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HOLY KING REMWALD THE JUBILANT

Youth

Remwald was the third and youngest son of Holy King Drogus the Solemn. His formative years were spent studying and playing in the capital city Boryadirik's abbey-acropolis with other young monks of noble heritage. He was naturally playful and lighthearted, so it was a surprise when he showed such an uncanny ability to grasp the famously strict doctrines of the deity Pholtus.

In accordance with the tradition of the Kingdom of Hamdorf's royal family, he set out at the age of fourteen with a band of his oldest friends to do great things in the name of his god and country, returning to his homeland each winter.

Adulthood

Over the course of the next thirty years, Remwald returned with impressive trophies that included the heads of evil monsters, a dragon's egg, and treasures from ancient ruins. He is responsible for breaking up several small criminal syndicates and purging at least two dark cults started by the same dark mage, whom was eventually caught beginning to form a third.



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Usually he slew the evil he found, but if his enemies surrendered, were helpless, or Remwald simply lacked evidence, he would take them prisoner if he safely could. These spared individuals were sent to the secretive, icy fortress prison at Krüllbrohg Hill in the North. The common people of Hamdorf know only that it is rather unpleasant there.

Reign

When Holy King Drogus the Solemn died one year ago, his three sons were summoned back to Boryadirk to determine which would be given the throne of Hamdorf. Although his brothers Epsurus and Nilothur also had impressive accomplishments to their name, the Fifth Diet of Hierophants of Hamdorf elected Remwald after several days of deliberation.

King Remwald rules with the love of his people, including his two brothers, who have returned to adventuring. His most popular accomplishment is the founding of the simply named Sun Games, a week-long series of athletic events to honor Pholtus that invites the best athletes to compete for fame and glory in the newly built Colosseum of Boryadirk.

He has a wife, Ludra, and two sons aged thirteen and nineteen, Symial and Aidruk.



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Appearance

Father Remwald is a middle-aged man with a leathery but friendly face lined as much by his hearty laugh as by the stress of his past adventures. He has a wide but pointed nose that make his energetic brown eyes seem small and beady even though he usually has them open wide with excitement and enthusiasm about whatever it is that he's doing.

The top of his head is shaved on top so that a large circular island of visible scalp remains, similar to the monks from his youth. The remaining rim of salt and pepper hair to grow upward and outward in a way meant to be suggestive of a crown. His sideburns grow down into full beard that grows out from his face like a mane, finishing his unusual yet commanding aesthetic. It is also said that a nimbus floats just behind his head from the perspective of all who look on him regardless of how he turns.

Typically, he wears thick brown robes with a fine white rope knotted around his waist as the base of his attire. Many layers of elaborately patterned, bejeweled linens cover much of those robes. He carries an unusually long platinum scepter with a leatherbound handle, which was given to him when he was fourteen. It ends in an ivory fist clutching a golden orb symbolizing the sun.
