



# Dark Skies

*in the Land of the Empires*

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## Chronology

This is the chronological timeline of the most important events in the history of *Dark Skies*.

### October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1860

Day Zero, more than a hundred meteors fell into the atmosphere of the Earth. Although less than two dozens of them caused important damages, the final outcome was catastrophic. The skies died. The meteor rain doesn't stop in several days.

### The end of 1860

(Year one of the New Era)

The great surviving leaders of the humankind divided the remaining lands. Nicolas I becomes the Russian Empire regent. Victoria I was in charge of the England Reign. Napoleon III was the leader of the French Empire and the Chancellor Otto von Bismarck took the control of the German Empire during the seven following years after Day Zero.

### April 1867 (Year 7 of N.E.)

The new Chancellor Herbert von Bismarck assumed the power of the German Empire after the death of his predecessor, who died due to the excessive inhalation of toxic gases that came from outside our atmosphere.

### July 1870 (Year 10 NE)

The Enfitensis agreement was signed by the main leaders of the world. New borders as well as an official New Era calendar were established. The date October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1860 was officially named the "Day of Doom" and marks the beginning of the new calendar.

### Years 11 to 13 NE

The information from the African continent reported that it has been completely destroyed, the scarce survivors started a sad migration towards the north, and a few of them reached their destination. Even fewer reports arrived from the other side of the Atlantic Ocean; decades will pass before new re-establishing communications with EE.UU.

### Spring year 16NE

German scouts finished a carefully cartography of the remains of the Italian peninsula, which is mostly under shallow waters, although it can be crossed thanks to its soft currents.

### Years 17 to 23 NE

Massive digging outs started, the main cities of the world began to move underground. With the vast quantity of materials resulting from the digging out, the empires reinforce their borders with walls.

### November year 18 NE

Victoria I died after a long suffering from blood disease. Eduardo VII seized the power and started a long reign which main characteristic was its mammoth buried buildings.

### January year 19 NE

Nicolas I from Russia reigns his Empire with firm hand. After years of internal purges, he fears no more the enemy inside but the outside one. The Great Wall of the Carpathians started to be built to separate the German Empire from the Russian Empire with a new declared border.

### Autumn year 19 NE

Alejandro II succeeds Nicolas I from Russia, whose death was described as "by natural causes". Alejandro stopped the building of the Great Wall and concentrated his efforts in developing the underground cities.

### Year 20 NE

The French Empire discovered a new technique to make tunnels. The German Empire tried in vain to obtain such knowledge. The tension between both Nations increased the following decades.

### September year 20 NE

The Spanish Kingdom which is situated on the south of the Pyrenees, signed a treaty with the French Empire to get their tunnelling technique. So it became a state freely associated with the French Empire. That began an extremely profitable commercial, military and diplomatic relationship that last until the present days.

### Year 21 NE

Napoleón III from France died a few days after drinking poisoned water. Napoleón IV succeeded him immediately. Apparently, a new period of prosperity began as a symbol of the strength of this Empire to dissuade their possible enemies.

### Year 32 NE

Reports of unknown species sightings start to arrive from all corners of the old continent.







#### **Summer year 36 NE**

After a period of relative peace since the Day of Doom, the remaining nations were concentrating their efforts on rebuilding their cities. This period came to an end when the dispute between the French and German Empires for the border resources became a declared war.

#### **March 1<sup>st</sup> year 54 NE**

The twelve years Gaul campaign led by Napoleón IV itself against the German Empire abruptly finished when the French regent died from a fever produced by scarlet fever and broke his back and neck. Napoleón V succeeded him and the conflicts stopped for a short period of time.

#### **March 6<sup>th</sup> year 54 NE**

Chancellor Herbert von Bismarck died choked on a piece of fruit. The simultaneous sudden death of both leaders, German and French, forced the military campaigns to stop. Chancellor Ivan von Bismarck seized the power in uncertain times.

#### **March 8<sup>th</sup> year 54 NE**

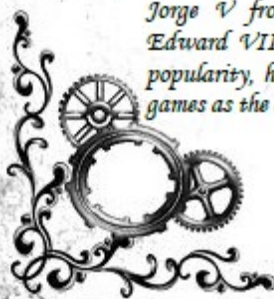
Alejandro II died from an unknown illness in less than a week after its diagnosis. Ivan VII seized the power and continued with the military plan of his predecessor, so that, he re-started the building of the Carpathian Wall after various decades untouched.

#### **December 12<sup>th</sup> year 55 NE**

The German, French and, in a lesser extent, Russian Empires started a battle to get the control of the mining resources of the almost extinct Italic peninsula.

#### **Winter year 56 NE**

Jorge V from the England and Indian Reign succeeded Edward VII, who died by natural causes. Showing off his popularity, he ordered to build various Coliseums to celebrate games as the ancient Romans did.



#### **Years 59 to 63 NE**

The England and Indian Reign began a fast development of its industry thanks to a new sort of material. Moreover, the exploration of the north territories began under the reign of Jorge V. None of the reconnaissance expeditions ever returned.

#### **Year 64 NE**

The secret of the Anglo-Indian Reign extended to the rest of the Empires. The material that gave advantage to Jorge's V Empire provided from the meteor craters. The conflict of the Italic peninsula intensified.

#### **December 29<sup>th</sup> year 64 NE**

Jorge V from England died on the south side of the Alps. His death was caused by a group of Russian mercenaries paid by the Gaul King. The young Jorge VI succeeded him on the throne.

#### **Years 65 to 68 NE**

The sky coil industry extended. The coil extracted from the meteor craters allowed a great industrial development and a growth beyond belief. This made possible the underground farming and a remarkable improvement in the social welfare. The population growth that began on those days has lasted until the present times.

#### **March 24<sup>th</sup> year 69 NE**

Chancellor Ivan von Bismarck was eviscerated by a battle projectile. In any case, the German Empire, led by the new Chancellor Leopold von Bismarck, went on their unstoppable campaign to seize the power over the Italic peninsula.

#### **January 6<sup>th</sup> year 70 NE**

The Gaul and Russian factions move their troops to other fronts, leaving the Italic peninsula under the control of the German Empire.

#### **July year 71 NE**

During this summer, Napoleon V "the strong" died in combat. The causes of his death never were known but it is said that he was killed by one of the comrades who supported him on the inheritance line. Pierre I, of a new lineage, started a new reign less militaristic than the previous.

#### **November 25<sup>th</sup> year 83 NE**

Wrong brothers created the first flying artefact that glided more than 80 meters. Immediately, the soldiers of the England and Indian Reign saw the military application to that invention.

#### **February year 88 NE**

Nicolas II seized the power of the Russian Empire after the honourable death in battle of Ivan VII. More than a half of the Russian troops returned home after Nicolas II took the throne.

#### **August 25<sup>th</sup> year 88 NE**

In the half subterranean city of Jeancharlía which was in the middle of the central plateau, it was produced the first documented encounter with a new specie of fauna. It was reported that a flying creature attacked the population of the city for hours, causing more than 50 casualties. This beast could only be frightened away thanks to a flying machine sent by a militiaman detachment of the nearby city of Jeancharlía.

#### **Year 88 NE**


The flying creatures' attacks happen here and there. Sometimes even great swarms destroyed small cities. Not a single scientist was able to answer from where or why the attack.

#### **Winter year 89 NE**

Edward von Bismarck died at his late 87 years. He was one of the first leaders who born after the Day of Doom. He was succeeded by the Chancellor Otto Ivan von Bismarck.







### **Year 91 NE**

The mass development of military aviation commences. The scientists of the whole world were concentrated on creating all kind of flying military artefacts. The Sky coil played a decisive role as the main fuel of the artefact. This development was so urgent due to the fact that the creatures were only efficiently fought in air to air combat.

### **October and November year 92 NE**

Known as the Black Autumn. Dozens of conflicts started all around the world. The Russian Empire was severely affected by inside revolts. Only the violent response of Nicolas II could silent the voices raised against the regime. The German Empire taking advance of the weakness of Pierre I declared war to the Gaul Empire. And the North of Europe was, once more, lashed by more than a hundred attacks of the flying creatures. Those attacks decimated the population of the northern lands.

### **Spring year 94 NE**

In a surprise campaign, the Spanish king Juan Carlos II annexed the lands of Portugal and great part of the north-African territories, forming the Iberian Kingdom. French troops collaborated on this event with the Spanish. So that Pierre I and Juan Carlos II signed a new treaty of brotherhood between their Empires.

### **September 9<sup>th</sup> year 99 NE**

After Pierre I passed away, the Napoleonic lineage was restored in France. Napoleon VI seized the reigns of the French Empire.

### **December 1<sup>st</sup> year 99 NE**

Jorge VI died without heir. His illegitimate son succeeded him on the throne. Known as Jorge VII "the bastard", his kingdom was characterized by his great charisma.

### **January 1<sup>st</sup> year 100 NE**

New Paris was attacked by the most profuse creatures hive up to that moment. At least 35 creatures devastated the city. After hours of terror and hundreds of casualties, the creatures were repelled by a combined attack of the French army air forces. Not a single corpse of a creature was recovered.

### **Ends of summer year 102 NE**

The death of the Chancellor Edward von Bismarck of the German Empire was celebrated by all his rival nations. Chancellor Otto Ivan von Bismarck seized the power of the German Empire with an unheard strength.

### **Ends of year 103 NE**

Through the Iberian Kingdom, the French Empire established a supply channel of Sky coil from Africa.

### **March 12<sup>th</sup> year 104 NE**


Nicolas II from Russia was murdered when he was 102 years old. That was an excessive gesture. The assassination of the venerable Nicolas II was followed by violent popular revolts. Only the bloody raids ordered by the new king Ivan VIII managed to calm down the masses.

### **June 6<sup>th</sup> year 109 NE**

French Emperor Napoleon VII died in a hunting accident and his son, Napoleon VII, succeeded him taking the reigns of the Empire.

### **Years 110 to 116 NE**

The climatic cycles slowly began to re-establish. The air turned purer and the Atlantic and Pacific oceans were becoming seaworthy again. The Empires got down to work and started to explore the zones isolated a century ago.



### **Autumn year 111 NE**

The British and Indian Empire contacted with different tribes from North America. The warlike Sioux from the southern lands, the Cherokee whose territories where the east coast and the Apaches of the central and south plains where the first to be "re- discovered". According to the Sioux, four are the main tribes of the continent, but nothing could be discovered about the western tribe. Only the biggest cities like Boston or Washington resisted all those years. Now they are strongly walled and operate as independent city-states that don't recognize to be subject to any Empire.

### **September 7<sup>th</sup> year 112 NE**


Victoria II acceded to the throne after the abdication of King Jorge VII "the bastard" due to a chronic disease. Victoria II of England decided to establish commercial relationships with the Sioux, Apaches and Russians.

### **January year 119 NE**

The Gaul Empire signed a commercial treaty with the Cherokee of the American continent. The Cherokee's chief son, fighting Eagle, and a group of Cherokees travelled to France to sign the treaties.

### **September 2<sup>nd</sup> year 123 NE**

The Carpathian Wall is fully built. The wall borders by the Dead Sea to the south and by the Baltic Sea to the North, drawing a border between the Russian and the Germanic Empires along the whole continent. It was a hundred meters high, and six meters thick in the less armoured-plated sections. Canons and guard centres crown the almost impassable wall.







#### **December year 123 NE**

Leopold II von Bismarck succeeded Otto Ivan von Bismarck from Germany. Otto Ivan was killed by his own wife for unknown circumstances, although for a long time it was heard about rumours of infidelity.

#### **February 29<sup>th</sup> year 124 NE**

The German Empire declared war to the Gaul Empire. An open war began. Leopold II used the huge militaristic inheritance of his predecessors to try to get the resources and territories of his neighbour.

#### **Summer year 124 NE**

Victoria III of England seized the throne after her mother passed away in an aircraft crash.

#### **Winter year 126 NE**

Far from the front line, Napoleon VII died leaving only a very young heir. Pierre II of the secondary inheritance line took the reins of the Gaul Empire to lead it in this time of war. The love of the Gaul army to his leader soon silenced the voices raised against him.

#### **Spring year 127 NE**

The victories of the Gaul Empire over the German Empire ceased suddenly after some strange troop movements authorized by the own Pierre II of France. That fact gave time enough to the German Empire army to pull themselves together in the ruins of the old city of Geneva.

#### **November – December year 127 NE**

French troops under the command of Pierre II itself suffered a series of defeats and ambushes. All of it made clear the weakness of the intelligence of the Gaul army. The army of Pierre II was forced to retreat due to the German Empire advance.



#### **Years 128 to 129 NE**

The war between the French and German Empires made possible the increase of the economic, diplomatic and military power of the rest of the nations. The French Empire was loosing the war and some said that it seemed to be intentional due to the ineptitude of Pierre II and his war council. The German army advanced towards the surroundings of Paris, the heart of the French Empire.

#### **May 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> year 130 NE**

The ship in which Queen Victoria III of the England and Indian Empire was travelling to EEVU disappeared dragged by a sudden change of the currents towards the south. Although the boat was searched for weeks, it didn't appear and Edward VIII took the power of the Empire, first in a provisional way and later on officially and permanently.

#### **June 26<sup>th</sup> year 131 NE**

Began the siege of Paris and Pierre II disappeared in uncertain circumstances.

#### **July year 131 NE**

Juan Carlos II of the Iberian Kingdom seized the reins of the French throne, obtaining the first French victories in years. A huge number of refugees crossed the Pyrenees towards the South while the French and Iberian armies held back the German troops. The northern part of the French Empire was occupied by the Germans and the damage was irreversible. It was impossible to recover the lost territories.

#### **October 12<sup>th</sup> year 131 NE**

Napoleon VIII took the power from the monarch Juan Carlos II and started to exercise his power from the exile in Iberian lands. The French Empire was almost fully occupied by the Germans.

#### **Years 131 to 136 NE**

Hostilities among the European Empires unleashed on uncountable battles to get all short of resources, specially sky coil that was becoming scarce.

#### **February 7<sup>th</sup> year 137 NE**

The war for the French territory ended up abruptly when both armies, German and Russian, had to join their forces to stop the invasion of flying creatures that devastated the north front. This was the first open battle between the creatures and what it could be named as an army.

#### **December year 137 NE**

Began the commercial relationships with the, up to that moment, unknown East Yamato Empire. The Tsar Ivan VIII from Russia signed important commercial agreements with a delegation that included Noemi Suzuki, the heiress of "the prosper" and rediscovered Yamato Empire.

#### **End of spring year 138 NE**

Edward VIII of England signed commercial agreements at the other side of the Atlantic. The Sioux will provide the sky coil the England Empire needed, on the contrary, the England and Indian Empire will provide the Native American the superior technology they needed.

#### **Years 138 to 140 NE**


German and Russian Empires conquered the deposits of sky coil that the England and Indian Empire defended. Thanks to the agreement with the Sioux, the English Empire wouldn't need to spend military resources to defend the sky coil.

#### **August 4<sup>th</sup> year 140 NE**

The Tsar Ivan VIII from Russia died at 92 years old and Pedro IV was chosen as the new Tsar. He inherited a vast cartographic legacy that he immediately began to exploit.







### June 6<sup>th</sup> year 141 NE

The first attack of the creatures to the American continent is documented. Shawnee, the biggest Cherokee settlement, got its population almost reduced to the half in a few hours. The Cherokees couldn't do anything but search a refuge.

### Years 141 to 143 NE

The tension in the old continent was reduced when most of the conflicts about the sky coil ceased. Peace came to the Russian Empire. The welfare and the security of the Carpathian Wall calmed down the citizen protests. Meanwhile, the England and Indian Empire enjoyed a matchless wealth thanks to the Sioux sky coil.

### January 4<sup>th</sup> year 144 NE

The French Empire signed an agreement of conditional surrender that ended the war with the German Empire. A part of the French territories passed to the Germans, including some of the most prosperous cities of the Gaul Empire. The German Empire was called from that day on "the Great Germanic Empire" and the Chancellor Leopold II was self proclaimed Emperor Leopold I "the conqueror".

### Summer year 145 NE

The Gaul Empire began to work as a duchy under the commercial control of the Germans. It was renamed as the Duchy of the Gaul when the Iberian Reign recognized such title as the greatest title of lineage of the zone. Napoleon IX was named the Great Regent Duke in some moment within this period.

### Year 147 NE

Felipe XVI, high king of Iberia, established an important route through Africa that allowed the secure transport of great shipments of sky coil. A part of the wealth generated from than coil was invested on the rebuilding of the Gaul Duchy devastated by long decades of war.

### Year 150 NE

The Tsar Pedro IV died as the result of a creatures attack. The Tsar Guillermo II got the Empire and increased the commercial agreements with the Yamato Empire.

### Year 156 NE

In some moment of that spring, a great ship with an English flag was seen near the shores of the Iberian Peninsula. It seemed to be abandoned when it was boarded by the militia, but they were attacked by certain creatures described by the only survivor as "sea daemons". He died soon after. The ship disappeared without a trace.

### Year 157 NE

A small contingent of aircrafts of the England Empire cleaned of creatures the sky over the Cherokee lands. That was the first time that European troops had an air battle on American territory.

### Year 161 NE


The brand new regular militia of the city-state of Boston clashed with the creatures. For the first time, the creatures were defeated thanks to the small contingent of war aircrafts and the mercenaries from Europe and America that were hired at an extremely high price.

### Year 164 NE

Guillermo IV died in his summer residence after a creature attack. His son succeeded him with the name of Pedro V.

### Year 169 NE

The first Duke of the Gaul, Napoleon IX, died. Pierre III, his son, succeeded him. Pierre got married with the daughter of the King Felipe XIV from the Iberian Kingdom forging stronger bonds between both Empires.



### Years 171 until the present days

The pirate attacks in Central America, the Caribbean and South America seriously affected the commercial interests of all the Empires. Real armies formed by pirates, deserters and Indian warriors faced regular armies of different Empires.

### Year 177 NE

The first letter of marquee was signed by Catalina III of England in favour of the famous French pirate, Bartholomew Roberts. This agreement authorized this first corsair Captain to attack any boat, except the English ones, to get technology and weapons.

### Year 186 NE



The first Tsarina Catalina III from Russia died in her bed. Her murderer never was found. Her son Boris I became the new Tsar. During all his reign, he was known by his subjects as "the usurper".

### Year 187 NE

The German Emperor Guillermo III died from an illness. His throne was taken by the shy Guillermo IV, known as "the wise" by his people.

### Year 189 NE

The English scientist Ted Gandard discovered the pathogenic agent that came from the common flu and was able to damage the creatures but was innocuous for the human being.







#### **December year 192 NE**

Separatist uprisings against the England Empire in the southern lands left behind a total of more than 20,000 casualties. Finally the separatists got an agreement of autonomy and free association with the Empire of Pedro V.

#### **Year 195 NE**

The ship captain and Spanish explorer Fernando Montelongo went down in history for being the first human who made a fly around the world without stopovers with an autogiro of the Iberian army called "Lord of Orion".

#### **Autumn year 194 NE**

The Russian Empire demanded some islets of the Yamato Empire by force. Both Empires began a war that lasted only six days but made clear the military capacities of the Orientals. After signing the cease of the combats, the tension in the area was unbearable.

#### **May 6<sup>th</sup> year 201 NE**

Pedro V from England was killed during a visit to Australia. His son Eduardo IX took the power and signed new peace agreements with the main Empires.



#### **August 15<sup>th</sup> year 201 NE**

The second Gaul Duke, Pierre III, abdicated in favour of his nephew Gaston, who will rule with the name of Pierre IV.

#### **Winter year 207 NE**

The new Emperor of Germany, Guillermo IV succeeded his father after his death and took the throne.

#### **October 5<sup>th</sup> year 210 NE**

The Tsarina Catalina IV got the power of Russia after the death in mysterious circumstances of Boris I "the usurper". During the first days in the throne, she commanded to reinforce the Carpathian Wall. This fact arose suspicious to the Germanic Empire.

#### **May 7<sup>th</sup> year 212 NE**

Pierre IV, the Gaul Duke, was assassinated with the rest of those present in the marriage of his daughter with the grandson of Eduardo IX of England. The English king declared war to the German Empire.

#### **May year 212 NE**

Napoleon X became the fourth Gaul Duke taking the place of his father Pierre IV. In his first speech, he promised to give France back to the French people, putting any German, Russian or English to the sword.

#### **Autumn year 214 NE**

The war between English and Germans intensified. The balance between both Empires made the trench war go on forever, what produced more than 100,000 casualties on each side.

#### **August year 229 NE**

The Tsar Pedro V succeeded his mother, Catalina IV, after her death. Soon he was known for his people as Pedro "the great" thanks to his intimidating physical appearance.

#### **Year 231 NE until present days**

The creature attacks are very usual. Great swarms of creatures could be seen migrating from the north of Europe towards the dead African continent.

