

# Lordean and the great price for life

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In the heart of Lorenzia, a city steeped in the rich history of the High Elves, there lived a revered priest named Lordean. Renowned for his wisdom and compassion, Lordean devoted his life to the service of his people and the teachings of harmony among the races of Aedlore. His deep-rooted belief in unity, compassion, and the sanctity of life guided him as he navigated the intricacies of elven society. As the Age of Magic began to fade into shadow, tensions between the elves, dwarves, orcs, and trolls escalated.

The harmony that had once thrived in Lorenzia began to fray, unraveling as misunderstandings and grievances gave way to conflict. In the face of such adversity, Lordean tirelessly sought to mediate peace, calling upon his fellow High Elves to remember their shared history and the bonds that had once united them. But his efforts were in vain. The allure of vengeance consumed many, and soon the fragile peace shattered.

The once-vibrant city of Lorenzia was engulfed in the fires of war, with the orcs and trolls forging an unholy alliance against the High Elves and dwarves. As the siege raged on, Lordean watched in horror as his beloved city crumbled, the laughter of children replaced by the cries of the wounded and dying. Amid the chaos, Lordean felt a growing desperation. The streets of Lorenzia, once filled with light and laughter, were now bathed in shadows.

The sky darkened with smoke, and the blood of countless innocents stained the ground. It was then that Lordean knew he could no longer remain a passive observer. He must act, not only for the people of his city but for all of Aedlore. As the battle intensified and despair gripped the hearts of those around him, the dragon gods Taninsam and Tohu awoke from their ancient slumber, drawn by the cries of the suffering land.

Their fury at the devastation wrought upon Aedlore was palpable, and they descended upon the battlefield, commanding the warring factions to cease their bloodshed or face the wrath of divine fire. With their words echoing through the air, the High Elves and dwarves hesitated, but the orcs and trolls, emboldened by bloodlust, refused to yield. Seeing this defiance, Lordean stepped forward, a solitary figure in the face of chaos, kneeling before the mighty dragon gods. With a voice filled with sorrow and resolve, he implored them: "Mighty gods, for the sins I have committed against you and the pain my people have caused, I offer my life. Take mine and the lives of my soldiers, but spare the innocent who live in peace. Go to them, teach them our mistakes, and let Aedlore thrive once more. For this, I willingly sacrifice myself and my men." His words pierced the tumult, drawing the attention of Taninsam and Tohu. The gods paused, contemplating the priest's

selfless plea.

After a moment's hesitation, Taninsam accepted Lordean's offer, his flames flickering as he considered the weight of the priest's sacrifice. With a mighty breath, Taninsam unleashed a torrent of fire that engulfed the assembled armies, incinerating them in an instant and leaving only ashes behind. Lordean felt the heat wash over him, but in that moment of searing agony, he experienced an overwhelming sense of peace. He had chosen to protect the innocent, to shield them from the repercussions of a war that was not theirs. The land burned, forever scorched by the fury of the gods, marking the end of the Age of War. In their wake, Taninsam and Tohu traversed the remnants of the battlefield, commanding the survivors to heed their words and learn from the mistakes of the past. While Taninsam returned to Thorsheim to enter his second slumber, Tohu, burdened with guilt, withdrew her gift of magic from the elves, trolls, dwarves, and orcs, declaring: "Only those who prove themselves worthy shall regain the magic. Until then, you are but mortals." Thus, the sacrifice of Lordean became a pivotal moment in the history of Aedelore.

The priest's act of selflessness not only spared countless innocent lives but also forged a path for renewal. His legacy would resonate through the ages, inspiring future generations to seek unity over division and compassion over conflict. In the years that followed, the tale of Lordean—the High Elven priest from Lorenzia who gave his life for the salvation of Aedelore—would be told around hearths and campfires, a reminder of the power of sacrifice and the enduring hope for peace in a world scarred by war.

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