

Abba Jifar II (Ruler of Jimma)

You are the son of Abba Gomal, who was the king of Jimma and Queen Gumuti. You were raised in a family of wealth and power and succeeded your father's throne after he died in 1878. You wed six beautiful wives throughout your life, all of whom come from wealthy and powerful families as well. You ruled the kingdom of Jimma and continued your father's legacy, conquering nearby territories to expand the kingdom. However, King Menelik II of Shewa brought his powerful troops to Jimma in 1884 as he tried to expand his own kingdom. You sent your troops to try and fight him off, but after listening to the advice of your mother Queen Gumuti, you decided to send him peace offerings in the form of slaves and local treasurable resources to avoid additional bloodshed and likely loss of your kingdom. As a result, Menelik II turned to nearby areas of Ethiopia to conquer instead, while temporarily leaving Jimma under Abba Jifar II's rule, hoping to also gain a powerful political ally.

In 1889, King Menelik II was crowned the Emperor of Ethiopia and expected you to give your kingdom up to his control. You wished for Jimma to remain politically autonomous and attempt to reach some sort of political agreement. Menelik does not believe there can be any other choice and plans to send his troops. However, he does not have the resources to send troops to Jimma as he is trying to fight off the people of Tigray, the European invaders, and the Muslim invaders. Therefore, you are given some time to figure out a plan to protect your people and your political power.

Portfolio Powers

Overt:

- You are the commander of Jimma's army and have the power to declare war against others and the responsibility to defend Jimma against invaders
- You oversee the local government and can make powerful legal decisions that apply for the people of Jimma
- You have the power to appoint religious and political authorities in Jimma

Abdallahi Ibn Muhammad- Ruler of Historical Sudan

Background

You were born in 1846, and were raised and trained to become a preacher as well as a holy man. You became a follower of Muhammed Ahmed, the proclaimed “Mahdi” Islam foretold in the year 1880. You quickly rose to become a confidante and a chief lieutenant for the Mahdi, earning the title “Khalifa” in 1881. You, along with two other Khalifas, were dubbed the heads of the Mahdist army and your portion of the troops helped win several key battles against the British and the allied Egyptians. Your series of routs against the British and your role in the siege of Khartoum developed your image in the eyes of the Mahdi’s followers as the one to succeed him. When the Mahdi died in 1885, you seized the opportunity and dubbed yourself “Khalifat al-Mahdi.” Though your leadership was not universally accepted, you successfully managed to defeat two attempts at a coup all while remaining head of the country of Sudan.

Powers

Overt

- As the head of the Mahdist army, you are capable of directing the army to do whatever it is you want them to.
- You are capable of manipulating and swaying the Muslim population of Ethiopia towards whatever you wish.
- You have several allies in Ethiopia due to their holding out against the forced implementation of Christianity.

Abdellahi Zeki- Islamic Revolutionary

You were born in the Tigray region to a couple of merchants that established there. Your parents were very busy due to work, so you were always a wanderer in the small village that you lived. As an only child, you grew very independently, you knew many people but had very few friends. Your parents travelled a lot about the region, and in one of those travels you accompanied them to the city of Melek. There you talked to Muslim merchants and found peace in the religion that they offered. You escaped your parents and pursued a life of religious peace with them, travelling to other cities, building mosques, and helping the ones in need. During that religious path to peace, you found that not only Islam was the greatest religion for you, but also it is the best religion of all the others. You disagree with other religions, but respect them.

At the time when Menelik II passed the law of Christianity as the single religion in Ethiopia, you were at your peak of your Islamic journey to peace. You became a revolutionary who wants to destroy the idea of Christianity taking over Ethiopia. You see the rise of Christianity as an insult, and the imposition of it as a state religion by King Menelik II infuriates you. You feel strongly about religious freedom, but the imposition of another religion that comes from Europe seems like an insult to your country. You want to battle the king and anyone who favors him. Your goal is to rally up forces that want to destroy Christianity; that means fighting the king, leaders of the Christian church, destroying churches, etc. You are willing to ally with Mahdists and other conspirators that want to take down the king. You know that you might need the help of other Muslims, and if there is a need to, you will go out of the country to search for more support and wage a war.

OVERT POWERS

- Very respected in the Muslim community
- Religious savior; you have support of small villages where you built churches.
- Very skilled in trading and in fighting.

Abuna Mattheos X (Head of the Ethiopian Church)

Background

You were born on March 14th in 1843 in Shewa. Your father was the bishop of Shewa and expected you to become the next bishop of Shewa since the day you were born. Therefore, both of your parents, who were wealthy and powerful, imposed strict expectations on you as a child.

You attended strictly rigorous religious schools throughout your childhood and had multiple private tutors, one for each subject to ensure that you excelled in your academics. As expected, after the passing of your father in 1881, you rose as the most qualified person to follow in his steps as the next bishop of Shewa.

Although your parents' goals for you had been met, your sights were set much higher. You wanted to become more than just the bishop of Shewa, you wanted to become Archbishop of all of Ethiopia. However, under the reign of Emperor Yohannes IV, Petros VII had been appointed Archbishop of the Ethiopian Church, and it didn't seem like Abuna Petros VII would be giving up the position anytime soon. Even if Abuna Petros VII passed away, another religious figure from Tigray would be appointed Archbishop as long as Yohannes IV was in power. Therefore, you plotted with and supported Menelik of Shewa in all of his efforts to dethrone Yohannes IV, in exchange for the promise that you would be appointed Archbishop afterwards. After the sudden death of Menelik, you encouraged disputes about the succession of the crown, giving just enough time for Menelik to usurp the throne. Shortly after, in 1889, you were appointed as the head of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church under the authority of the Coptic Patriarch, making you the highest religious authority in Ethiopia.

Portfolio Powers

Overt:

- You have the power to change religious laws that govern Ethiopia
- You govern and oversee the bishops of local provinces
- You provide direct religious advice and spiritual guidance to the emperor and his family
- You have the power to confirm or deny any appointments to local bishop positions

Akale Wold (Counsel to the Crown)

Background

You were born on November 18th, 1851 in Shewa to a politically affluent and powerful family. You met and befriended Melenik during your early adult years as you were both interested in politics. You married a beautiful woman named Kiza Mashu from a powerful family, who supported your rise in political power. As Menelik rose to power as the king of Shewa, he appointed you a position in his political leadership cabinet. However, Menelik was imprisoned after challenging the emperor and your role in his cabinet was instead replaced. At middle age, you lost hope in having a future career in politics, and decided to spend time with family and raise your four children rather than constantly being away from home.

However, after a long term of staying away from politics, Menelik had become emperor of Ethiopia and insisted that you returned to his side as the Counsel to the Crown, because he did not trust anyone else. At this point, Menelik had stepped over so many others that he believed everyone was out to get him, and only trusted you because you had been away from the political scene for so long. Although you did not particularly desire to become the crown to the counsel, you were honored by Menelik's request and accepted to full your responsibility as a citizen. You currently serve as the Counsel to Emperor Menelik.

Portfolio Powers:

Overt:

- You are required to remain devoted to the Emperor under any circumstances and provide advisement to him
- You must work to help the Emperor maintain his rule of the crown
- You will tell the emperor what to do in cases of rebellions or threats to the crown

Andrei Dobroyin (fictional)- Representative of Russia

Background

You were born on August 28th, 1858 in Bryansk, Russia. You were the youngest child of seven children and were often bullied by your brothers, but you eventually became conniving enough to learn how to deal with their superiority complex. Your father worked in a factory and earned very little. You saw first hand what it was like to struggle and how the upper class turned their backs to suffering so that they could survive, and they still reaped the benefits. Your mother wanted you to have been successful so you snuck daily into a private school, found a spare uniform to wear, and absorbed information. From there you took your exams and attended Lomonosov Moscow State University, and were the first out of your family to attend college. There you studied history and mathematics. At university, you impressed many faculty and formed close relationships with your professors. One professor, Dieter Thomas, had close relations with the monarchy, since his uncle was in the ministry. You travelled around Russia every chance you got during your university years to have a more holistic understanding of Russia's socioeconomic position. You then traveled around Europe to compare their situation. You financed this endeavor through research grants from your university. You published articles in newspapers and wrote one book. You then continued to control investments for a top iron industry and began interacting with the blue-blooded crowd of Russia. Through your professor, you were later connected with the King for consulting. You are known by many as a charming, handsome, abrasively intelligent, yet elusive man. You never married and do not associate with your family.

Portfolio Powers

Overt

- You are CEO of one of the top iron industry and have a great influence in the iron industry and the country's economy
- You make massive donations to the schools of your hometown

Arthur Rimbaud – International Merchant

French exporter of coffee. Friend to Ras Makonnen, potential suspect in enabling art thievery.

Background

You were born on October 20th, 1854 in Charleville, France. You were the second child and your father was an infantry captain, and remarried, abandoning you (when you were only six years old) and your mother and sibling. Your mother constantly overbearingly pushed you and your brother to scholastic success, and you resented it. Your mum would punish you and your sibling by making you memorize a hundred lines of Latin verse, and increase your punishment (if necessary) by denying you meals. She imposed this classic education on you because she believed this will give you an economically stable future. You were an ardent Catholic whose academic reading [until university] was confined to the Bible, however you enjoyed fairy tales and novels of adventures. You attended the College de Charleville where you were highly successful, and earned eight school first prizes. You had a special interest in Greek, Latin and French classical literature and continued to publish poems. Your maturity as a poet was reached at the age of 15.

In 1870, the Franco-Prussian War broke out and your country was in turmoil. You fled to Paris, where you were imprisoned because of fare evasion and vagrancy. After contacting the government to be released for some time, you fled your home again. After traveling with a male partner you went to Dutch East Indies (now Indonesia) and Cyprus, you then ran Barden agency in Harar, Ethiopia. In 1884, you left this job to now become a merchant on your own account, dealing primarily with coffee and outdated arms.

Portfolio Powers

Overt

- Relationship with other users of the Suez Canal for importing
- Strong influence over professors and students in France

Askala Maryam (Zweditu) - Noblewoman

You were born to then Negus Menelik of Shewa, April 29, 1876. Your given name is Zweditu, which means the Crown, and later you were baptized as Askala Maryam, although you enjoy using your given name with close friends and family. You are the eldest daughter of Menelik of Shewa; your mother was a noblewoman of Wollo who was briefly with your father. She left when you were still young, meaning that your father and his consort, Baffana, raised you. Your brother died during his infancy and your other sibling, a sister named Shewa Regga, is your only close family member. When you were ten you got married to Ras Araya Selassie Yohannes, the son and heir of Yohannes IV. Your father, as proof that he submitted to Yohannes' rule over the region organized this marriage.

Your father eventually rebelled against Yohannes' rule, and when your husband died you returned to your father's court, where you talked to both sides of the conflict and were able to maintain good connections with both of them. It was such the admiration that you had from both parties that Yohannes IV sent you a large gift made up of valuable cattle at a time when his relation with your father was at its most fragile point. Those diplomatic skills were not unnoticed by your people, who look up to you and find in you a trusted politician.

Your views resonate with conservative Ethiopians, however you do not like to take a strong stance, given that you want all your people to be content. This is one of the reasons as to why you are appreciated by both sides of the conflict. Your conservative views make you prone to choose isolationism over modernization to remain an independent nation. You are also a pious woman. You want to promote your culture and build churches, which you think have the power of uniting people. Your family values are important, you have a great respect towards your father and his work, however you will not doubt about going against his ideals if it's the best thing to do for the people. You are most valuable as an advocate for either side, given that you have unparalleled skills at establishing good relations with conflicting sides, and your idea of a united country drives your desire to do just that. You have many connections across the country.

OVERT POWERS:

- Your works of charity have made people in small tribes to follow your lead.
- Religious officers and people come to you for counsel.

Bahta Hagos- Chief of Okule-Kasai Province

Background:

You were born in the mid 19th century in the town of Segeneiti and was Dejazmach of Akkele Guzay and are considered a very important leader in the Eritrean resistance to foreign domination, specially to Italy. You were born to a wealthy family and spent your childhood herding some of the numerous cattle your father owned. In your early thirties, you got married to a woman from your village and became an outlaw because of a blood feud with the family of Emperor Yohannes.

You originally gained recognition in 1875 when you killed Embaya Araya, the son of Rasi Araya, an Ethiopian Governor in a skirmish precipitated by raiding of the area. Eritrian tribal leaders and you were in constant conflict with the Ethiopian forces under Ras Alula and Yohannes. In 1885, as an Italian colonial presence replaced the defeated Egyptians and their control of Massawa, you moved to ally with them and their general, Oreste Baratieri. You did this in the hopes that Eritreans would be able to maintain a certain amount of independence, or at least more than possible under Ethiopian influence. You came to control Akkele Guzay and by 1889, your own forces formed an important flank in the Italian moves to create the Colony of Eritrea.

You became increasingly frustrated with the conduct of the Italian Colonial Government and their soldiers and particularly the expropriation of land from the clergy. You understood that Menelik was consolidating his power to the south with plans to displace the Italians. You have always shown great support and respect to the king and would seek his forgiveness after plotting an attack.

Overt:

- Access to firearms and ammunitions by waylaying escorts of elites.
- Allies with the Egyptian garrison in Keren
- Allies with the Italians after they defeated the Egyptians but then revolted against them because he was displeased by their actions.

Count Edwin Chambers- British Envoy

Born in England, you imagined gaining an undergraduate degree in London. However, the chaos erupting through the colonization of Africa changed your plans. Instead of remaining in England, you have been deployed to Ethiopia, hoping that your country gains control of the nation. All of Africa is being colonized, Ethiopia being an exception. However, you do not believe that Ethiopia is not equipped to govern its own nation. Hence, you were sent here despite the resources they possess. Military influence of European powers has engulfed most of Africa during the New Imperialism period. Britain has mostly occupied Egypt and the Cape Colony. Africa is ripe for takeover by European powers seeking economic power in the world. You have capitalized on their traditional economies in order to induce economic, as well as social, changes. You want to help Britain turn their subsistence-based economies to specialization and modern techniques to exploit the economic resources within their lands. You were sent here to delegate what the crown wants. Many of the missionaries and British representatives of the British government are being arrested and you are afraid of your fate becoming the same. Italy has invaded Africa, creating the colony of Eritrea through the Treaty of Wuchale upon Shewa, which as an autonomous kingdom within Ethiopia. The trading stations set up have led to chaos as the common people oppose the invasion of foreign people within their lands. The invasions upon Ethiopia are coming from every side of Europe. You wish to see British expand into Ethiopia, however, the Treaty of Addis Ababa has declared Ethiopia independent. Keeping peace within a nation plagued with chaos has been your biggest struggle since you have arrived. You sympathize with the native people but also believe that Britain's control over Ethiopia is the country's one home to become economically efficient. You believe that without the help of Britain the country will become overpowered by the domestic crises that exist.

OVERT

- You have a great understanding of the Ethiopian culture; small villages follow your lead in the South.
- Your studies make you a great man to go to for advice. Your reputation makes it easy for you to establish relations with African officials.

Elshadey Himanot- Miracle Woman

Background:

You're a woman from a small village who gains recognition for her miraculous healing ability. Because of this, you've been appointed a prophet and been reluctantly given a seat on the King's council. You hold immense power over the population as many do not believe as much in Christianity and still believe in the old ways. You are the voice of the people. Many also believe you also control the fortunes of the land.

You started influencing people from a young age and preached about your virtues to the public. You have been very influential and good at convincing people what life is all about and where we are meant to be. You give amazing advice that people think you are almost god like.

You grew up with philosophy as your main focus and committed your life to understanding the world around you. Because of this, people trust you, they trust your thoughts, your opinions.

Your advice has helped a few people and that spread very quickly. This has caused the public to be very dependent on you and what you have to say.

Today, you are a part of the King's council where people come to you daily seeking advice and guidance. You accredit much of your success amongst the public to the books you read growing up and your humble childhood.

Overt:

- Very close ties to people high up in the government, therefore very influential on the law and domestic policy.
- Connections to criminals and the black market (you use drugs sometimes to help your patients/guests).

Habtamu Lire (Fictional)- Independent Exporter secret smuggler of Ethiopian goods

All of Africa is swarming with European powers and your job is to get Ethiopian goods to Britain at higher prices, beating the competition of governmental powers. Ethiopia is rich with resources, which is why all these European powers are fighting over it. However, as a native, you know the best source for every good. You can acquire them easily as you are a native and Ethiopians do not oppose you as they do foreigners. Although it is hard for you to compete with formal powers, you can easily smuggle goods to Europe through your connections. The locals in Britain are not concerned with the economical struggle of exporting the goods, but are concerned with the accessibility of goods. Due to lack of globalization at this time, you are aware that Britain natives are not aware of the level of quality of goods. Thus, you are compelled to sell cheap quality goods at higher prices. You make profit off the lack of knowledge and find illegal ways to export goods to European nations. However, your fear remains of being caught and arrested.

Overt Powers:

- You have a lot of money and power, people respect you.
- You have a small guerrilla whose only job is to protect you and your trade.

Habte Giyorgis Dinage- Counsel on Defense

Background

You come from one of the minor districts of the country, and were born in 1851. You had a rather peaceful childhood, tending to your family's farm, until the day the future King Menelik II would come to your province. In an effort to conquer the province, the King captured many young men and burnt down many farms who refused to be subjugated under his rule. He captured you and forcibly enlisted you in his army along with thousands of other young men. As a young soldier in his army, you quickly grew in rank and skill with weapons. The promotions came one after the other as your fighting prowess and tactical skill grew. While you never saw your family again after the day you were captured, you slowly made your unit your family and settled down in Addis Ababa. By 1880, you were a highly respected general and became an important counselor to King Menelik II. However, after the defeat of the King by the Mahdist forces, the new King Yohannes IV tried to exile you from the court. The remaining members of the King's advisory team convinced the King to allow you to stay, and he reluctantly made you Counsel on Defense of the Kingdom. In addition to your military experience, your decade of serving with Menelik has given you knowledge of diplomacy and negotiation.

Overt

- You have control of the vast majority of the army, if the King allows you to.
- As a seasoned diplomat, you are able to formally negotiate on behalf of the King if he is busy.

Hailu Tekle Haymanot- Representative of Gojjam

Background

You were born on February 2, 1868 in the Ethiopian province of Gojjam. Your father is Negus Tekle Haymanot of Gojjam. You lived a rather noble childhood. Because your father was an army commander and nobility of the Ethiopian Empire, your family was well-respected and well off.

You and your two brothers were educated by royal tutors. You and your brothers were also trained militarily at a young age. You looked up to your father and admired that he was a noted military commander. You always wanted to be in power like your father and had the drive to surpass your brothers. Your father always taught you to do everything strategically. Thus, you used your clever and cunning ways to get what you wanted.

You married the empress's cousin, Woizero Assalafetch Wolde Hanna. This relational tie to the empress led her to appoint you as Shum of Gojjam. During your time as shum, the farmers in Gojjam were being retaliated against by Egyptians over Blue Nile. Thus, the emperor at the time, Haile Selassie I, sent you to deal with this issue. Once you resolved this issue, you felt entitled to ownership of the Blue Nile. When seeking favors from European powers, you threatened them with the blocking of access to the Blue Nile. This was one of the reasons why you were eventually dethroned and arrested.

Overt

- Shum of Gojjam – governor of Gojjam
- Army commander

Menas Tessema- Aide to Hallu Tekle Haymanot

You were born March 30th, 1870, into a family of fierce warriors. Your mother was the spiritual leader of the tribe, and died while giving birth to you, and your dad, the most feared warrior in your tribe, showed you the ways of the battle. As your father, Kiliru Tessema, was not always there for you, so your uncle took you under his roof. He was a lonely man, and although he did not fight he knew about diplomacy and public relations, so he taught you how to sharpen your mind as perfectly as your sword and spear. At the age of fifteen you became a warrior and killed your first enemy, a man who tried to take away your cousin to rape her. The tribe celebrated your victory and your father trusted your instincts of soldier, which is why he let you go and hunt with him. In one of those hunting sessions a rival tribe attacked you and your father, and while you tried to save him, an arrow pierced his heart. From that moment on you swore to protect your land and help your people thrive.

Your uncle read a letter that your father sent to him before he passed away; in it he asked you to guide your cousin Hailu Tekie Haymonot and to work with him to protect the tribe. You barely knew him while growing up, as you were very quiet as a child and always thought of yourself as an adult, however now you can cooperate together to attain the great kingdom. While he is the son of Negus, you are his great confident and he will trust you. He wants to cooperate with the people of Egypt to try and get them off your land cooperatively, but you rather use the force. Also, you do not feel content with European powers and would rather ally with African groups in order to regain control and power in your region. While you can help Hailu Tekie Haymonot to gain power and allow him to trade with European powers, you secretly want to be the new Negus and rule your people. You are very patriotic, believe in curative powers, are not allied with any religion (but might if that gives you power), and have the confidence of a vast majority of people in your region of the tribe.

OVERT POWER:

- Very persuasive leader, you have connections with other tribes in the Southern part of Ethiopia
- Have strong relations with the tribe's religious leaders, who can lead the people; however they are also very attached to Hailu Tekie.
- Admired strategic and diplomatic skills

Mengesha Yohannes- Leul

Background

You were born in 1868 and are the “natural son” of Emperor Yohannes IV. You are a claimant to the throne. On his deathbed, Emperor Yohannes IV gave you the right to be called his “natural son,” despite being his nephew. Several people may try to undercut your path to the throne, especially Menelik of Shewa. There is a succession problem and you are at the very center of it.

Overt

- You can sway public opinion to a degree because of your “lineage”
- The region where you have a considerable influence is the region of Tigray
- You have some access to the military because you have forged relationships with some members

Mikael of Wollo- Army Captain

Background

You were born in 1850, not as Mikael of Wollo rather as Imam Mohammed Ali. You were born in the province of Wollo, to an Oromo-Somali father and a Warrahimano mother. You are a relative of the Queen of the province, immediately giving you an advantage as a child with access to a bright future. The Queen befriended future King Menelik II and you both became good friends through his rise from imprisoned royal to King of Shewa to Negusa Nagast of Ethiopia. As a reward for your years of loyal support, you were appointed Governor of Wollo. You have had to fight to keep your power, from defeating an anti-Shewa resistance by betraying the man who gave you your seat to begin with to submitting to King Yohannes IV after Menelik was killed to converting from Islam to Christianity to marrying the daughter of King Yohannes. You have fought your whole life to keeping yourself in your position of power, and have become more than willing to do anything to ensure power is yours.

Overt

- As the leader of Wollo, you have an army at your disposal, complete with members versed in stealth, plain combat, and subterfuge.
- As a Christian leader, you can manage to sway the Christian population of Wollo, enabling almost half the population to rally to your cause or that of the Abuna.
- As a son-in-law of the King, you can utilize the King's power and repute as well to help unify your people, as well as use national resources such as the advanced weaponry.

Nikolay leontiev- Russian military officer-

You were born on 25 February 1862 to a noble family in [Kherson Province](#). You studied in Nikolaev's Cavalry military school, and then you served in the [Uhlán](#) leib guard regiment. You became esaul of a military reserve force of the Umansk regiment of the Kuban Cossak army. You dreamed of going to Ethiopia and for many years you collected information about the country. One day once upon a time, you were finally able to travel to the beautiful place you have become obsessed over on a research trip! (Imagine the joy and excitement). Famous scientists, the Science Academy and the [Russian Geographical Society](#) took great interest in this program. But the main task of your expedition was to establish friendly relations between [Russia](#) and [Ethiopia](#). You are the mediator between Russia and Ethiopia. You are extremely garrulous and verbose, and seem to talk when unnecessary. Because of your rough childhood and the failed attempt to mend your parent's marriage, this mediator job that was thrust upon you is extremely important to you. You spend all your time thinking about how to unite the two countries that you so dearly love and serve. This is why you became a military officer, stemming from the abusive household you lived in, and the desire to unite your favorite places in the world. The emperor seems fond of you and your task of bringing Russian weapons into Ethiopia is of great admiration by the people of both nations.

Overt:

- You are a powerful leader in the Russian army
- You're prized for the relationship present between Ethiopia and Russia, making you one of the most respected men in Russia
- Because of all the wars you've fought in, you're revered by all of Ethiopia's army and generals
- You have your own militant force because of your ability to organize war efforts

Pietro Antonelli- Italian envoy-

you're the count that formally brokers the deal between Italy and Ethiopia for the treaty of Wuchale. So, obviously, when it all goes wrong, you're the envoy between Historical Italy and the Ethiopian Empire.

Pietro Antonelli is one of the most audacious Italian envoys. You are powerful because of your role in the communication between Historical Italy and the Ethiopian Empire. You were born to a very rich family, however, during your childhood, a terrible accident occurs making you the sole survivor. You find solace in an army base, raised by one of the nurses there. Although you learned a lot, you realize when you grow older that this is not what you want so you become an Italian envoy. You are responsible for the mediation of historical Italy and Ethiopia and you are one of the most important people when it comes to international connections. Treaty of Wuchale was a treaty signed by King [Menelik II](#) of [Shewa](#), later the Emperor of [Ethiopia](#) with you in the town of [Wuchale](#), Ethiopia, on 2 May 1889. The treaty ceded territories that had previously been a part of Ethiopia, namely the provinces of [Bogos](#), [Hamasien](#), [Akkele Guzay](#), and [Serae](#) and is the origin of the Italian colony and modern state of [Eritrea](#). In return, Italy promised financial assistance and military supplies.

Overt:

- Your charm and wit makes dilemmas between the two nations easy to mend
- Your connections give you a lot of money.
- Very easy to travel and get information between the countries.

Ras Abal (Fictional)- Trade and Finance Counsel

Background

You were born on March 2, 1872 in Derefo Maryam, Shewa. Your father was a successful merchant. Your grandfather was a Shewan politician under Emperor Yohannes IV. Growing up, you enjoyed following your father around at his job. You saw all of the items he sold and received from different places. You collected little trinkets while following him around the country and decided to sell those to your peers at school. Your small, innocent childhood business fostered your love for trade. You were notable amongst your clan for being well-liked and charismatic and graduated school at the top of your class.

You grew up to follow your father's footsteps by becoming a merchant. You became a prominent trader at a very young age. You traveled all around Ethiopia and to foreign countries. As you proved to be a bright fellow academically, you gained much knowledge of the outside world through your travels. You were welcomed by many other Ethiopian clans and foreigners, charming them with your charismatic personality. Emperor Menelik II took notice of your networking abilities and success in trade. He appointed you to the Trade and Finance Counsel. One of your major tasks was the Italian port crisis. Working with Makonnen, you helped resolve this issue through combat.

Portfolio Powers

Overt

- Successful, respected trader
- Trade and Finance Counsel
- Respected family line in Addisge clan of Shewa
- Strong connections with those you traded with

Ras Gobena Dacche- counsel on state affairs -

Though he dies in reality, by the power vested in me, I bring him back to the life and give him a swanky new title for 1890.

Renamed Prince Bappalappashamalamadingdong, you are reincarnated for the 1890s.

You are an ethnic Oromo member of the Shewan aristocrats for central Ethiopia. You are known for coordinating your Shewa Oromo⁷ Army with the central army of Menelik II, who later became Ethiopian Emperor, to incorporate more lands into the Ethiopian Empire in the late 19th century. You abuse your power and are completely arrogant and egotistical, your name is as ostentatious and eccentric as you are. Because you rose from the dead everyone you cross paths with fears you. Because of your army, mostly everyone in high positions aim to please you. During your early years, you were lord of Falle before you gained fame around the region for your bravery, strength and leadership ability. During the reign of Emperor Tewodros II, you assisted southern rebellion who kept the Emperor's reign troubled with conflicts. Addition to your actions, other northern Oromo militias, Tigrayan rebellion, and the constant incursion of Ottoman Empire and Egyptian forces near the Red Sea weakened and contributed to the downfall of Emperor Tewodros II who died after his last battle with a British expeditionary force. When the young Menelik escaped from Tewodros' fortress at Maqdala in 1865, you were one of the first to submit to him and help him secure control of Shewa. In return, Menelik made you chief of his palace guard, which began your rapid rise to power and burgeoning success. In 1878, you were made Ras which Mohammed Hassan believes makes you the first Christianized and Amharized Shewan Oromo to receive this highest title.

Overt:

- Your ability to counsel on state affairs makes you the go to person when altercations arise and issues occur.
- Because of your large fan-base, you have friends in all careers and fields, including but not limited to politics, government, scientists, army generals and international leaders.

Ras Makonnen- Foreign Minister

Background

Born in 1852, you are the cousin of King Menelik II. You are an army general and de facto foreign minister. Your cousin obtained the region of Harar and appointed you the governor of the region. Additionally, you were the governor of Tigray for a period of time. You even visited Turkey, England, France, and Germany during your reign as diplomat. Not only do you have a military background, but you have experience as a diplomat as well.

Overt

- You can sway public opinion to a degree because of your “lineage”
- The region where you have a considerable influence is the region of Tigray and Harar
- You have great influence over the military commanders because of your position.

Abdhullam Mahana Seda- Personal Treasurer

You were born to a tribe of peasants that lived off the farms in Ethiopia. You have watched how the elites take control of the land of the people and now are trying to sell it to the Europeans. You believe that a socialist government that provides the better for everyone in Ethiopia must take place. A monarchy that gives eternal power to the people can also work. After watching your mother get murdered by soldiers of a captain that worked for the king Yohannes IV, you knew that you had to change the regime.

European colonization just reminds you of the struggles of the Ethiopian people, and you watch how religious conflict can do its part to tear families apart. Christianity, an European religion, cannot control the African people of Ethiopia. Now that you have risen, have had a good education once the king's uncle adopted you, and are a very close worker to the king, you think that it might be time to make a change. While you want a land of the free, if a country offers you a lot of power, maybe you will rather have the power than protect your people.

OVERT:

- Manage the king's private funds, you are supervised but can use the money in an emergency.
- Has a good relation with the cabinet and with the people of the capital city.