



# *The Lords of Barovia*

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## *A Brief Historæ of the Succession of Lords*

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- Y1 King Dostron unites Barovia for the first time through fear and respect.
- Y2 Work on Castle Barovia begins at a feverish pace.
- Y37 King Dostron urged to sire an heir (57 yrs. Old).
- Y37 Prince Ariel du Plumette is born later that year.
- Y54 Castle Barovia is completed.
- Y81 Tragically, Prince Plumette dies accidentally before being coronated.
- Y81 General Endorovich becomes the Seneschal of Barovia.
- Y113 Lord Drüf is awarded the Barony of Central Barovia.
- Y147 Wizard Gralmore aids the Barovian Navy.. drowns in the effort.
- Y175 Lord Katsky is awarded the Barony of Central Barovia.
- Y203 The Cadian Kingdom dissolves.
- Y203 Baron Katsky is awarded the entire Barovian Valley, is now King of Barovia.
- Y223 Prince Troitsky becomes the King of Barovia.
- Y290 The young Lord von Hapsburg becomes the Count of Barovia.
- Y306 Strahd von Zarovich is born.
- Y320 The Terg invade Barovia in full force.
- Y346 Count von Hapsburg is slaughtered in war.
- Y346 Barov, Strahd's father, is slain.
- Y347 Strahd conquers the Valley of Barovia, begins re-construction.

## **Lord Krompus Dostron, King of Barovia (Dostron the Hellborn)**

Y1 - Ruled for 80 years

The first recorded Sovereign Lord of Barovia. He united the Barovian Valley through fear and respect. He claimed descent from a duke of the Nine Hells, and his deeds did justice to this ancestry. He ruled with a heavy hand and had Castle Barovia completed at a feverish pace. His servants spread rumors of some hellish invisible advisor, whispering to the king when he thought that nobody was listening. He passed in his sleep with a stoic look on his face.

An old manor on a hill in Krezk, which had harbored those in fear of King Dostron the Hellborn, served as secret place to worship the Morning Lord. The manor was fortified and converted to the Abbey of Brilliant Worship in Krezk shortly after the death of King Dostron the Hellborn. It would serve as a place of safety and healing regardless of who reigned over Barovia nearly three centuries, until the reign of Lord Strahd von Zarovich.

## **Prince Ariel du Plumette (Ariel the Heavy) - Never ruled.**

Prince Ariel was King Dostron's son. He was a terrible prince, a glutton, he lived excessively. Behind his back, he was referred to as the Portly Prince. The prince became infatuated with flying off of the highest towers after watching hawks, ravens and other raptors. He started an endeavor to build flying wings he could harness to himself to fly.

Just before his coronation as King, the Portly Prince attempted to prove his power and gift of flying. The Portly Prince launched his glider and cackled with glee as he floated away from the castle. Then gravity took hold and folded the wings above him. He plunged from the castle into the valley below. His attempt to fly from Castle Barovia ended in a grisly, horrific death. It is said that on the darkest nights you can see his ghost re-enacting the event and plunging to his death.



## Lord Openhind Endorovich, Senschal of Barovia

Y81 - Regent of Barovia for 32 years

Endorovich was King Dostron's First Sword, head of the Castle Guard, a General in the military, and his most trusted man. With Prince Ariel dead, Endorovich became the Regent of Barovia and controlled the throne until a suitable king could be crowned.

Endorovich is suspected of accidentally murdering the woman he longed for, Lady Marya, a noble from Borjia who frequented the Barovian court. Sir Leonid Krushkin was brutally drawn and quartered for the crime. After that, Endorovich was consumed by madness. Nobles and servants alike were found murdered in the castle daily. Stahbal, his personal chamberlain, swore that every night after Endorovich stopped babbling to himself, he would cry himself to sleep. With his heart broken and his mind gone, he died in his sleep, in short order. Most believed he was poisoned, and nobody bothered to investigate.

Sir Leonid Krushkin was exonerated of his crime and buried in the castle with honors.

It is believed that Endorovich's spirit haunts the castle to this day, stalking up and down the dark corridors of Castle Barovia, even though Castle Ravenloft stands in its place. The ghost can be seen passing up and down on stairwells known only to the ghost, and through walls down corridors that only it can see... searching for the long-lost love that was never his to start with.

## Lord Eisglaze Drüf, Baron of Barovia (Eisglaze the Passive)

Y113 - Ruled for 62 years

With hardly any court left to speak of, Barovia was absorbed by the fledgling Cadian kingdom, which was nothing more than an umbrella sheltering Barovia's sisters, Borjia and Markovia and a few other minor provinces, not even worth noting. Control over the Barovian court fell to a remote family line and Baron Eisglaze Drüf was named by the royal court as the local authority over Central Barovia. Eisglaze ruled with a live and let live policy, he let people do as they pleased, so long as nobody caused a fuss. Barovia saw peace in his time. The Barony became almost self-governing, and Eisglaze eventually became a recluse in Castle Barovia.

During his reign, others in the royal court took advantage of the Baron, most notably his friend Sir Sedrik Spinwiovich. Sir Sedrik convinced the Baron of the need for a Navy to sail Lake Barovia and proceeded to spend a small fortune on building a small fleet of ships to patrol the lake. Sir Sedrik became known as Admiral Spinwiovich and was proud of the useless Royal Navy.

For the briefest time, the Barovian court had its own Wizard! A slightly crazy fellow gave the court the doubtful name of Gralmore Nimblenobs. He was interested in the landlocked Navy and wanted to experiment with making a ship somehow float underwater. Unfortunately, neither the wizard nor the ship floated underwater, they drowned.

For all his passivity, Eisglaze Drüf had a terrible time trying to find a lady of the court willing to take on the name Baroness Drüf. He passed quietly in his solitude one night, and nobody noticed for three days.



## Lord Intree Katsky, Baron then later King of Barovia (Katsky the Bright)

Y175 - Ruled for 48 years

The royal court named a bright member of the Katsky dynasty as the new baron. He was a self-absorbed inventor and shockingly claimed to have visions from the future. At any rate, Barovia remained peaceful under his rule, and like his predecessor, he became a recluse and Barovia ruled itself, mostly in peace. Word came that the Cadian Kingdom was unable to support Barovia or her sisters, and so it would be a self-governing kingdom, with allegiance to the Cadian Kingdom.

Just like that, the barony absorbed the rest of the Barovian valley and mountain holdings of the traditional Barovian kingdom, and Baron Katsky was awarded the Barovian crown and became King Katsky, not that anybody noticed or cared. For a time, King Katsky was enthralled with the story of the Portly Prince. He built a glider but found it to be too small to carry a pilot. He dejectedly packed away the glider as being inferior to the task and a failure.

King Katsky kept his other projects secret and tightly guarded. The only other invention he ever revealed was a small silver and gold staff with a shoulder brace. He would point the small staff and it would make a terribly loud sound and a metal ball would fly from the staff and cause serious damage to wherever he had it pointed at. It was not known what became of his invention, it is said to be buried with him in his crypt. Lord Intree Katsky died suddenly one evening of a mysterious death, believed to be caused by one of his own inventions.



## Lord Strevoit Troitsky, Prince then King of Barovia (The Three-Faced King)

Y223 - Ruled for 67 years

Unlike his father, Intree Katsky, Prince Troitsky took interest in the lands of Barovia. During his reign, Barovia was invaded for the first time in over a century. Terg bandits were sacking farms and villages and hunting for resources to plunder. King Troitsky had a terrifying helm specially crafted with three human faces – one sad, one happy, and one angry. He used a scythe from horseback and charged the invaders then mowed them down on sight.

Word of his effective battle tactics quickly spread. Noble families from Barovia and Borjia were throwing presents and potential wives at him to get him to defend them as well. King Troitsky was respected and feared, but the continuing onslaught cost many Barovian lives and resources.



The king was poisoned at the hands of the enemy. Upon his death, he was without an heir and for the third time in Barovian history, she was without a sovereign lord to carry her forward.

## Lord Falkon von Hapsburg, Count of Barovia (Hapsburg the Merciful)

Y290 - Ruled for 56 years

The newly reformed court ministers of the Cadian Kingdom appointed a young Lord Falkon von Hapsburg to become the next Count of Barovia.

Of all the Lords of Barovia, Falkon von Hapsburg became the most loved. He ruled firmly, but with mercy. He embraced all four Barovian villages; the Village of Barovia, Krezk, Vallaki, and Berez. The count donated to the Abbey in Krezk to help the poor and lame. He toured both the villages and the rural areas. Even the Terg invaders decided to leave him be, since he was expanding the wealth of the area which they intended to invade someday, which was a good thing.

Tasha Petrovna was a sister and healer of some notoriety in the Abbey in Krezk. Romance struck the Barovian court at long last. Count Falkon was permitted to marry Sister Tasha after a long engagement. In due time, the Countess had two sons, Earl Vernon and Earl Julius, and a daughter, Contessa Sera.

The count built a manor near the Abbey as a display of love for the countess, and she thought of it as her second home. Tasha cherished being able to spend time making rounds at the hospice of the Abbey.

Peace never endures, unattended, of course. A boisterous warlord rose in the Terg ranks. When the great war came finally to the borders of Barovia, the Count raised a sizable military force, and had his knights hold off the pressing forces. The Terg attempted to poison the Count and keep his troops from rallying behind him. Tragically, the attack failed and accidentally poisoned the count's youngest son, Earl Julius (only 10 years old).

Count von Hapsburg knew his army was no match for the Terg's larger and seasoned fighting forces. He sent word to Lord Argynvost for aid. Lord Argynvost's knights of the Silver Dragon fought alongside Count von Hapsburg and his knights. The count's son, Earl Vernon died at the battle of Tsolenka Pass. Concerned for his family, Count von Hapsburg ordered Countess Tasha and their daughter Contessa Sera to flee Barovia.

Count von Hapsburg and two of his bravest knights, Sir Erik Vonderbucks and Sir Klutz Tripalotsky fell in the battle of Berez. Lord Argynvost rescued the Barovian military from overwhelming forces, then sent everybody home to prepare for a siege. Countess Tasha and Princess Sera were captured outside of Krezk by the Terg before they could escape and were executed. Countess (Sister) Tasha was buried at the Abbey in Krezk shortly after. It is rumored Princess Sera was with child, some believe she gave birth to the child at the Abbey in Krezk, before being captured. If true, the bloodline could live on.

The Cadian court petitioned to have Barov von Zarovich sent to suppress the invading Terg forces. Barov's father was the King of Cadia who had the integrity to step down. Barov had been appointed as head of the Holy Military Forces of the Order of the Dragon. Once he was in Barovia, the local noble families turned on the senior von Zarovich and pledge their loyalty to Lord Argynvost. The Terg forces slaughtered Barov von Zarovich and his shock troops by trapping them in a box canyon. To add insult to injury, the Terg intercepted Barov's daughter, Katarina as well, who had been traveling undercover by coach. She was executed and body was hung for all to see.



## Lord Prince Strahd von Zarovich, later Count of Barovia (Strahd the Devil)

Y347 - Ruled for 1 year, as of the writing of this Historæ.

Barov's first born son, Prince Strahd von Zarovich, road forth to avenge the death of his father and his young sister, with the blessing of the Cadian court.

Strahd swept down into Barovia with a swiftness not often seen in military maneuvers. Strahd's forces blanketed the lands of Barovia and swept forward. Strahd was said to have impaled over 1,000 Terg forces on poles during the final battle. Strahd very nearly tore Castle Barovia down to its key stone while slaughtering every defender trying to survive the overwhelming onslaught. Parts of the castle fell over the ramparts she stood on, never to be seen again. He saw the Barovian nobles and Lord Argynvost as traitors and brought his vengeance with equal ferocity as he did the Terg forces.

Strahd declared himself the reigning Count of Barovia in recompense for his father's holy, royal blood, and dared anyone to challenge him. Not even the Cadian court lifted a finger, that crown was his. They opened the big books, inked the name Strahd von Zarovich, and quietly sent Strahd his documents of authority by messenger, along with a singularly beautiful white rose.



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# *In Memorial:*

## *An Accounting of the Holy and Royal Crypts of Barovia*

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The following is a sacred record of the most sacrosanct holy and noble deceased in the lands of Barovia. An accounting of those certain crypts under her most sacred Castle.

*Special note: The honored dead interred in the catacombs of Castle Ravenloft have enough issues without vagabonds and grave robbers pilfering and defacing the burial markers. Some grand expense went in to correcting the vast number of errors which have proliferated through the centuries.*

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† **Crypt 4**

Prince Aerial Du Plumette  
Y37 Y81  
(Aerial the Heavy)

† **Crypt 6**

Lady Marya Markovia  
Y80 Y112  
Great was her beauty,  
undone by a jealous hand.

† **Crypt 7**

King Openhind Endorovich  
Y56 Y113  
(Endorovich the Terrible)  
What the blood of a hundred wars did not do  
the spurn of a woman accomplished.

† **Crypt 10**

Sir Leonid Krushkin  
Y79 Y112  
(Sir Lee the Crusher)  
Bigger than life, he loved his jewelry

† **Crypt 12**

King Strevoit Troitsky  
Y202 Y290  
The three faced King

† **Crypt 13**

King Darwin Katsky  
Y153 Y223  
(Katsky the Bright)  
Ruler, inventor, and  
self-proclaimed time traveler

† **Crypt 14**

Chamberlain Stahbal Indi-Bhak  
Y54 Y121  
Advisor to Endorovich from eastern lands.  
A truer friend no ruler ever had.  
Here lies his family in honor.

† **Crypt 17**

Admiral Sedrik Spinwitovich  
Y84 Y161  
Admiral of the greatest naval force  
ever assembled in a land locked country.

† **Crypt 22**

Sir Erik Vonderbucks  
Y312 Y345  
He had a heart of gold.

† **Crypt 27**

Earl Julius von Hapsburg  
Y310 Y320  
Heaven's newest little angel.

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Contessa Sera von Hapsburg  
Y309 Y345  
Cut down in her prime.

† **Crypt 29**

Baron Eisglaze Drüf  
Y89 Y175  
He was.

† **Crypt 33**

Sir Klutz Tripalotsky  
Y309 Y345  
He fell on his own sword.

† **Crypt 34**

King Krompus Dostron  
-Y20 Y81  
(Dostron the Hellborn)

† **Crypt 36.**

Count Falkon von Hapsburg  
Y273 Y345  
(Hapsburg The Merciful)  
Barovia is poorer for his loss.

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Earl Vernon von Hapsburg  
Y300 Y339  
He served Barovia with Honor,  
to the end.

† **Crypt 37**

Wizard Gralmore Nimblenobs  
Y52 Y147  
Wizard Ordinaire

† **North Vault of Honor**

Princess Katarina von Zarovich  
Y310 Y346  
They took the best of us.

† **Overlook Vault**

King Barov von Zarovich  
Y278 Y346  
A legend in his own time,  
undone through deceit.