expedition.
  - The magisters of the expedition remain behind in Boralus during the hunt, though Zandayn Starbreeze joins her adoptive father for the adventure.

• *The Maiden's Virtue* and *Silverspell* decimate the ranks of the pirates, earning Captain Steeltide a huge boost to his reputation, and ensure the safe return of Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and his crew to Quel'Thalas.

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- Following the conclusion of the hunt, Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Zandayn Starbreeze sail the expedition back to Quel'Thalas aboard *Silverspell*.
- Upon returning to Quel'Thalas, Zandayn Starbreeze is enrolled in the Starbreeze Naval Academy, embracing her family's legacy.

# Year -1,050

- Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough travels beyond the southern borders of Quel'Thalas with a mandate and task from the Convocation of Silvermoon to gauge the strength and state of the ever expanding human kingdoms to the south.
  - Reportedly, during his travels he encounters many humans and establishes informal ties that are not disclosed in available, official accounts.

### Year -1,018

- Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough returns to Quel'Thalas and takes up a position within Silvermoon City as a Master Sorcerer after completing his third major study.
  - This third study-a focus on the siphoning and redirection of minor ley energy as an alternative to a caster's own mana pool-draws sharp criticism from high ranking magisters within Silvermoon as potentially destructive to the stability of Quel'Thalas' leylines.
  - Despite the criticism, from the work a considerable leap is made in efforts to further counter potential tampering or siphoning from the Quel'Thalas' leylines.
  - As a newly minted Master Sorcerer, Ansinosth aggressively pushes the limits of new magical research, which notably earns the ire of many senior magisters who denounce his practices and studies as ridiculous and even dangerous at times.
- Zandayn Starbreeze graduates from the Starbreeze Naval Academy as a lieutenant, and takes up a series of assignments as an officer on several ships.

# Year -1,011

• Arondil Sunfletcher is born in Quel'Thalas, the first born son of Iltheon and Myl'adriel Sunfletcher, both Farstriders.

# Year -1,000

- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze hires his adoptive daughter, Lieutenant Zandayn Starbreeze, as navigator aboard his ship, *Silverspell*.
  - With a prior history of sailing together, and a solid understanding of similar tactics, the two make a fierce team.

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• Rowan Starbreeze becomes an influential, young priestess within Quel'Thalas and helps to shape and spread faith in the holy Light throughout the kingdom.

#### Year -975

# – War of the Shifting Sands –

- The Qiraji break loose from Ahn'Qiraj and cover nearly a third of Kalimdor.
  - Danebb Skyshroud and the other worgen in his company-who had all escaped from the Emerald Dream thousands of years prior thanks to Danebb's brother Althuron Skyshroud-fight back against the Qiraji as they encroach upon the wilderness of Feralas. Though the worgen do not venture out beyond their domain, they contribute to the defense of Kalimdor.
  - Reyana and Althuron Skyshroud are reunited to join the fight against the Qiraji in southern Kalimdor.
- The Kaldorei rally alongside the dragons, and together drive back the Qiraji, contain Ahn'Qiraj once more, and seal the ancient city by erecting the Scarab Wall.
- Varen Starbreeze is slain when Amani trolls assault Vindel Arkhan'alah, an arcane spire the sorcerer helped construct for the Elrendar Fellowship years prior.
  - Numerous magi are slain during the assault, and the arcane spire is destroyed in the aftermath.
  - As the spire's ley anchors are shattered during the collapse of the tower, a devastating explosion occurs and disintegrates all those in the near vicinity.
  - The leylines bound to the spire revert to their historical bearings, and the Elrendar Fellowship suffers a grave loss with the deaths of so many of their members.
- Ethrian Duskrider helps to establish a circuit of dragonhawk racers in Quel'Thalas, an underground sport that draws in nobles and veteran soldiers alike who seek thrills and danger.
- Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough is inducted into a society of mages who study dark and strange magics, including shadowmancy, astromancy, and other blended schools that are considered too dangerous for open practice in the world.

• Forced to practice in secret in its initial years, the society develops in the shadows of Quel'Thalas' magistry, and draws in many notable sorcerers who establish and maintain a fellowship that persists throughout the centuries to come.

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# Year -951

- Mylitha Sunfletcher is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The daughter of **Iltheon** and **Myl'adriel Sunfletcher**, both Farstriders, and the younger sister of Arondil Sunfletcher, she was born in the south-east of Quel'Thalas near the Amani border.

- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Lieutenant Zandayn Starbreeze receive a letter from Commander Jendal Steeltide, the great granddaughter of Kul Tiran captain Hardy Steeltide, an old colleague of theirs, who requests their aid.
  - Both elves sail down to Kul Tiras aboard *Silverspell* and, upon their arrival, learn of a
    plot brewing in the near seas. Dark forces are said to be at work near Tol Barad, a
    Stromic stronghold, allegedly mystical forces which are leading to the destruction of
    numerous ships.
  - **Commander Jendal Steeltide** requests the help of the elves in getting to the bottom of the mystery, claiming that she believes elven sorcery will have greater immunity to whatever magic is at work.
- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Lieutenant Zandayn Starbreeze set sail aboard *Silverspell*, alongside **Commander Jendal Steeltide** aboard *Pike's Folly*, a Kul Tiran warship under her command.
  - The pair of ships are ambushed along the coasts of Tol Barad, and the elven magi aboard *Silverspell* prove invaluable in deflecting the enemy magic and repelling the dark auras bound to the mists.
  - The Quel'dorei and Kul Tiran crews stage an incursion onto Tol Barad and come to find that the shadowy spellcasters are in fact magi of Dalaran who had been put under the spell of a sea witch, one of the insidious naga. Having never encountered such a creature before, it raises many concerns for the captains and their crews.
  - The elves and humans battle against the mages, and all the enslaved sailors under the witch's thrall, but the overwhelming number of enemies proves to be too much, and the crews are forced to withdraw.

• Forced to retreat, *Silverspell* and *Pike's Folly* attempt to withdraw, only to face ghostly, tattered ships emerging from the fog.

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- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Commander Jendal Steeltide lead their crews in battling the scuttled ghosts ships, crewed by those enslaved by the sea witch, and eventually face off against the sea witch herself when she tries to board *Silverspell*, craving the elven magics which she recognizes.
- Lieutenant Zandayn Starbreeze plays a critical role in defeating the sea witch in battle, whose body descends into the depths following her defeat.
- With the defeat of the witch the dark magics are lifted, and the mists begin to recede.
- For her efforts in defeating the sea witch and aiding the Kul Tiran forces, Lieutenant Zandayn Starbreeze is commended and granted a promotion to Commander. Soon after she is given command of a newly built ship which she names *Dawning Sword*, an homage to the ship sailed by her great grandmother **Sav'eren Starbreeze**, *Dawning Spear*.

## Year -945

• Sylvestri Sunfletcher is born, the third child of Iltheon and Myl'adriel Sunfletcher, and younger sibling to Arondil and Mylitha Sunfletcher.

### Year -940

• Mylitha Sunfletcher is discovered to have an aptitude fitting of a potential sorceress, a gift pounced on my observant magisters. She is invited to and enrolled at the Falthrien Academy in Quel'Thalas, where she spends a decade studying under the magisters.

- Mylitha Sunfletcher departs from the Falthrien Academy in Quel'Thalas and journeys south, to Dalaran, to seek instruction and tutelage under the Kirin Tor.
  - Having found the political feuds of Quel'Thalas stifling, the young mage bounds forward in her learning under the Kirin Tor.
  - In Dalaran, Mylitha studies under Archmage Dawnsinger, Professor Melgan Aelnor, and Haldir Everspring, among many other instructors.
- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze marries Breya Sunbinder.

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• Mylitha Sunfletcher completes her studies in Dalaran and is granted the status and title of Magus.

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• Despite graduating, she retains her apprenticeship under Haldir Everspring.

### Year -863

- Mylitha Sunfletcher concludes her apprenticeship under Haldir Everspring and begins to conduct her own magical research.
  - The research she begins focuses on making sense of, and explaining in an orderly and mathematical manner the intersection of astronomy, astrology, and astromancy, which had previously remained isolated and clearly divided schools of science and magic. Her attempts to detail the physical nature of the cosmos through mathematics, and translate their order into transmutational spells, begins to take root and expand.
  - Despite the efforts and progress made, the research is disregarded by many magical scholars as having broken with widely accepted beliefs and traditional schools of thought.

## Year -823

#### – The Guardian Aegwynn –

- Aegwynn, current Guardian of Tirisfal, senses a darkness in Northrend the northernmost continent, and journeys there to battle against the darkness.
  - In her journey she comes face to face with an avatar of Sargeras, the Mad Titan and lord of the Burning Legion.
  - Holding to her duty, Aegwynn battles against the after and, after an exhausting fight, defeats her enemy. Unbeknownst to her, upon striking down her foe, the spirit of Sargeras infiltrated her weakened mortal form - and lurked unseen, waiting for an opportunity to strike.
- Aegwynn gathers the fallen Avatar's form and seals it away within the Temple of the Moon, a part of Suramar outside the barrier that isolated it from the Sundering.
  - Sealed away at the bottom of the sea, the Avatar's body is thought to be secure and safe, guarded by the Pillars of Creation. The temple becomes known as the Tomb of Sargeras.

- Mylitha Sunfletcher, while still continuing with her research, marries Filarion Everspring-the son of her mentor, Haldir Everspring.
  - In her capacity as a Magus of the Kirin Tor, Mylitha's duties are expanded and she is dispatched across the Eastern Kingdoms, from Lordaeron to Stormwind, to assist in transmutational mishaps and other issues of import.

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# Year -700

- Rowan Starbreeze comes to reside at the Sunwell Plateau where she is given a place amongst the well-watchers who tend to and safeguard the Sunwell.
- Venthar Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas at the family's estate.
  - The son of Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze and Breya Sunbinder, he is trained and schooled from a young age in the way of the family trade, shipbuilding and sailing.

### Year -690

- Captain Caspen'alar Starbreeze, Breya Sunbinder, and their son Venthar Starbreeze travel south after Caspen'alar is chartered to sail an emissary of Quel'Thalas to the Kingdom of Stormwind.
  - The family stays in Stormwind for four months while the emissary conducts their business, and during that time, Captain Caspen'alar meets many human sailors of the Kingdom and learns much about southern culture.
  - Venthar Starbreeze, only ten years of age, mingles with the children of Stormwind nobility and develops close friendships with some of them.
  - Captain Caspen'alar accepts several contracts during their stay in Stormwind, and sails out to aid the humans in their efforts to combat piracy which had begun to spread across the South Seas.

# Year -680

• Commander Zandayn Starbreeze marries Sunsail Anchorage guard captain Delathor Brightwell, whom she met years prior during her studies and service near the Anchorage.

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#### • Geldiran Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas.

- The daughter of Commander Zandayn Starbreeze and Guard Captain Delathor Brightwell, she and her brother are the first of their family in several generations to not embrace the family trade of shipbuilding and sailing.
- Instead, Geldian demonstrates a clear affinity for the arcane, even from a young age.
- Braeden Starbreeze is born in western Quel'Thalas.
  - The son of Commander Zandayn Starbreeze and Guard Captain Delathor Brightwell, he and his sister are the first of their family in several generations to not embrace the family trade of shipbuilding and sailing.
  - Instead, Braeden pursues a career within the Farstriders.

### Year -635

- Lin'Aryne Delilah Wynters, later known as Ary Wynters, is born in Quel'Thalas on the 13th of October.
  - The only child of the Dawnstone-Wynters noble houses, Ary is raised between their family's two homes.

#### Year -624

• Ary Wynters is enrolled at Lady Livistra's School of Dance for Young Girls where they begin studying and mastering many forms of dance.

#### Year -618

- Ary Wynters graduates from Lady Livistra's School of Dance for Young Girls and advances into the Academy of Dance.
  - They quickly ascend the ranks to become one of their class's most recognized students, and becomes a highly regarded performer who is showcased frequently over the next century.

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Ranger-Captain Elessiar Greenwalker is born at Treehome in southwestern Quel'Thalas.

• He is the son of Lord Aridaeus Greenwalker and his wife.

# Year -513

#### Cellestria Silverspear is born to a family of royal accountants in Quel'Thalas

- In her young years she traveled to Dalaran, which inspired a pursuit in magic. She would later become a Magistrix of Quel'Thalas.
- Ary Wynters departs the Academy of Dance in Quel'Thalas to pursue other dance opportunities throughout the Kingdom. For the next five hundred years they continue to build their career as a dance artist.
- Geldiran Starbreeze attains the status of Magister of Quel'Thalas.
  - Following her ascension, Magister Geldiran joins the Elrendar Fellowship and lives a quiet life studying, and training others in the magical arts.
  - Among many others, she collaborates with Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough on magical research and various studies.

- Zariasona Emberspirit is born in Tranquillien, Quel'Thalas
  - The first born daughter of Leandra Emberspirit and Verethar Emberspirit, she later becomes the eldest of two sisters: Kinadra and Sisendra.
  - At a young age she begins to learn the ways of the Light, while her sisters embrace other paths: **Sisendra** begins to study darker magics while **Kinadra** pursues the path of a fighter.
- Althuron Skyshroud suffers another heartbreak when his wife, a druidess of the Cenarion Circle, is killed while battling a band of demons on the slopes of Mount Hyjal.
  - Desperate to avenge her, Althuron gathers the company of Sentinels and priestesses and druids that he had once adventured with, and they set out to hunt down the demons.
  - After waging a fierce battle on the slopes of Mount Hyjal, the company defeats the demons, though not without severe losses.
  - Devastated, and unable to return to Nighthaven where he and his wife had lived for so many centuries, Althuron journeys south into Ashenvale and settles amongst other Kaldorei.

• Giving up his bow and swords, and vowing to live a simple life where no further loss might follow him, he takes up work as a fisherman and secludes himself from most contact with others.

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# Year -503

• Zariasona Emberspirit uses her novice skills with the Light at the young age of ten to heal the wounds of her sister after a fall. This act cements her path as a healer, and she is brought to Silvermoon to begin training in earnest.

# Year -500

- Mylitha Sunfletcher, having made an impression with her more recent work on gravimetric spellcrafting, is approached with an invitation to begin the Archmage trials in Dalaran.
  - Mylitha declines the invitation, concerned that politics would interfere with her studies, much like the concern she had in Quel'Thalas in her earlier years.
  - In place of beginning her trials, Mylitha secures additional funding for her research and begins to teach in Dalaran, including courses in Arcane Geometry and Trigonometry, and centuries later Astronomy, Calculus, and other mathematics as well.
- Thorruless Ralomyar is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - He is orphaned within the first few days after his birth and left in the care of a matron at an orphanage. The identity of his parents is not currently known. He is raised under the care of **Sister Elyndra**, among others.
  - His name, meaning "Crier of the Sun", may possibly have been a reference to his frequent crying as an infant.

# Year -506

• Thorruless Ralomyar is observed by officers and then taken from the orphanage to be raised and trained in a military academy.

# Year -516

• Thorruless Ralomyar graduates from the military academy in Quel'Thalas and is assigned to the 34th Silverhawks Unit as a shieldbearer.

• As a soldier within the unit, he is assigned to provide security and protection for many of the noble houses, and is witness to many events and is present to meet many affluent and important nobles.

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### Year -440

# - Foundation of the Ranger Lodges -

- The Quel'Danil and Quel'Lithien Lodges are established in Lordaeron, and serve as the southernmost holdings of the Quel'dorei. They are manned by rangers and magi of Quel'Thalas, and serve as outposts and points of contact with the humans of Lordaeron and Stromgarde.
  - Ranger-Captain Elessiar Greenwalker is posted at the Quel'Danil Lodge, a station he would remain at for the next several centuries.
- Baranthore Sunstriker is born.
  - The firstborn son of Adanas'alor Sunstriker and Maldan'tiel Ravenbrook, he is raised with high expectations and intended to inherit lordship of both noble houses upon the passing of his parents.
- Adanas'alor and Maldan'tiel relocate their family from the historic, ancestral Sunstriker holdings in the south east of Quel'Thalas, and settle in the capital city of Silvermoon.

## Year -425

#### Zalvie Flameblade is born in Quel"Thalas

- The daughter of **Magister Lontheril Flameblade** and Farstrider **Annara Flameblade**, she is raised alongside her older brother, **Aelor**, in the family estate along the banks of the Elrendar River.
- From a young age, Zahae is trained and schooled in the magical arts, alongside her brother, directly under their father's tutelage.

- Fel'tharanas Everwyern reaches the rank of Ranger-Captain within the Ranger Corps.
- Quin'el Dawnbringer is born in Quel'Thalas
  - The son of the sorcerer Anthor Dawnbringer and arcane smith Syrell Oalblossom, Quinel grows up learning elements of both trades.

- Andinthe Sunstriker is born in Silvermoon City.
  - The second born child, and first daughter of Adanas'alor Sunstriker and Maldan'tiel Ravenbrook, she would later pursue a career as a soldier.

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#### Year -413

- Zariasona Emberspirit attains the status and title of Magistrix within Silvermoon, and is recognized as a skilled practitioner of the Light. She enters into the fields of politics within the capital.
  - She soon after marries her first husband, **Lord Kan'this Coldstrider**, though the marriage is soon shadowed by abuse and cruelty at the hands of **Lord Coldstrider**.

## Year -400

• Quintel Dawnbringer begins formal training under Master Smith Vorthanael Duskwither in Silvermoon City, and begins learning the finer arts of weapon and armor smithing at the arcane forges within the city.

#### Year -388

- Zariasona Emberspirit seeks out the priests of Silvermoon City who help the lady escape to her family in Tranquillien.
  - **Lord Coldstrider** follows Zariasona to her family's home in the south, but departs after a heated confrontation. **Lord Coldstrider** is later killed in the wilds by animals native to the southern regions of Quel'Thalas.
  - The years of suffering and fateful end to her marriage prompt Zariasona to refocus her efforts upon improving her own life. She begins to train with the blade, build up physical strength, and rededicate herself to aiding the people in need.

#### Year -385

• Siblings **Aelor** and **Zalvie Flameblade** are formally drawn into the Magistery of Silvermoon, following in the footsteps of their father, **Magister Lontheril Flameblade**.

• Both siblings routinely attend meetings in the company of their father, and develop a friendly rivalry to earn his praise and approval.

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• In the early years Aelor focuses his attention on exploring new avenues for magical power, and advances his political skills and sorcery, while Zalvie begins to explore artifacts, history, and magical artifact acquisition and analysis.

### Year -300

- Quined Downbringer completes his hundred year apprenticeship under Master Smith Vorthanael Duskwither and is officially recognized as one of the city's premier Arcane Smiths.
  - He is hired on to work as an associate of **Master Vorthanael Duskwither** at the Duskwither Forge in the west end of Silvermoon.

### Year -276

Haeldron Dawnbrook is born in western Quel'Thalas.

#### Year -250

- Sometime within the next decade, Zyellia Bloodsong is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - Daughter of the nobles Lord Daenir Bloodsong and Lady Adorela Sunspring, both Magisters of Silvermoon, she is one of several children, which include her brother, Neph'eleon Bloodsong.
  - She begins studying the arcane at academies at an early age.
- Talaneth Flowersong, a priestess of **Elune** residing in Ashenvale, encounters Althuron Skyshroud, a reclusive fisherman living on the edge of Astranaar.
  - Despite his earnest efforts to avoid establishing new connections, the priestess's dogged and persistent efforts to aid him in seeking balance and peace of mind and spirit bring the two closer together.
  - Through Talaneth Flowersong's aid, Althuron at long last is able to come to terms with the killing of his wife many centuries before.
  - The two remain closer, and stay together in Astranaar for the centuries to come.

Quin'd Dawnbringer begins work on the forging of <u>Quel'felo</u>, High Flame, a elven runeblade commissioned by **Dathedril Sunstorm** and intended as a gift for a noble of the Sunreaver family.

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- In order to attain the materials necessary for the blade, Quinted gathers the support of a handful of Farstriders, magi, and soldiers, to venture with him beyond the borders of Quel'Thalas. The company journeys into the mountains of eastern Lordaeron, on the border of the Hinterlands, and delves deep into a mountain cavern.
- The winding cavern leads to a vast chasm far below ground in which fire elementals, servants of **Baron Pyronar**-a servant of **Firelord Ragnaros**-dwell.
- The elves do battle with **Baron Pyronar**, who guards a vein of rare minerals that include elemental cores and the exceptionally rare Blood of the Mountain. Though there are numerous casualties, the **Baron** is defeated and banished back to the Firelands, and **Currie** is able to extract the ore and rare minerals necessary to forge the blade.
- The company returns to Silvermoon and Quind spends a fortnight refining and smelting the ore, pouring the molds, and hammering out the runeblade.
- <u>Quel'felo</u> is quenched in waters containing the essence of the Sunwell, and then enchanted and sealed with complex spellwork.
- Quintel presents the blade to Dathedril Sunstorm and is paid a generous commission. The blade is later gifted to a noble member of the noble Sunreaver family, which earns Quintel renown and praise.
- In efforts to groom and prepare her to assume the role of heir to the family legacy, Zyellia Bloodsong's father, Lord Daenir Bloodsong, pushes her hard to perfect her craft and skill in sorcery.

- Arthanal Alexander Dawnbreaker is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The son of the minor noble Lord Serbanal Dawnbreaker and Farstrider Lady Elizia née Aether, his mother retires from her station after his birth.
  - He later becomes the oldest of three siblings after the birth of his two younger sisters, Sabariel Elizabeth Dawnbreaker and Auril Emily Dawnbreaker.

Syori Dawnflame is born in Dawnhollow Village along the southern border o Quel'Thalas and Lordaeron.

• The daughter of Vaeryn Dawnflame, a smith, and Priestess Liadra Dawnflame, she is the second of three children in the Dawnflame house, with an older sister, Lithandriel, and a younger brother, Vyndan Dawnflame.

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# Year -55

- From a young age, Syori Dawnflame is schooled and trained as a priestess of the holy Light, and taken on frequent visits to Lordaeron, especially the city of Stratholme. She also grows up aiding her father with his work as a blacksmith.
  - Given the closeness of Dawnhollow to the southern border, much of Syori's training as a priestess is rooted in more human-aligned teachings.

### Year -243

- Alstus Dawnstrider is born at the Dawnstrider estate in Quel'Thalas.
  - The son of nobleman Lord Alstarien Dawnstrider and Farstrider Liara Winterbreeze, he is raised an only child who, from a young age, begins to pursue archery and tracking.

## Year -237

• Alstus Dawnstrider begins training as an archer under his mother, Farstrider Liara Winterbreeze, which further encourages him down the path of a ranger.

# Year -230

#### - War of the Three Hammers -

- After the dwarven **High King Modimus** passes away from old age, the three rival dwarven clans in Ironforge, the Bronzebeards, the Dark Irons, and the Wildhammers begin a battle for control over the city and supremacy over their rivals.
- The Bronzebeards secure victory in the Mountain, and drive out the other two clans.

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- The Wildhammers go north to the Highlands, establishing the city of Grim Batol.
- The Dark Irons go south to the Redridge Mountains, establishing Shadowforge City.
- The Dark Irons resent the Bronzebeards for their humiliating defeat, and gather an army to strike back. Waging war on both of the rival clans, **Sorcerer-Thane Thaurissan** launches a two pronged assault, intending to wipe out the Bronzebeard and Wildhammer clans.
  - Attacking Ironforge himself, **Thaurissan** sends his wife, **Modgud**, to assault the Wildhammer's city of Grim Batol.
  - His plans fail, and the two rival clans battle back the Dark Irons. The Wildhammers strike down and kill **Modgud**, whose death unleashes dark magics upon Grim Batol, cursing it to a place of nightmares.
  - This decades long conflict, the War of the Three Hammers, continues on as the Dark Irons are driven back to their mountain city. With Bronzebeard and Wildhammers uniting to defeat their common enemy, the last battle of the war breaks out on the steps outside the Dark Iron's mountain city.
- The Dark Irons attempt to summon fiery power from the depths of the mountain, but unintentionally summon **Ragnaros**, the Firelord of the Elemental Plane. The arrival of the **Firelord** results in the eruption of a massive volcano in the Redridge Mountains, shattering the land and transforming the red mountains into the apocalyptic Burning Steppes.
  - The **Sorcerer-Thane Thaurissan** is killed during the summoning, and his people, the Dark Iron Dwarves, are subsequently enslaved by Ragnaros.
- The Wildhammers and Bronzebeards return to their kingdoms, and isolate themselves from each other in the wake of the terrifying final battle.
  - Finding their mountain home tainted, the Wildhammers continue north, settling in the Hinterlands, and up north in eastern Lordaeron.
- Syori Dawnflame ascends as a fully ordained priestess of Quel'Thalas.
- Zyellia Bloodsong begins to contribute more publicly to her family's affairs in Silvermoon City's political spheres, building up a reputation of her own and honing her social skills, all while continuing her training to become a Magistrix of the kingdom.
- The tauren of Kalimdor establish an organization known as the Earthen Ring, a collective of elementally attuned individuals who seek to maintain the balance of the elements on Azeroth.
- Caelen'alor Sunstriker is murdered under mysterious circumstances, leaving Adanas'alor Sunstriker and her children as the sole inheritors of the Sunstriker estate and wealth.

• Aridaen Greenwalker is born.

- The son of Ranger-Captain Elessiar Greenwalker and Magistrix Cellest th Silverspear, he was born at the family's Treehome estate in south western Quel'Thalas.
- Given the demanding nature of his parents' work and duties, he is partially raised by an attendant by the name of **Keel Firelynx**, a former ranger of Quel'Thalas.

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- Ker'tina Silverflight is born in Silvermoon City.
  - She is the first daughter of Sylvanos and Kira Silverflight, both nobles and rangers of the Farstriders.
  - From a young age Ker'tina is trained and disciplined with the mindset of a ranger, and begins to pick up skills and habits fitting of a ranger. Much of this was in response to a desire within the family to be elevated in status, and to achieve higher and greater things, something which becomes a motivation for Ker'tina herself.
- Talas'arien and Caelen'or Sunstriker are both killed during an Amani raid while on an official trip to the south of Quel'Thalas.
- Quin'el Dawwnbringer completes another high profile commission for a noble of Silvermoon and is elevated in status to that of a Grand Master Smith of arcane forging.
  - He begins to craft weapons and armor for the nobility of Silvermoon more regularly, and finally opens his own forge in the city, parting ways with his mentor Vorthanael Duskwither.
  - He takes on several apprentices and begins an intensive study on the effects of dragonflame upon metals, something that prompts him to seek out the more ancient elven runeblades forged with the aid of the Dragon Aspects.

# Year -223

• Alstus Dawnstrider meets **Vephriel Evenlight**, a fellow Farstrider, and the two quickly develop a strong relationship.

- Myra Silverflight, sister of Ker'tina Silverflight, and daughter of Sylanos and Kira Silverflight, is born in Quel'Thalas.
- Alstus Dawnstrider and Vephriel Evenlight are wed, just a short year after first meeting.
  - Given that **Vephriel Evenlight** was not from a noble family, the marriage drives a wedge between Alstus and his father, **Lord Alstarien Dawnstrider**, owing to the fact that Alstus had been intended to wed someone of fellow noble status.

- Aridaen Greenwalker, escorted by **Keel Firelynx**, and Ker'tina Silverflight, are both present at the Farstrider Square for the promotion and decoration of their parents.
  - Aridaen's father, Ranger-Captain Elessiar Greenwalker, receives honors for his actions against the Amani trolls during their assault on Quel'Danil during the Battle of the Third Bridge.

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- Ker'tina's parents, **Sylvanos** and **Kira Silverflight**, both receive promotions to the rank of Ranger-Captain, as well as commendations for their service under Ranger-Captain Elessiar Greenwalker.
- Both elves are inspired to further pursue the career paths of the rangers.
- Soon after Aridaen begins to train his archery skills under the retainers of his grandsire, Lord Aridaeus Greenwalker, and also under his own father, Ranger-Captain Elessiar Greenwalker. It is expected of him to follow in their footsteps to become a Ranger-Captain in his own right someday.
- Jovira Dawnstrider is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The daughter of Alstus Dawnstrider and **Vephriel Evenlight**, her birth marks a divide within the Dawnstrider family given **Vephriel Evenlight's** non-noble status.
- Alstus Dawnstrider is promoted to Ranger-Captain within the Farstriders.

#### Year -219

- Lyrindel, brother of Ker'tina Silverflight, and son of Sylanos and Kira Silverflight, is born in Quel'Thalas.
- Ker'tina Silverflight is enrolled at the Military Academy of Silvermoon in Quel'Thalas.
  - She is in attendance for the next eight years.

#### Year -218

#### Tessela Greenwalker is born.

• The daughter of Ranger-Captain Elessiar Greenwalker and Magistrik Collestria Silverspear and sister to Aridaen Greenwalker, she was born at the family's Treehome estate in south western Quel'Thalas. Later in her life she would become a magistrix and member of the Kirin Tor.

- Valneda Dawnstrider is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The second daughter of Ranger-Captain Alstus Dawnstrider and **Vephriel Evenlight**, her birth marks a major shift in ill fortune for the Dawnstrider family.

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 Several months after her birth, Ranger-Captain Alstus Dawnstrider's mother, Farstrider Liara Winterbreeze, falls ill. Many within the family place blame upon Vephriel Evenlight, Alstus's wife.

### Year -216

• Farstrider Liara Winterbreeze, mother to Ranger-Captain Altus Dawnstrider, succumbs to her illness and passes away.

# Year -212

- Ker'tina Silverflight's mother, Ranger-Captain Kira Silverflight, is killed in an Amani ambush in the Eastweald.
  - The killing of her mother prompts Ker'tina to request her first assignment to be a posting at the Quel'Lithien Lodge on the southern border of Quel'Thalas.

# Year -211

- Lord Aridaeus Greenwalker, a veteran ranger of the Troll Wars, and gransire to Aridaen and Tessela Greenwalker, passes away.
- Aridaen Greenwalker assumes his first official post at the Quel'Danil Lodge on the southern border of Quel'Thalas.
- Ker'tina Silverflight graduates from the Military Academy of Silvermoon and receives her first official posting, to the Quel'Lithien Lodge on the southern border of Quel'Thalas and Lordaeron.
  - Ker'tina Silverflight spends the next several decades assigned to this post, though she travels back and forth between the Lodge and Silvermoon on various occasions.

• Jovira Dawnstrider, daughter of Ranger-Captain Alstus Dawnstrider, begins to learn the ways of the Farstriders from her mother, **Vephriel Evenlight**. Her sister, **Valneda**, however, drifts towards a path of political engagement.

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# Year -205

- Aridaen Greenwalker engages in his first battle against the forest trolls of Lordaeron.
  - Tracking a Shadowhunter and its band of fanatics, Aridaen and his Farstriders are ambushed in a mountain pass and suffer numerous casualties.

# Year -203

- Ker'tina Silverflight and a company of rangers from the Quel'Lithien Lodge on the southern border of Quel'Thalas device and execute a multi-pronged ambush assault against Amani trolls mustering from Zul'Mashar.
  - For her part in planning and leading the efforts, Ker'tina is promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant within the Farstriders.

# Year -201

- Aeydark Bal'annor is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The son of a seamstress and a knight, his parents took to the life of traders soon after his birth and traveled much of Azeroth.

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# Year -200

## - Refuge of the Draenei -

• Fleeing from the Burning Legion across the stars aboard the Genedar, an interdimensional vessel of the noble Naaru, beings of pure Light, the Draenei of Argus come to a world untouched by the Legion, which the **Prophet Velen** names "Exiles Refuge", Draenor, in the native Draenei tongue.

• The Genedar brings ruin for the exiles, however. Due to the strain of trying to both pilot, power, and land the Genedar, one of the Naaru, **K'ara**, falls into a void state.

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- **K'ara's** void state threatens all above, and the being is ejected from the Genedar into the skies above Draenor. This explosive event is seen as an omen by the natives of the world-the tribal orcs. For ages, the fallen Naaru's darkened spark would drift across the skies of the region, leading the orcs to rename their territory Shadowmoon Valley.
- The ordeal with **K'ara** leads to the crash of the Genedar, which in turn saps **Prophet Velen** of much of his power and also results in the death of **D'ore**, another Naaru on board, and many of the Draenei.
  - The final Naaru on board, **K'ure**, also begins to fall into a void state, and ushers the Draenei to leave the mountain and never return. The Draenei, following **Velen**, venture out into the wilds of Draenor and begin to carve out a home for themselves.
- The crashed vessel becomes a permanent fixture in the land, and is believed by the native, shamanistic orcs to be a mountain full of the spirits of their deceased. It becomes a sacred ground to them.
- The Draenei establish the city of Shattrath soon after their arrival, and develop loose but friendly ties with the local orcs.

#### Year -197

- Akirie Starsong is born in Dalaran on May 26th.
  - The daughter of Kirin Tor astromancers **Rayne** and **Nora Starsong**, she is the one of three triplets, the others being her sister **Kisara**, and her brother, **Akirian**.
  - Though all three siblings grow up tending to animals, a passion of their father, they're later schooled in magic and encouraged to pursue careers within the Kirin Tor.

# Year -194

#### Lastanil Goldthorn is born in Quel'Thalas on the 30th of November.

- The son of **Santhrell Goldthorn**, a gem cutter, and his wife **Minn'da**, an enchanter, he becomes their only child after his sister is put up for adoption.
- Encouraged and pushed to learn from a young age, Rastanil is trained in both magic and melee by various instructors in Silvermoon City.
- At a young age he is enrolled at the Faltherien Academy to study magic.

- Sabariel Elizabeth Dawnbreaker is born in Quel'Thalas on the 13th of November.
  - The daughter of the minor noble Lord Serbanal Dawnbreaker and former Farstrider Lady Elizia née Aether. The younger sister to former Magister Arthanal Alexander Dawnbreaker, she later becomes the middle child after the birth of her sister, Auril Emily Dawnbreaker.

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# Year -191

- Akine Starsong is enrolled in magical studies within the city of Dalaran.
  - She is primarily schooled under **Archmage Lapis**-an astromancer-though she also received instruction under numerous other magi.
  - From a young age she exhibits an affinity for levitation, something which her instructors work quickly to instruct control over.

#### Year -189

- Akitie Staisong and her primary instructor, Archmage Lapis, begin to spend their nights focusing on the study of astromancy, something which required the presence of the night sky.
  - Because of this specialty focus, the two become night owls, but also venture out beyond the walls of Dalaran to pursue further studies of the stars.
  - Akirie expands her knowledge over the following decades, coming to master Astromancy, Enchanting, and Levitation, among other schools.

## Year -180

#### – Expansion of the Draenei –

- The orcs of Shadowmoon Valley attempt to draw upon the powers of **K'ara**, the nauru ejected from the Genedar and now drifting endlessly across the skies of Draenor.
  - Their efforts shatter the minds of the shaman who attempt it, and any connection with what the orcs refer to as the Dark Star is expressly forbidden for all time.
- The Draenei begin to realize the extent of the damage caused by their arrival, and set out to make amends. They establish outposts across the world and deploy their people in an effort to correct the damage, and monitor the rapid changing of flora and fauna.

• Through this, the Draenei come into contact with more and more of the species of Draenor.

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• From a young age, Sabariel Elizabeth Dawnbreaker's spirit for adventure sets her on a path full of muddy adventures when not attending to her schooling and training to ascend as a noble of Quel'Thalas.

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• Sabariel Elizabeth Dawnbreaker enlists in the Farstriders at the age of 18.

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- Colben Ornae is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - His father, **Haldir Ornae**, served as a knight of the kingdom protecting caravans, and his mother, **Melian**, worked as a seamstress.
- Narsyssa Blackwood and her sister, Selerrae Blackwood, are born.
  - They are the daughters of Morgana and Dorian Blackwood.

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- Auril Emily Dawnbreaker is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The third child and second daughter of the minor noble Lord Serbanal Dawnbreaker and former Farstrider Lady Elizia née Aether, she is the younger sister of former Magister Arthanal Alexander Dawnbreaker and Sabariel Elizabeth Dawnbreaker.

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- Narsyssa Blackwood begins studying the magical arts in Silvermoon alongside her sister.
   Marsyssa focuses on studying darker, more offense based magics.
- Zyellia Bloodsong completes her schooling in the arcane arts and ascends to the rank of Magistrix of Silvermoon, joining her parents as noble magisters within the upper spheres of

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Thalassian politics.

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- Colben Ornae departs from home and begins training as a soldier in Quel'Thalas.
- Vangellis Falwellow is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - He is the only son of master arcane smith, **Diann'aa Falwellow**, who raised him alone.
  - Vangellis apprentices under his mother from a young age, learning the craft and trade of smithing powerful, enchanted weapons in the Quel'dorei custom. He has the makings of a promising smith by the time he's fifty.
- Sabariel Elizabeth Dawnbreaker, now a Ranger-Corporal within the Farstriders, aids in the establishment of additional ranger lodges across Quel'Thalas and the northern half of the Eastern Kingdoms, and also aids the Farstriders in manning them.
  - During this time she begins to develop friendly relations with the dwarves of both Aerie Peak and Khaz Modan.

- Teremath Crimsonsun is born in southern Quel'Thalas.
  - The son of a lesser noble, **Magister Beloran Crimsonsun**, and a respected healer, **Milrena Crimsonsun**, and later the older brother to a younger sister as well, he is schooled to a high level of education at a young age at the behest of his father.

- Teremath Crimsonsun is enrolled in one of the academies within Silvermoon City, where he spends the next hundred and forty years studying under numerous teachers in a variety of fields.
- Vynlorin Shandaumath is born.
  - The son of **Tylania Wynrieth** and **Vynlaerian Shandaumath**, both tailors, he is raised in Quel'Thalas. Though an only child, he became very close with his paternal cousin, **Vorelien Shandaumath**, a boy seven years his senior.
- Quin el Dawnbrunger is invited to the city of Dalaran by the Sunreaver family to study alongside Arcanomancer Vridiel.
  - Finding himself at home within the magical city, **Quince** requests, and is granted residency, and opens an extension of his forge there in the city. Many of his apprentices travel back and forth between Silvermoon and Dalaran to study under **Quince**, and the smith remains busy taking commissions for nobles in Dalaran and Silvermoon alike.

- Sae'themar Sunfeather is born in the southeastern regions of Quel'Thalas.
  - Born to Vytus and Azaevea Sunfeather, members of older Thalassian nobility, Sae'themar is the youngest of four children: Losel, and twins Vyris and Saldris Sunfeather.

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• At a young age, Sae'themar's talent for the arcane is discovered and he pursues an education in magic, something that ignites friction within the family due to a centuries-past schism that fostered a distrust of magi. As a result, he spends long years away from his family.

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- Rastanil Goldthorn graduates from the Faltherien Academy after decades spent studying Divination and Evocation.
- Jovira and Valneda Dawnstrider continue to progress in their respective careers as they age, with Jovira pursuing the path of the Farstriders and Valneda advancing into the often hostile politics of Silvermoon's governance.
  - Their father, Ranger-Captain Alstus Dawnstrider, also continues his work as a Farstrider.

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#### – Assault on Shattrath –

- Llyreth Starseeker is born to a noble family in Quel'Thalas.
  - His father, Lord Facture Statecker, who has ties to the Convocation of Silvermoon, also had two other sons, Llyreth's older brothers **Theral** and **Zael**.
  - At a young age he begins training in the magical arts, and studies at the Falthrien Academy, and also in Dalaran.
- Sae'themar Sunfeather continues to pursue his magical schooling throughout Quel'Thalas, and stays for a time with a cousin by the name of **Be'theas Silverstar**.
  - Though Sae'themar receives schooling in many different schools of magic, he finds a natural mastery of Telemancy. He attends part of his school years at the Duskwither Spire.

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- On Draenor, the Gorian Ogres are rallied by a new leader, **Imperator Hok'lon**, and attempt to conquer the Draenei capital of Shattrath a place built upon the ruins of the ancient Ogre empire's capital.
  - The Draenei easily repel the Ogre's assault, and decimate their ranks with such completeness that there is no chance for them to regroup and attempt another attack.
  - Showing compassion, the **Prophet Velen** offers the Ogres a chance to return to their homes and suffer no more hostilities an offer that the Ogres willingly take up.
- The display of violence and tremendous military might by the Draenei changed the way the orcs perceived the Draenei, and many clans ceased communication with the otherwise peaceful Draenei settlers.
  - Some clans, like the Bladewind Clan, go so far as to ambush and attack the Draenei caravans, but Velen responds with delicate measures, intending to defend his people, but never outright engage the orcs in war.
- Althenar Sunstriker is born in Silvermoon City.
  - The third child and second son of Adanas'alor Sunstriker and Maldan'tiel Ravenbrook, he pursues magical studies in his early years.
- Maldan'tiel Ravenbrook passes away shortly after the birth of his third child, Althenar.
- At some point within the next century, Magister Rommath, apprentice to Grand Magister of Quel'Thalas Belo'vir, travels to and settles in the city of Dalaran alongside Prince Kael'thas Sunstrider.
  - He eventually ascends to the rank of Archmage.
- Aeydark Bal'annor continues to travel with his parents, trading in caravans up and down the Eastern Kingdoms.

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- Ella'nora Emberlight is born to a noble family within Silvermoon City, the capital of Quel'Thalas.
  - At a young age she begins training in the magical arts under **Mistress Dawnbloom**, breaking from the path of her sisters who took to the sword and faith.

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#### Nori'del Virtris is born in Silvermoon City

• He is the son of fisherman **Noron'vel Virtris** and scribe **Olera Virtris**. At a young age he begins to demonstrate an affinity for the Light.

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- Rastanil Goldthorn departs Quel'Thalas and travels south to the city of dalaran.
  - During his time in Dalaran he pursues further learning in the school of Transmutation magic, into which he shifts his focus and primary practice. He later achieves the official title of Transmuter.
- Rastanil Goldthorn is formally inducted into the Kirin Tor as a Magus.
  - He elects to remain in Dalaran to pursue his studies as a full time member of the Kirin Tor, but remains in contact with family back home in Quel'Thalas.

- Ellusen Hopecry is born in Quel'Thala
  - The daughter of Elinara Sunscryer and Tomil Hopecry, both clerics, she is raised alongside her three older sisters, Mercura, Value, Ronisse, and two older brothers, Holuran and Vastineth. She is raised at the Aegis, the some-thousand year old family estate nestled along the coasts northwest of the Sanctum of the Moon.
  - As a child, Ellusen struggles from frequent sickness and poor health, but learns quickly to follow in learning the practices of her family's healing trade through herbs and potions.

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- Tirian Felo'dorah is born.
  - The son of **Yvresse** and **Anarian Felo'dorah**, a retired knight of the Blue Lance, he was born in his family's ranching estate outside of Silvermoon City. His father, Anarian, had built up a family business working and breeding horses, something Tirian grows up learning as a trade.

#### Year -75

#### – The Gnoll War –

- During the reign of **King Barathen Wrynn**, the Kingdom of Stormwind expands and prospers, but is not unopposed.
  - Aside from troll incursions from the southern jungles, gnolls from the woodlands aggress against humanity, and eventually amass in such numbers that they lay siege to the Capital, Stormwind City.

#### or Quel'dorah is born in Quel'Thalas.

- The son of **Elros** and **Ivanna Quel'dorah**, and also the brother of **Vardamir Quel'dorah**, he is born on the Isle of Quel'Danas under the light of the Sunwell, following family tradition.
- **Bench** and his elder brother spend their early years growing up on the banks of Lake Elrendar where their family's home had been built by their father, a woodworker, just east of Suncrown Village. The homestead is decorated with highly detailed carvings of serpents and flowers and water lizards, a testament to **Elros'** skill.
- Flanor's mother, Ivanna, spends much of her time raising her sons, and continues private work as a seamstress all the while.
- **King Barathen Wrynn** calls for aid from the kingdoms of the north, but is answered with silence.
  - **King Wrynn** uses the brashness of the gnoll's leader to his advantage, and steals away from Stormwind during the siege, assaulting the gnoll leader's camp directly and slaying him. The disorder that rages amongst the gnoll's ranks with the death of their leader scatters their armies.
- **King Wrynn's** armies hunt down the gnolls, and bring them to near extinction, ending any serious threat that they posed.
  - The humans of Stormwind grow stronger as a result of the conflict, and begin to cement their renown as a worthy contender on the world stage. Bitter over the neglect of the northern kingdoms, Stormwind adopts a policy of isolation and inward focus.
- Ellusen Hopecry begins to draw on the Light as a tool to heal the sick. Over the next few years she continues her studies and practices, and develops a method for healing via the Light.

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• Ellusen Hopecry begins to combine her holy healing practices with non-magical, surgical techniques.

- Llyreth Starsecker enlists in the Royal Thalassian Military within the battle-magi corps, and undergoes extensive combat training.
  - He trains in a multitude of weapons and fighting skills, but specializes in two handed weapons, as well as offensive and defensive arcane magics.

• Ellusen Hopecry begins to venture farther out beyond the safety of the Hopecry family enclave, the Aegis.

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- Ellabora Emberlight's half sister, **Variandia**, is presumed dead after being missing for some time. Ellabora continues pursuing her studies, and attends to duties for House Emberlight.
- Tirian Felo'dorah is compelled by his father, **Anarian**, to break in a particularly stubborn horse.
  - Despite feeling incapable and struggling to do so for hours, he is trapped in the stables with the horse and made to work until the animal was broken in. Despite the ordeal pushing Tirian to the brink, it instills in him a sense of perseverance and resilience.

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- **Remor Quel'dorch** begins training in the arcane arts at a young age, the first in his family to do so, and demonstrates an aptitude for the arcane by the age of elven.
  - He is driven hard by his parents to improve upon his craft and skill, both of whom believe that to have a magister in the family would aid in the family's ascent into the higher social circles of Quel'Thalas.

- Tirian Felo'dorah ventures out from home to pursue a career in the military, after having been inspired when he witnessed a military parade in Quel'Thalas a year earlier.
  - Initially he squires under the elven knight **Bu'el**, who would later become captain of the Blue Lance Company.
- Vardamir Quel'dorah, brother of Fernor Queldorah, joins the military with the intention of training to become a soldier.
  - Tensions grow between the brothers as their parents focus their attention on pushing and enabling Feanor Queldorah to greater ambition and success in his magical schooling.
  - A rivalry develops between the brothers as they vye for the attention and praise of their parents, and their superiors.

- Erilihn Autumnsong is born in Windrunner Village, in southwestern Quel'Thalas.
  - The child of Visette and Galuin Autumnsong, both commoners, they are also the great grandchild of two of the exiles who initially settled in Quel'Thalas after being banished from Kalimdor.
- Iradri Ashwalker is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The daughter of Naldea Ashwalker, a royal guard of King Anasterian Sunstrider, and Corathel Ashwalker, a captain of the Farstriders, she is raised as an only child on the western outskirts of Silvermoon City.
  - From a young age she is trained and taught to fight and follow in the footsteps of her parents, and is raised on stories of battles against the Amani long past.



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- Livreth Starseeker transitions to Dalaran to continue his magical studies. He advances over the next few years, and is eventually appointed to the role of guardian of the Citadel.
  - Llyreth Starseeker formally joins the Kirin Tor.
- Geldiran Starbreeze takes up a position at the Falthrien Academy on Sunstrider Isle, and continues to teach new and aspiring magi in the arcane arts.
- Ranor Quel'doub begins his attendance at the Falthrien Academy in Quel'Thalas where he ascends to the top of his class.
- **France Quel'dorch** graduates from the Falthrien Academy in Quel'Thalas, the head of his class, and begins several decades of service to the kingdom under **Grand Magister Belo'vir**.
  - Having trained at an early age, Magister Binor's experience as a dragonhawk rider and swordsman enables him to accompany the Farstriders and other groups out into the wilds of Quel'Thalas to deal with wayward threats, like the Amani trolls and more.
  - Given time, the relationship between him and his brother, **Vardamir Quel'dorah**, settles, and the two begin to foster a deeper relationship.

• Specializing in Transmutation and Conjuration, Magister Feator Quel'douth spends the next several decades working to improve his mastery over magic, and establishes a strong reputation as a reliable and surefooted magister.

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## Year -53

#### Emilia Raldari is born in Quel'Thalas.

• The daughter of wealthy merchants, she is born alongside a twin sister, **Rosinha**.

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#### - Rise of the Blue Lancer -

- Tirian Felo'dorah completes his tenth and final year of training under the Quel'dorei knight known as **Bu'el**.
  - He and his mentor are separated from their companions on a venture, and are forced into battle with a massive bear in the wilds. Bu'el is nearly killed in the encounter, but Tirian is able to slay the animal, an act which cements the completion of his training.
  - Despite being severely wounded, **Bu'el** knights Tirian in the moments after the fight, believing him to have sufficiently proven himself. The ceremony is without pomp or spectacle, and done in private, in the company of his fellow squires.
  - Tiriar, as an official Knight of the Blue Lance, begins his service throughout Quel'Thalas, serving as a guard to nobility, a defender of the people, and warden of the wilds, and a servant of the people.
- Iradri Ashwalker continues to be raised and schooled in the ways of war, even as a child. She attends academies and schools, and also learns under the tutelage of her father when not away at school.
  - High expectations and harsh punishments shape Iradri into a model candidate to follow in the footsteps of her parents, both soldiers of the Kingdom of Quel'Thalas.
  - During the long years of her training and upbringing, she is tutored at many schools and academies, and even apprentices under the nobleman **Lord Thiodrus Leafsong**, an officer within the army. From him, she learns the finer points of leadership and respect.

#### – The Last Guardian –

- Instead of returning her granted power back to the Council of Tirisfal, **Aegwynn** has continued to hold it for herself. Hunted by the Tirisgarde, agents of the Council of Tirisfal, **Aegwynn** fights to survive on her own.
  - Nielas Aran, one of the Tirisgarde hunting Aegwynn, locates and battles against the Guardian, but comes to understand Aegwynn's reservations about returning her powers to the Council whom Nielas believes are more focused on political aims than protecting Azeroth.
  - The two conspire to conceive a child who would inherit **Aegwynn's** powers, and unbeknownst to them both also the dark spirit of **Sargeras**.
- Aegwynn gives birth to a son, whom she names Medivh, meaning "Keeper of Secrets". Nielas Aran takes Medivh to be raised in the court of Stormwind, where he himself serves as Conjurer of the Court.
  - Medivh grows to be close friends with prince Llane Wrynn of Stormwind, and Anduin Lothar a descendant of Thoradin's Arathi bloodline.
- Acgwynn vanishes into the world with her duties to Azeroth completed.

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• Erilihn Autumnsong initially begins training as an arcanist, but finds little enjoyment in the work. They depart their studies and pursue training as a Farstrider, following in the footsteps of the Windrunner siblings, who had been local and national legends in her town growing up.

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- Iradri Ashwalker enlists in the elven army of Quel'Thalas.
  - Raised as a fighter, with a fierce dedication to defending her kingdom, the pomp and tradition and ceremony of the profession creates difficult circumstances for the young soldier.
  - Given time and advancement, she continues her studies of military strategy, and aids in the kingdom's battles against the Amani.

Nori'del Virtris is is ordained as a priest within the Church of the Sun within Quel'Thalas, and begins to establish a following of acolytes.

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• Rebuking the prescribed path and career chosen by her parents, Emilia Raldari branches out to pursue a public social life, mingling with nobility as a bartender.

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## – Death of Nielas Aran –

- Upon the eve of **Medivh's** fourteenth birthday, the son of **Aegwynn** suffers a terrible incident as his inherited powers come forth.
  - The sudden burst of power throws the young **Medivh** into a fit which kills his father, **Nielas Aran**, and puts **Medivh** himself into a years-long coma.
  - Medivh is tended by the clerics of Northshire until he wakes.
- Emilia Raldari meets a man and begins a romance that leads to a proposed elopement.
  - Arriving at the intended meeting spot in the evening, she is kidnapped and sold into slavery.

## Year -25

- Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough travels south from Quel'Thalas once more, taking a break from the often dangerous rivalries and political maneuvering of Silvermoon City.
  - He spends time in the foothills of Lordaeron, learning of human politicking and custom before making his way further south.
  - He journeys to Stormwind City and aids its fledgling university in establishing itself as a regional powerhouse for sorcery outside of the Kirin Tor's influence.
  - The Quel'dorei mage **Elsharin** also, at some point during this time, arrives in Stormwind and assists with the establishment and expansion of the Stormwind University.
- Vangellis Falwellow forges a set of twin blades for an elven noble, <u>Belore'Serrar</u> and <u>Balah'Serrar</u>, which are quick to draw attention and acclaim.
  - The smith's career begins to take flight after the creation of the blades, and results in a frenzied rush of commissions and petitions from wealthy nobles to have additional weapons forged.

• Sae'themar Sunfeather travels south and joins other elven magi in the city of Dalaran, working to support relations between human magocracy and the elven kingdom.

• He spends a total of some twenty five years in the city, initially beginning with further schooling and study.

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#### Year -24

• Erilihn Autumnsong is assigned to the defense and maintenance of Thas'alah, in southern Quel'Thalas, and its surrounding areas near the border.

## Year -22

- Kandravia Boltseeker is born in Quel'Thalas.
  - The daughter of Magister Sallastus Bolesceker and Lysendra Boltseeker, a soldier in the Thalassian Army, she is raised in her early years with excellent schooling, and as the eldest child in her family, is raised with the intention of assuming leadership of House Boltseeker.

#### Year -19

## – The Guardian Awakens –

- The Guardian, **Medivh**, awakens from his coma to find a much changed world. He begins to explore his newly granted powers, and tries to come to terms with his duties as Guardian.
- Nori'del Virtris departs Quel'Thalas, leaving behind their following in pursuit of further knowledge. He spends the next twenty years journeying to the human and dwarven kingdoms to learn of their faith in the Light and culture.
  - During his journeys, Noridel explores the livelihoods of the humans and dwarves, coming to better understand the culture and practices that define their lives.
  - Noridel Virtris spends an entire winter with the Copperhelm Clan after being found struggling through the cold months in Dun Morogh. Through the exchanging of culture with this clan, Noridel is introduced to spiced beer.
- Cael'braen Sunbreeze is born in northeastern Quel'Thalas.
  - The son of lesser nobles **Daraynna Sunbreeze** and **Ves'nal Willowbrook**, he is raised with the expectations of joining his parents in service to the Kingdom as a magister.

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#### – The Gurubashi War –

- In response to recent provocations as Stormwind seeks to expand, and a reckless covert mission by **Medivh**, **Anduin Lothar**, and **Prince Llane**, the Gurubashi trolls of Stranglethorn lead an all out war against the humans of Stormwind.
  - Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough joins forces with the humans of Stormwind in the defense of their lands against the Gurubashi menace. He helps to train human forces in elven tactics used to fight the Amani.
- Venturing out into the world to explore beyond the borders of Quel'Thalas, Ranger-Captain Fel'tharanas Everwyern joins the humans of Stormwind in their battles against the trolls, helping to advise their forces given his experience in battling the Gurubashi.
  - He establishes many connections with the humans of Stormwind.
- The Gurubashi lay siege to the capital city of Stormwind.
  - The Gurubashi are defeated when the Guardian, **Medivh**, arrives and wipes out their forces with an epic and terrifying display of power.
  - During the siege, **King Barathen** is slain, resulting in the ascension and crowning of **King Llane**.
- Ranger-Captain Fel'tharanas Couruban is demoted to Lieutenant within the Ranger Corps. for having disobeyed orders and left to join the humans in the conflict down south.
- After the end of the Gurubashi War, **Medivh** follows in the footsteps of several visions he's had, and comes upon the tower Karazhan, built by his mother, **Aegwynn**. There, the two meet for the first time and **Aegwynn** teaches **Medivh** the duties of a true Guardian.
  - Aegwynn later returns to her exile after setting Medivh upon his path.
  - **Medivh** continues to struggle with a growing darkness within him, unaware that it is the dormant spirit of **Sargeras**, leader of the Burning Legion.
- **Medivh** comes to the belief that, as Azeroth's denizens have grown apart over the past ten thousand years since the Legion's last invasion, if the demons were to return Azeroth would not be prepared.
  - Resolving to prepare the people of Azeroth for such a dark prospect, **Medivh** embraces the darkness within him, and comes to believe that the perfect solution would be to prompt a lesser invasion which would unify the world.
  - Medivh begins to study and learn of Draenor, and watches the orcs as they are further corrupted by the Legion. He explores ways to bridge the gap between worlds, and compiles his research into a new text, called the <u>Book of Medivh</u>.

• Master Sorcerer Ansinosth Summerbough returns to Quel'Thalas after the war to resume his research.

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- He takes on several new apprentices of noble lineage.
- Kandravia Boltseeker becomes heavily vested in her schooling, though begins to drift apart from her father, Magister Sallavius Boltseeker, who remains largely absent during Kandravia's early years.

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- Sae'themar Sunfeather completes his studies in Dalaran, but remains to further aid efforts at expanding magical cooperation between Quel'Thalas and the Kirin Tor.
  - This decision puts further strain on familial relations, as the elders of the Sunfeather family are strong advocates for severing ties with humanity entirely.

#### Year -10

- Kil'jaeden, a demon lord of the Burning Legion, makes contact with the crippled orc named **Gul'dan** on Draenor, who mistakes the demon lord for the spirit of an elemental.
  - The demon lord promises **Gul'dan** the power of a god in exchange for his loyalty, something to which the spiteful **Gul'dan** eagerly accepts believing it to be a way to get even with all those in his life who had cast him out.
  - Kil'jaeden begins to teach Gul'dan in the ways of the Fel. Gul'dan becomes the first warlock.

## Year -8

## – Hostilities Begin –

- **Gul'dan**, on Draenor, expands his influence and draws many shamans into his confidence twisting them slowly into warlocks who also use the Fel.
  - **Gul'dan** eventually convinces the orcs to begin attacking the Draenei, a race of refugees from the world of Argus, sowing lies and discord and leading the orcs to believe that the Draenei are behind many of the ills suffered by the orcs.

• At a gathering of chieftains, the orcs come together to form a unified front - and call themselves the Horde.

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• On Azeroth, Vangellis Falwellow is dispatched with a delegation to Ironforge, where he and several dwarven smiths conference on technique and culture, a rare occasion which helps to expand the minds and abilities of the smiths.

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- Vynlorin Shandaumath's cousin, Vorelien Shandaumath, is killed, which spurs Vynlorin on to finding instruction in the magical arts as a way to protect himself and his family and people.
  - He becomes an apprentice to **Lord Dred'nor Darkterror** after the Lord and his associates aid Vynlorin in recovering his cousin's body.
  - Vynlorin begins training amongst other mages under Lord Darkterror, and begins to master the foundation of offensive magics.
- The young sorcerer Cael'braen Sunbreeze struggles to live up to the high expectations of both his parents and his academic instructors.
  - Though fairly skilled as an arcanist, he lags behind his peers due to the high stress and demands of his familial obligations.

## Year -6

## - The Shadow Council -

• **Gul'dan** gathers his most gifted warlocks and establishes the Shadow Council, a secretive group of warlocks who conspire and plot to guide the Horde in service to the Burning Legion.

## Year -5

## – The Gift of Fel –

- **Gul'dan** uses his growing influence to twist the Horde further in service of the Horde. Without revealing to the orcs the true origins of his power, he convinces many of the Horde's shamans to abandon the elements and take up the Fel, expanding the ranks of his warlocks.
  - **Gul'dan** and his Shadow Council also manipulate the Horde to elevate the Blackrock orc named **Blackhand** to the position of Warchief of the Horde.
- **Gul'dan** and his Shadow Council spread Felmancy to many of the orcish tribes, and empower the Horde's warriors with dark magics that grant them strength and twisted abilities. The color

of the orcs' skin begins to change from brown to green, and the use of Fel magic spreads across the world.

• Only seventeen years of age at the time, Kandravia Boltseeker elects to join the Farstriders.

Year -4

#### - Destruction of Karabor –

- The Orcish Horde on Draenor uses the Dark Star to destroy the Draenei Temple of Karabor, and the Draenei flee for their lives.
  - **Gul'dan** and his Shadow Council claim the Temple of Karabor, now called the Black Temple, as their seat of power.

#### Year -3

#### – Shattrath and Auchindoun –

- The Shadow Council summons **Mannoroth the Destructor**, a massive demon of the Legion, and compels the Horde's warriors to drink in its blood. The act binds the Horde to the Pit Lord's will, and effectively enslaves the orcs to the Burning Legion.
  - The corrupting of the orcs is complete, and the Horde sets its blood crazed focus towards the Draenei capital of Shattrath.
  - The Shadow Council unleashes a sickness known as the Red Pox upon the Draenei and the orcs who refused to consume the Fel blood of Mannoroth. The plague results in countless deaths.
- The Horde begin an all out war of conquest across Draenor.
  - The city of Shattrath is razed to the ground by the Horde, and the Draenei nearly entirely wiped out. The few who survive flee into the wilds of the dying world.
  - Auchindoun is destroyed when the Horde tries to summon a demon, but instead conjures a massive elemental.
- The defeat of the Draenei is nearly absolute, and the Legion abruptly cuts off communication with the Orcish Horde, allowing them to wither and suffer as their world begins to die.
   Kil'jaeden and Sargeras plot to drive the orcs to desperation before drawing upon them to invade Azeroth, and weaken it for another Legion invasion.

#### - Shadow of Annihilation –

- Medivh makes contact with Gul'dan on Draenor, and convinces him to lead the orcs to Azeroth.
  - He promises **Gul'dan** the power of the **Avatar of Sargeras**, buried beneath the ocean in the ruins of the Temple of Elune near Suramar now called the Tomb of Sargeras.

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- Gul'dan agrees to this pact, and pushes the Horde towards preparations for an invasion.
- Construction on the Dark Portal, on Draenor, begins.
  - Ven'rallei Stormingdawn is born in Silvermoon Cit
    - The son of a married couple that owns a mercantile business trade in a variety of goods. From a young age he is taught mercantile skills, trade practices, language, and diplomacy.
    - As he grows up, he begins to take an active role in the family business.
- On Draenor, the Orcish Horde works through **Gul'dan** to finish construction of the Dark Portal, and prepare to unleash their invasion upon the unsuspecting world of Azeroth.

The events which follow, the Great Wars, would reshape the world order on Azeroth and establish the unique conditions desired for the insidious Burning Legion to make its return. This, as it is told, continues in Volume II of the Thalassian Historical Chronicle.

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