

Leonder Imperium

The Leonder Imperium is ruled from Melanphon, which was founded by a number of families who traversed the Hellenic Portal Gate on Leonder's southern border from Sparta some 500 years ago. The Imperium is culturally very reminiscent of Sparta. Every citizen attends military training as a youth and maintains full military gear until the age of 40. While high attainment in other fields of endeavour are somewhat respected nothing is as revered as military prowess. A successful general is almost always a leading candidate for Emperor upon the death of the previous one and Emperors perceived as being weak have occasionally been replaced by generals perceived as strong with the tacit approval of the Senate.

After the military conquest of Mikrouthion 12 years ago most of the Hellenistic world placed an embargo on the Imperium which has forced the Imperium to turn eastward for trading and strategic partnerships. The Davarin kingdom of Kal Karadol now buys a great deal of food from Leonder in exchange for steel and finished weapons and armour to fuel Leonder's war machine. The dark elves of Verinress'Arl are also now a common sight in Melanphon, with ships from both nations traveling back and forth frequently.

Empress Ariadne II knows the embargo cannot continue and is seeking a resolution with Strophe while trying to manipulate the Senate into allowing her to simply attack the city-state directly. She is opposed by her old political enemies in the Senate as well as the Republicans, a faction of Senators who wish to see the Imperium become a republic and denounce its aggressive militaristic ways.

The words in Greek on the top and bottom of the frame translate as "The Assembly and people of Melanphon"; and on the sides as "Empress Ariadne the Second"