

## Skyforger "Prologue"

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Since ancient times the Eastern coast of the Baltic Sea has been inhabited by the Latvians, one of the Baltic peoples. The Baltic tribes settled here about 4000 years ago and had their own mythology and customs based upon the worship of the natural forces. They were the last pagan tribes in Europe. In the 13th century the Knights of the Teutonic Order invaded the country to bring in the Christianity. One by one crusaders subjugated the free peasant-tribes of the Latgalls, Sels and Kurshi, destroyed their villages and fortified castles, devastated their fields and tried to turn native inhabitants into serfs of Christ. Only the tribe of the Semigalls

under the guidance of chief Viestards (and later - Nameisis) still carried on the fight against the servants of cross. Until finally in 1290 after several bitter fights they were forced to leave the native land, but they went away unsubjugated. Many an old castle-hill or an oak which has weathered the storms and adversities of centuries are the sole witness of these events, but people tell legends about them - about brave Semigallian warriors... In memory of those who lost their lifes in these battles we dedicate the SEMIGALLS' WARCHANT. The brave pagan spirit of those will ive in our hearts forever...

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