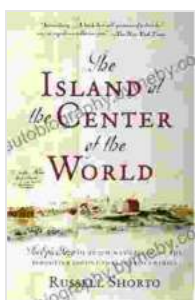


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Ages before the events of The Lord of the Rings, the island of Númenor emerged from the depths of the sea, a gift from the Valar, the divine beings who shaped the fate of Middle-earth. Its inhabitants, the Númenóreans, were a noble and long-lived people, blessed with wisdom, knowledge, and unrivaled craftsmanship.

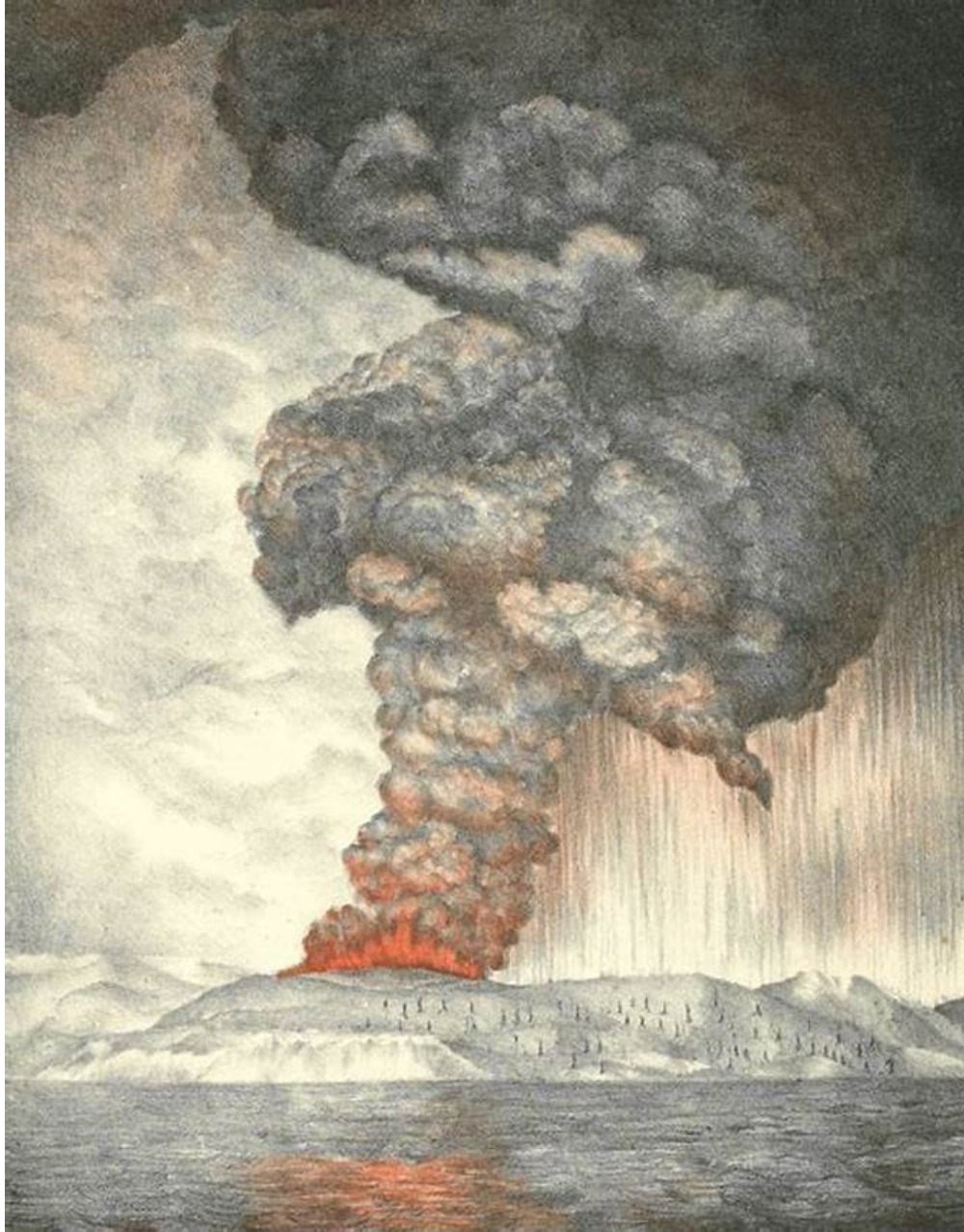
Númenor became a beacon of civilization, its cities adorned with magnificent palaces, temples, and towering white towers. Its ships sailed the vast oceans, carrying the influence and wisdom of the Númenóreans far and wide. They established colonies in distant lands, forging alliances and sharing their knowledge with other peoples.



## **The Shadow of Arrogance**

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Their hubris culminated in a fateful expedition to the Undying Lands, the realm of the Valar. In defiance of a sacred ban, they sought to seize the gift of eternal life by force. Their arrogance was met with swift and terrible retribution. The Valar intervened, sinking Númenor beneath the waves and forever barring its people from the Undying Lands.



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Though Númenor was lost, its legacy continued to shape the destiny of Middle-earth. The Dúnedain, remnants of the Númenórean line, survived the cataclysm and carried with them the wisdom and blood of their ancestors. They established new kingdoms in exile, including Gondor and Arnor, which played pivotal roles in the events of *The Lord of the Rings*.

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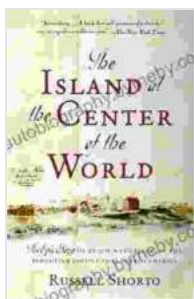
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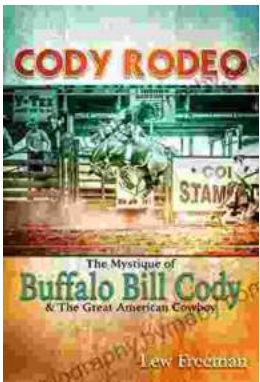
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