

# Excerpt from "Commerce and Coin: A History of the Economic Rebirth"

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## Chapter VII: The Sorcerer and the Advent of Accessible Magic

Historians often tend to minimize the true depths of the capital's modern economic miracle brought upon us by not the nobles, nor the guilds, but a single masked merchant who would be known as Marquis Satoru. My ancestor, Randel Bollen, recorded in personal letters the revolutionary impact this foreigner had on common tradesmen, particularly those outside the noble class. Through direct patronage and unprecedented generosity, Marquis Satoru created a ripple effect that empowered craftsmen, adventurers, and small business owners alike.

The opening of *The Sorcerer's Shop* marked the birth of Re-Estize's first true middle class. By offering enchantments and magical arms at accessible prices, Satoru severed the monopoly of the Magician's Guild and elevated adventurers beyond mere mercenaries to figures of civic power. My own family's fortune, secured through this initial meeting with one of the greatest figures in the continent's history, stands as quiet testament to his legacy.

Today, every merchant who trades in magic owes a debt, whether they admit it or not, to the masked foreigner who valued potential over pedigree.

# **Excerpt from "War, Honor, and the Making of Heroes: A Study of Post-Sorcerer Conflicts"**

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## **Chapter IV: Weapons in the Hands of the Many**

When the chronicles of war are told, too often they speak only of kings and generals. Yet the real revolution began in a dusty shop run by a man who called himself Satoru. My great-grandfather fought beside those who first bore the arms sold within that unassuming storefront. His journals speak plainly: these were not the baubles of nobles but the lifeblood of survival in the field.

Through Satoru's intervention, enchantments, once hoarded by the elite, spread into the hands of common adventurers, mercenaries, and even peasant militias. The equipment turned battles that would have been unwinnable into victories. His doctrine, if it can be called that, of "giving humanity the tools to reach its true potential" reshaped how warfare was waged across the continent.

The Holy War, and the brutal invasion of the Draconic Kingdom by the Beastmen, would not have been winnable without the spread of these enchanted arms. My great-grandfather called Satoru both merchant and kingmaker, never a man wearing a crown, but the one who decided upon which head to bestow it.

# **Excerpt from “Of Claws and Stone: The Rise and Fall of the Quagoa Dominion”**

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## **Chapter XXI: Riyuro: The Last King of the Quagoa**

Pe-Riyuro is remembered by my people as both tyrant and visionary, a paradox common to those who rise too far on ambition alone. His campaign against the Dwarves, his brutal consolidation of the Quagoa clans, and his catastrophic misjudgment of Lord Satoru’s power are facts immortalized in cave and council.

Yet, those who survived that grim era recognize a deeper truth: Riyuro unified a dying people. Without him, the clans would have devoured themselves before ever tasting surface air. His downfall was not his brutality, but his hubris, believing strength alone could defy beings who treated natural law as mere suggestion.

His exile, decreed at the Council of the Azerlisia Coalition, spared his people annihilation. In the annals of our people, Riyuro stands as the final warlord and the first political failure of our modern age.

The rest of this fallen King’s history is immortalize in my predecessor’s timeless masterpiece “The King who never Bowed” which traces the rest of his life as a member of the legendary Seven’s Own Goal, and his contribution to demi-human’s history.

# **Excerpt from “Economic Cataclysms and Their Human Faces”**

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## **Chapter XIV: Mayor Rettenmaier: The Quiet Architect of E-Rantel’s Survival**

The noble class remembers Rettenmaier as a provincial bureaucrat. Economists remember him as the man who saved E-Rantel from fiscal collapse during the great upheaval of Marquis Satoru’s expansion.

When the noble merchant’s influence destabilized traditional guild commerce and siphoned capital into his enterprise, it was Rettenmaier who navigated the city through the storm, not by confrontation, but by adaptation. His quiet negotiations ensured taxes flowed, merchants found footholds, and the populace did not revolt despite the radical redistribution of wealth.

Though eclipsed in fame by magic casters and nobles of his time, Mayor Rettenmaier remains proof that survival, not glory, is the true hallmark of effective governance.

# **Excerpt from “The Shadows Behind the Throne: Power Brokers of the Re-Estize Kingdom”**

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## **Chapter I: On Hilma Cygnaeus and the Revolution of Crime**

While most contemporary historians reduce the role of Hilma Cygnaeus to the convenient label of 'crime lord', I think this is an unforgivable mistake born of short-sightedness.

In truth, Hilma was less a criminal and more a visionary. Operating under the façade of Seven Hands, she fundamentally reshaped the Kingdom's underworld, steering it from crude smuggling, drug abuse, and slavery to complex influence networks, controlled illicit activities, and common people's safekeeping, embedding herself within the corridors of legitimate power and respect among the common folk who came to rely on the organization as a protector and not an abuser, unlike the previous and infamous Eight Fingers

Her alliance with Marquis Satoru was no mere transaction; it was a calculated evolution. Leveraging her ruthless pragmatism, she aligned the interests of the underworld with the Crown's stability and later with the emerging Marquis' authority. Her methods, blending terror with generosity, became the blueprint for modern clandestine governance.

Whether remembered as a monster or a genius, history cannot deny Hilma's role in creating the shadow structure that supported society through an era of uncertainty and conflict.

# **Excerpt from “Bridges Between Species: The Legacy of Lakyus Aindra”**

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## **Chapter III: The Controversial Figure of Lakyus Aindra**

Lady Lakyus’s efforts extended far beyond her noble heritage or youthful ambitions. Through patience, diplomacy, and sheer stubbornness, she forged unprecedented alliances between humans, demi-humans, and other races, an achievement once deemed impossible.

Her journey through the Azerlisia Expedition marked the pivotal point not only of her life but of history itself. Refusing the easy path of privilege, she chose instead to build bridges where others raised swords. Though often dismissed by her contemporaries as naive or idealistic, time has vindicated her vision. The confederate accords of Azerlisia trace directly back to her hand and her words.

The rest of her history is often seen as controversial among my peers, the figure of Lady Lakyus is often seen in two opposite ways that cannot be reconciled with each other, from those who acclaim her as a hero and those who curse her as a devil. Perhaps this dichotomy is only comparable to the figure of, at the time, Princess Renner. Maybe it is no coincidence at all that these two figures are often intertwined in the history books.

Today, Lady Lakyus’s name stands alongside those of rulers and generals as the architect of the most enduring peace this world has ever witnessed in recorded history.