



Tir Nan Beo – Cursed Lands

Prologue

The first year of King Oswald

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King of the Usipeti, King of the Marches, the Cursed Lands

Recently something remarkable happened to a few Usipeti, descendants of Winger. Their leader Oswald, son of Siegmond, son of Gundwulf, son of Wulf, son of Wulfheard, son of Ulfric, son of Winger, a great warrior, is one of the few exceptions to the rule. As a reward for courage and mighty deeds he obtained the title King and a piece of land by Ard Ri (the High King) Bull. This land is Tir Nan Beo better known as the Cursed lands. Not only do the Usipeti now have a King for the first time in their lives, they also have land.

The first year of King Oswald

Before ever setting a foot on the soils of TNB King Oswald received the loyalty of the Nervii, the Menapii and at last the Frisii. A druid named Gall Heim sacrificed himself to clear an area from most of the curse. The gathering went quit well, though some things were discovered. The Menapii worshipped Fae to better their situation, yet had no knowledge of this trickery. The Fae were killed and the land took back what it had been denied and when the clans retreated to their villages the Menapii found themselves without their protectors and although they too were not happy they were tricked, the alliance between this Group of Menapii and the Fae had worked quite well.





The TNB Norse used the summer to break down their long ships and make houses before the winter. King Oswald was their new king now and they would do anything to regain honour. Although small they managed to ward off the TNB Fomor and prepare for winter and when winter was past they counted their survivors.

The neighbouring clans of the Frisii and Batavii have pledged themselves to King Oswald's course and although at first few understood why, it was seen as good news. The Batavii are known to be honourable and their crafters were seen as some of the best in TNB. The Batavii however brought with them news of the Aryans, who are becoming more and more aggressive. Soon they would come to the conquered lands of King Oswald and when they do, he better have more allies.

The latest rumours speak of the Valeda and her request to speak with King Oswald. Whether he will go is still unknown, but if he must have allies then it is wise to answer her call. He might have gained the oaths of six clans, but they have not pledged peace towards each other and King Oswald seems to have a daytime job to deal with it. Especially the Nervii seem to have found some new dream of Fame in the new alliance and seem to have given them the right to understand the will of King Oswald himself. The few Frisii who went to Culhaven have been rumoured to be more ambitious than they tend to show and rumour goes that the other Frisii are not happy because of it.

In all the lands of TNB are bustling with life, yet it is not the life people had hoped for. The curse is as strong as ever and the nights are filled with screaming. Wyrd seems to hunt anyone sensitive to the wyrd down and some say it is perhaps the will of the Gods to kill them, as their priests cope with the problem much better. King Oswald has tasked every clan to begin building shrines to their gods and ancestors, so he might gain help from them when the need is greatest.

