

The Fall of a Royal Ally

History

PERIOD	300 AHR
REIGN	King Cyprian I Fritz

Throughout the centuries, numerous bloodlines have risen close to the fame and power of the Fritz bloodline, the most notorious of them being the **Sugimoto bloodline**. It is an undeniable fact that the Sugimoto bloodline at their highest status had a member of their family within all major government parties, banking structures, real-estate corporations, and farming markets. During this era, the bloodline was led by the notorious **Erie Sugimoto** who appeared in the spotlight of The Walls following the defeat of the **Hannes bloodline** during the **Battle of Archimedes' Journal**. Due to their influence across The Walls, Erie Sugimoto began to cement her place in the history books by seizing all land, property, and possessions she could get her hands on. This led to the bloodline successfully creating a monopoly across several districts thus making it almost impossible for any other bloodline to grow their own wealth and power. These actions slowly caused resentment to grow against the Sugimoto by three bloodlines which had recently been at significant losses. These bloodlines were: the **Jaeger bloodline** led by **Jacqueline Jaeger**; the **Smith bloodline** led by **Sir Arnold Smith**; and the **Pixis bloodline** led by **Marlow Pixis**. The three heads began to plot against Erie Sugimoto in an attempt to bring down the Sugimoto bloodline and regain their influence they had lost. The first notable assault against the Sugimoto bloodline was the trade embargo led by the Pixis bloodline.

The largest Sugimoto revenue was cart manufacturing and by creating blockades outside the Krolva district where this factory resided, their income decreased significantly. The second attack was achieved by the Smith bloodline who torched the Sugimoto farms located in the wilderness of Wall Rose. Without these supplies, their farming business went bankrupt and the bloodline took another large hit. Finally, the largest of these three attacks was supposed to be performed by the Jaeger bloodline. The goal was to frame Erie Sugimoto with smuggling large quantities of gunpowder through Sugimoto's companies. The materials were smuggled into the Sugimoto property and placed upon several of their transport vehicles however this would quickly turn south as a worker in the property would happen to be smoking near the gunpowder when a spark of his cigarette would land onto the products igniting almost instantly. Eight people would be killed in the disaster, including the current heir of the Sugimoto bloodline. Erie Sugimoto was furious with this discovery and the Military Police began an investigation into how the gunpowder would find its way into the transport vehicles. The investigation would conclude with the gunpowder originating from the Jaeger bloodline but there was no evidence to actually convict any of the bloodline members and thus no charges were made.

However, now that the Jaeger bloodline had been found to be connected to the incident and the previous two events going without any consequences, Erie Sugimoto would take the matters into her own hands. She would declare war against the Jaeger bloodline who would quickly be backed up by the Pixis and Smith bloodlines. A series of spontaneous attacks would take place over the next few months with many arrests being made by the Military Police on both sides. Neither side seemed to be backing down from the conflict and what started off as simple anger over lost income would become one of the largest conflicts seen between several bloodlines. The conflict would finally come to an end after nearly 50 casualties when the Military Police would raid Sugimoto manor and attempt to arrest Erie Sugimoto for inciting murder and numerous crimes following the attacks. Unfortunately, she refused to go along with the military personnel and would be gunned down after brandishing a weapon. Once news spread about the incident, the remaining members of the Sugimoto bloodline would be banished out of their standings and positions to their connections with the war between bloodlines and fall from the fame they once claimed. They grew too powerful than they could handle and would eventually fall from grace like all those in the past who have attempted to capture ultimate power and glory.

Present Day

The Sugimoto bloodlines still exist around The Walls and remain in government and military structures, but are only a small reflection of the former influence and power they once possessed.

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