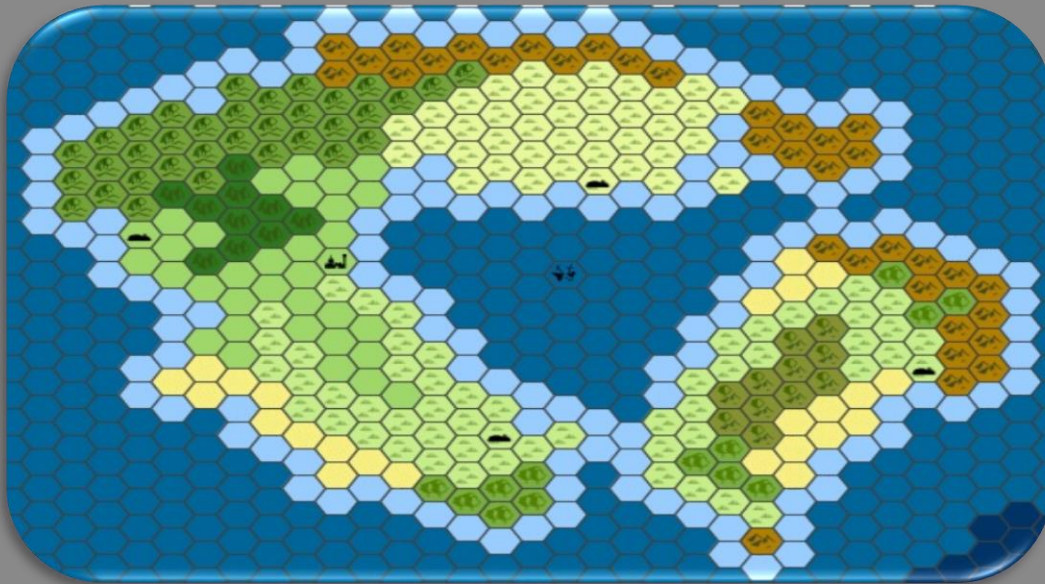


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DENALI MONARCHY

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Denali Monarchy

The Kingdom of Denali was established four centuries ago with the subjugation of the smaller independent chiefdoms of Rodo, Maui, Xenobian, and Turgust into one government. In DY110 (Denali Year) the whole of the archipelago was finally unified when the Kingdom was overthrown in DY137 and the Republic of Xenobia was established causing war between the two separate yet equal countries.

A series of battles, lasting 15 years, was led by the warrior chief who would become Omorack the Great. The Kingdom of Denali was established with the help of eastern weapons and advisors, such as Sir Peltar of Berlin and Dorklan the Sorcerer. Although successful in attacking both Rodo and Maui, he failed to secure a victory in Xenobia, his effort hampered by a storm and a plague that decimated his forces. Eventually, Xenobian's chief agreed to a peace accord with Omorack. The treaty ended the ancient Denali tribal monarchy society, transforming it into an independent autonomous monarchy crafted in the traditions and manner of Filbarian monarchs.

The Denali army and navy developed from the warriors of Kona under Omorack I, who unified Denali in DY140. The army and navy used both traditional canoes and uniforms including helmets made of natural materials and loincloths (called the Malo) as well as western technology like swords, armor, crossbows, and Filbarian ships. Filbarian advisors were captured, treated well and became Denali citizens. When Omorack died in DY151 he left his son Liholiho a large arsenal with 2000 thousand men and many warships. This helped put down the revolt at Kuamo'o later in DY154 and Hume Hume's rebellion on Kauai in DY156.

During the Omorack dynasty the population in Denali and Rodo were ravaged by epidemics following the arrival of outsiders. The military shrank with the population, so by the end of the Dynasty there was no Denali navy and only an army, consisting of several hundred troops.

Following the Omorack dynasty the royal guards were disbanded under Liholiho after a barracks revolt in September DY210 until his death leaving Denali solely protected by a group of militant citizens called "The Force" who had wavering support of the monarchy. The small army was restored under King Kalakaua but failed to stop the DY237 Rebellion by the Missionary Group led by Kuamo'O radicals. In DY299 Queen Lili'uokalani came to power.

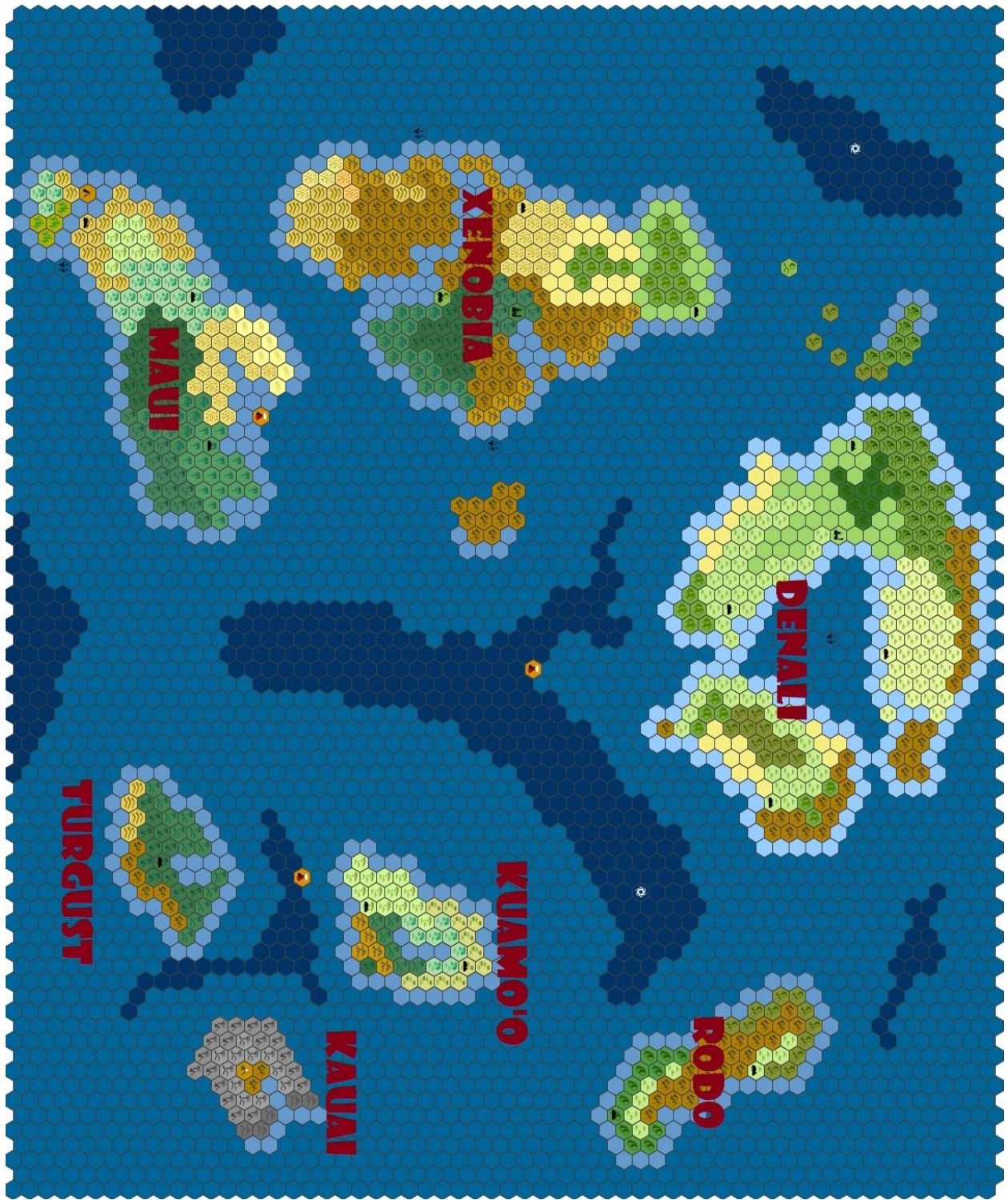
From DY140 to DY311, the Kingdom of Denali was ruled by two major dynastic families: the House of Omorack and the Kalākaua Dynasty. Five members of the Omorack family led the government as king. Liholiho (Omorack II) and Kauikeaouli (Omorack III), were direct sons of Omorack the Great. For a period of Liholiho and Kauikeaouli's reigns, the primary wife of Omorack the Great, Queen Ka'ahumanu, ruled as Queen Regent and Kuhina Nui, or Prime Minister.

In DY311 a civil war broke out partially subsidized by the Xenobian people. Feeling that a change in leadership would give the Xenobian people an opportunity to unite the islands they funneled treasure to King Gandor the great, great grandfather of King Bador the Wise. King Gandor took the funding from the Xenobians in DY313 and met with Omorack IV. These secret meetings resolved the civil war in that Omorack IV stepped down and turned over power and military might to King Gandor. Unified under the banner of Gandor an offensive was launched against the Xenobian Fleet at the mouth of Inlet Bay in Denali and the Victory of Gandor was heralded as a new beginning. Sadly it was the beginning of hostilities that lasted a century.

With war consuming the reign of Gandor and his son King Lenta very little was accomplished aside from trimming the population. When King Bador (the Wise) took possession of the throne in DY410 he was determined to end the war at any cost. A recent group of Filbarian adventurers found their way to Denali seeking fame and fortune. While most of the group left after encountering a hostile populace the group's mage remained behind as a prisoner of King Bador.

An audience was held with the mage and the monarch soon discovered that the mage could be of usefulness from a power standpoint. It was determined that an ancient tome the wizard possessed would allow him to create a fantastic magical construct that could be used against the Xenobians. King Bador drained the coffers to assist Tobith with the creation of an Iron Golem. In DY414 the creation was declared completed and Tobith took the construct to the mouth of Inlet Bay where the launching point of every invasion started. After a year of the Denali being passive a fleet of Xenobian warships entered the narrow strait to invade. There they encountered the Iron Golem controlled by the wizard and on the bottom of the strait is where the fleet still lies.

With word travelling back to Xenobia their ruler immediately sued for peace under the pretense that the magical construct would cross the deep water and reign destruction down on the homeland which was now devoid of a standing military. The peace accord of DY415 is still in place today with hostilities being set aside for the past sixty years. The current ruler of Denali is a lost relative of King Bador named Pellet.



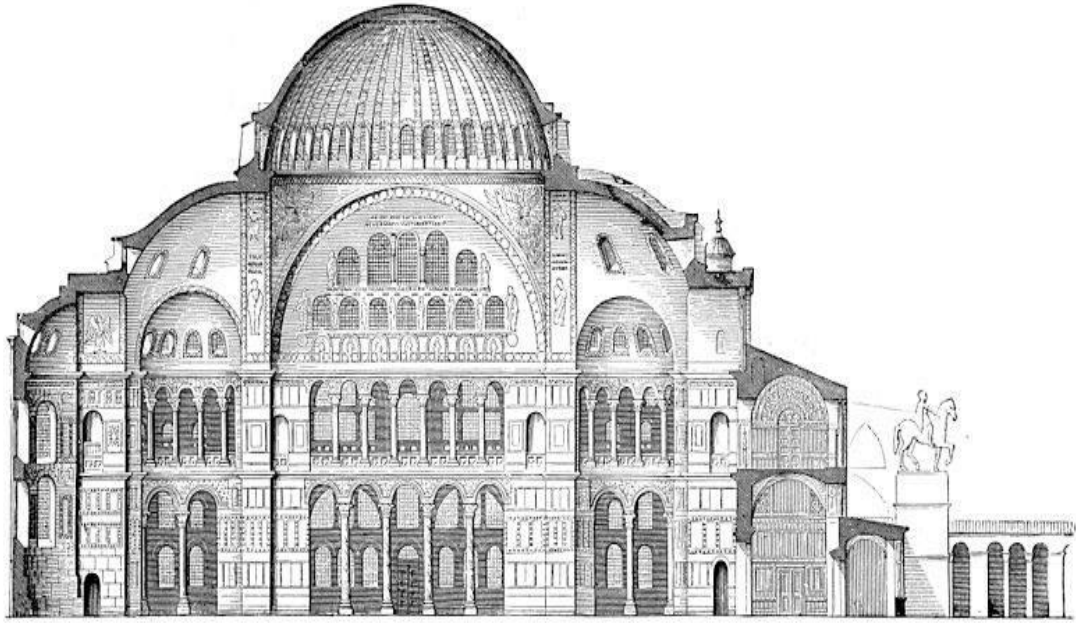
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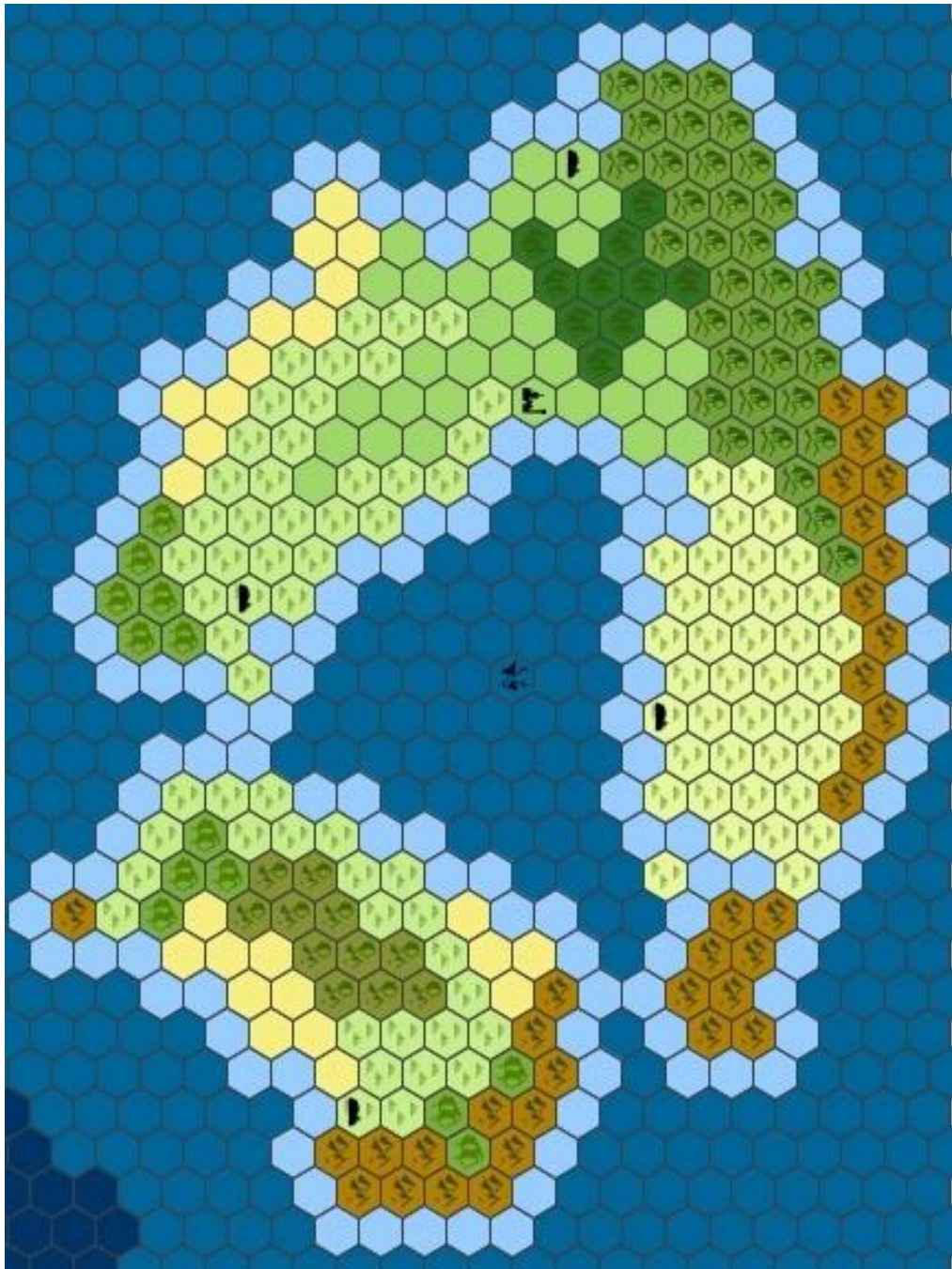
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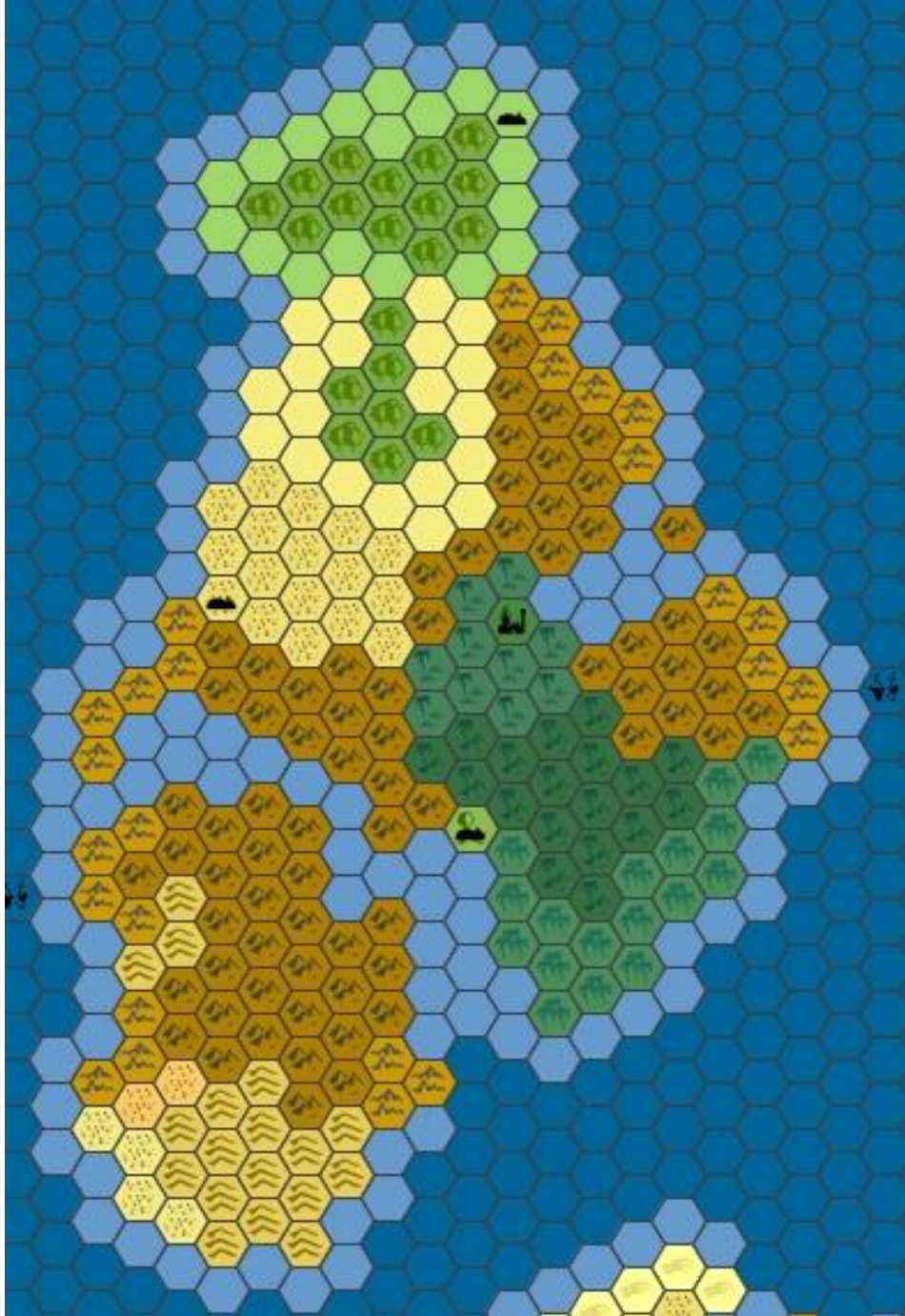


Royal Palace in Saydown <above> one of the horseman statues <below>





Denali



Xenobian Lands



Rodo <above> and Maui <below>





Kuamo'O, Kauai, and Turgust <above> and North view of Denali <below>

