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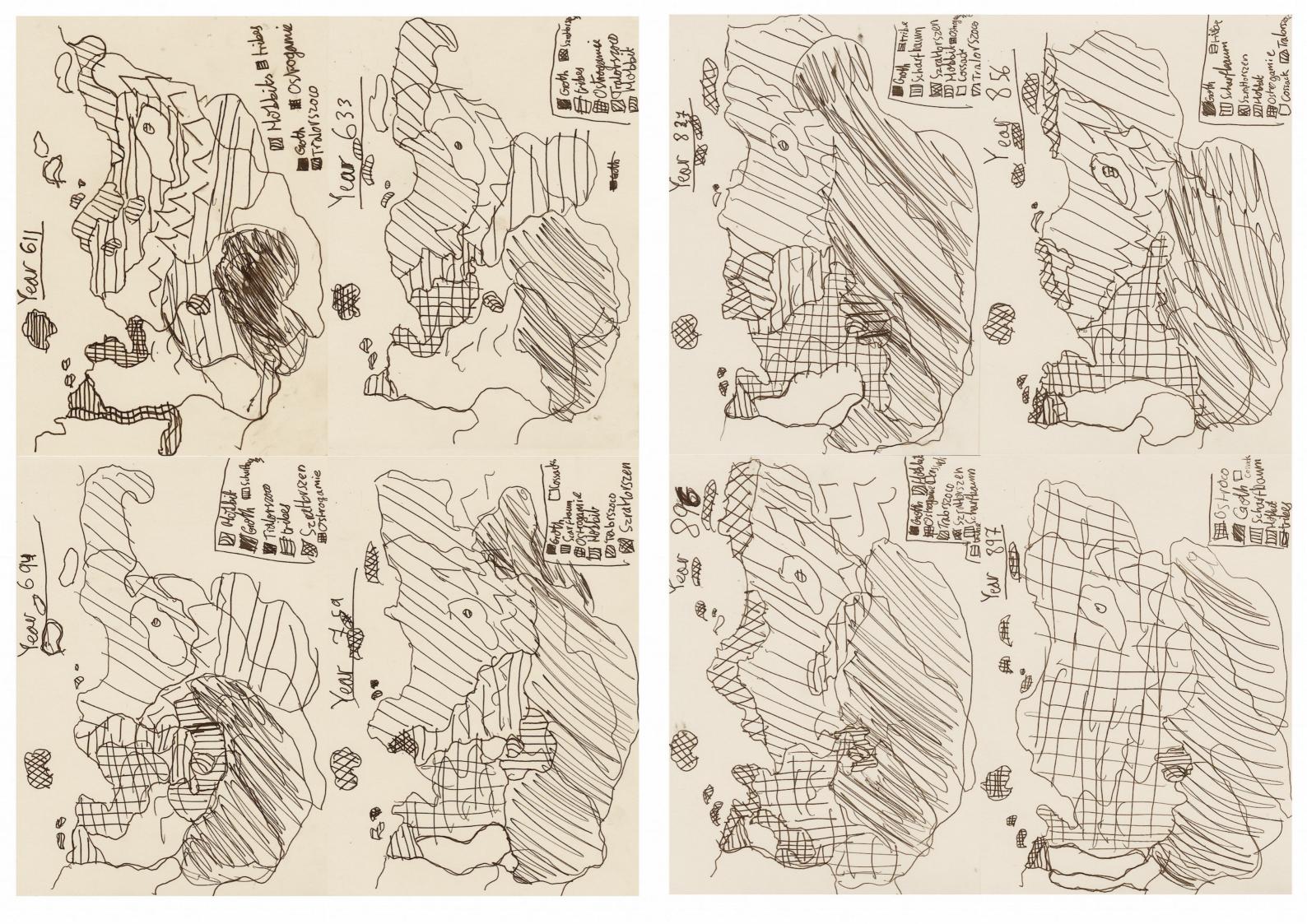
## **Changing borders**

Ostroco first started as a little principality of size of Kent, yet over time, Ostroco expanded outwards, uniting the Ostrokian people until the Kingdom – it had grown from a principality to that status – was as big as the Netherlands. But, that didn't mean they had full power over all of their dominions, as at least half of the land was autonomous and inhabited by creatures (such as centaurs, giants and gwynsarans) and tribes who lived in those massive taiga forests and mountains. So, when the 67 years war arrived,

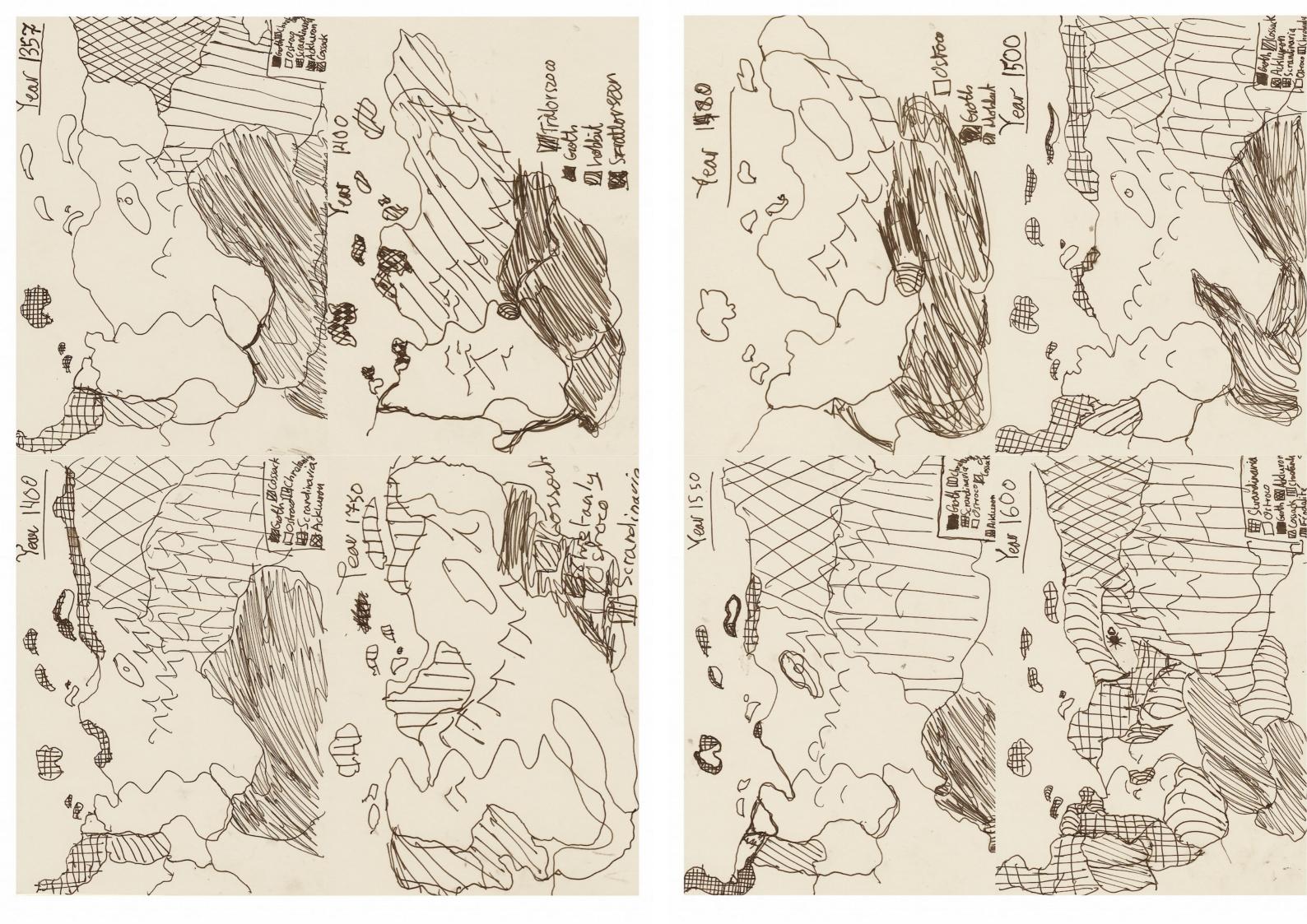
Ostroco was still highly unorganised, so it was why that when the Horde started to invaded the continent, King Gretlorszovitch – who was in power at the time – made massive reforms in which he made an authoritarian government with generals at the heads of all provinces. The Horde still managed to invade everything and pillage all that it could pillage, and they invaded nearly all of Ostroco through the mountains, being allied with the giants, trolls, gobelins and other foul creatures. Yet at the Battle of Kachrondan, everything turns and Ostroco pushes back the Horde and the Kingdom turns out victorious and gains a reputation of great power.

They amassed great lands with a lot being protectorates in the Western Kingdoms, whilst having passed them, yet a century later decadence has fallen in decadence with mass corruption, and Ostroco split up, as pirate-vikings from the north invaded the coast, nordic principalities from the east invaded and the creatures of the Southern Mountains revolted. The King abdicated and took refuge in a monastery, leaving no heir to the throne, and a coup d'état was produced overthrowing the monarchy, and then the revolutionaries took power. But being so corrupt, they sold the country for wealth and so now Ostroco shrank to the size of a fortress. A distant cousin of the King – Epreczidak – made a counter-revolution, triggering the reestablishment of the monarchy, and for over a 150 years he and his descendants took back the lost lands, whilst being the new Monarchs (the older monarchs agreed for this change as Epreczidak was still a distant cousin, and he made them have their castles and lands).

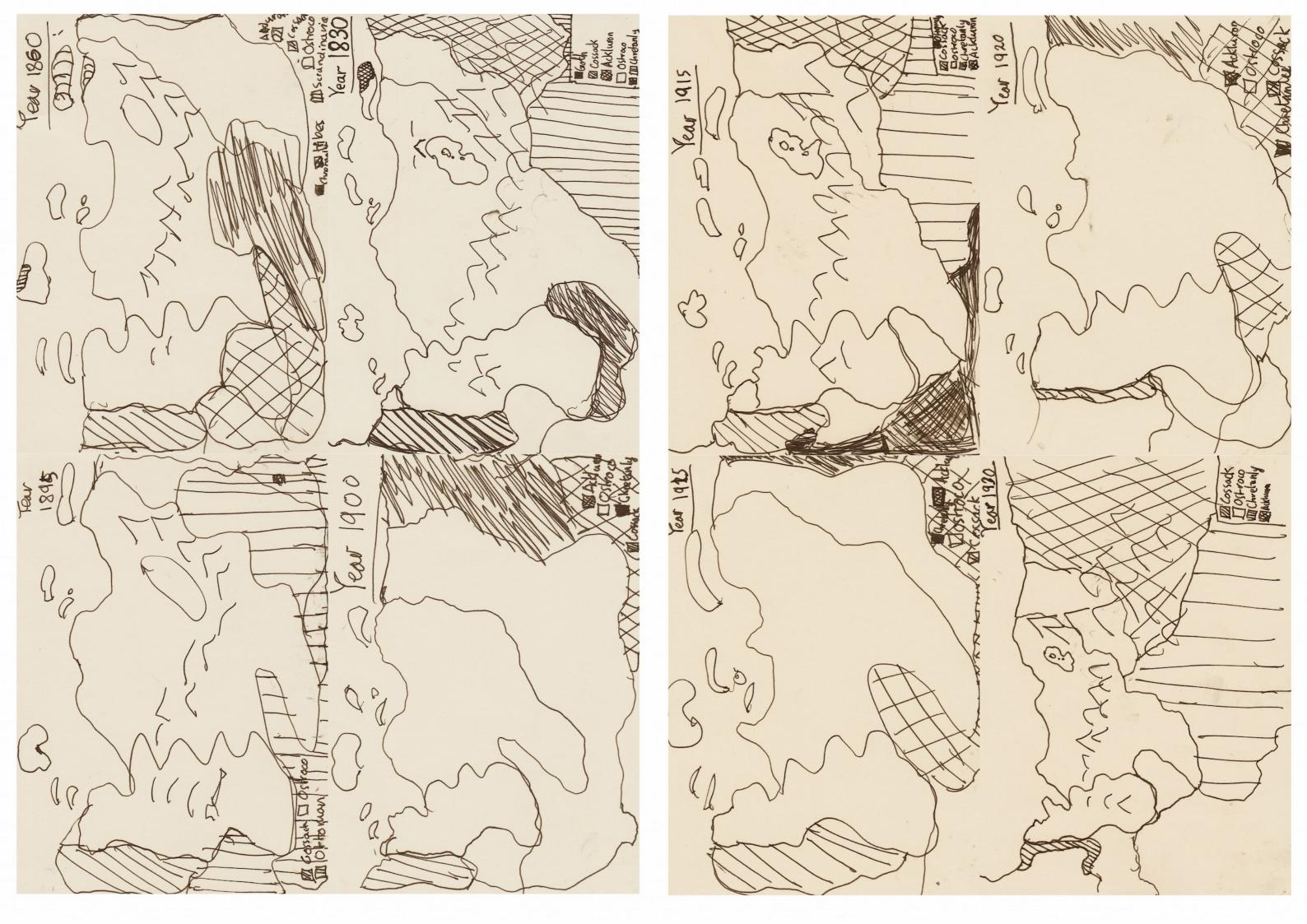
So, now being the size of England, Ostroco rebuilt itself, making a union with other little states around it to form a commonwealth, which was for cultural, militarily and economical reasons.













## Kutlic ickenbar ut Oktogyar Iyandiaa - Changing borders of Ostroco

Ever since Ostroco was founded, it has constantly evolved and changed, and with new treaties and new annexations, new losses of land the borders of Ostroco has changed a great deal.

First of all, when Ostroco united, it was yet but a tiny little principality of the size of Kent, and not more. Yet, with Kondor II rapid reforms, the country annexed its neighbouring tiny states, getting larger and larger, and this strategy of expansion continued until Ostroco was the size of the Netherlands. But, behold, maybe it was the size of the Netherlands, yet the King of Ostroco – and his government – didn't have full power over all of its dominions, as many of the annexed land had been united with Ostroco, yet some of the land were situated high up in the mountains, or in the middle of impenetrable marshes, or in the middle of immense forests or even just in lands full of fog; this resulted that Ostroco could collect all the taxes or station military garrisons over there, and so about half of Ostroco's land at that time was still autonomous.

Such was the state of Ostroco when the Sixty Seven Years War – or the Great Contre-Attack – started and the Horde won at the Great Siege of the City away in the West – which is the centre of the Continent's civilization and can be compared to Ancient Rome and Constantinople; yet when the Horde started to invade the continent from the West, King Gretlorszovitch made a great reform in which all autonomy and special regions were abolished under the pretext of National Defence. Thus, Ostroco was now under a single government and was in Urgence Mode, with all men and creatures being turned into the military. Most of the Military went abroad west to be stationed on Ostroco's western Kingdoms, to help them stop the Horde's attack, but alas! Kingdoms from the East invaded the Eastern part of Ostroco, as no army was to defend Ostroco, and so with two fronts to battle, Ostroco retrieved its Western Armies to defend Ostroco, yet the Eastern Kingdoms managed to get a large chunk of Ostroco, and with the Western Kingdoms now not having Ostroco's support, the Horde quickly invaded those Kingdoms. Ostroco did the same: they invaded the Western Kingdoms under the excuse it was temporary and was done just to have them protected from the Horde. But in the end, the Horde made the different foul creatures of the Southern Mountains rebel and cause confusion in Ostroco, and in the midst of that Chaos they invaded Ostroco from the south. The country had now shrunk to almost nothing, but fortunately at the Battle of Kachrondan everything changed and Ostroco pushed back the invaders. The war having finished, the Kingdom amassed great chunks of land for their bravery.

They were now as large as Great Britain and Ireland combined, yet that didn't last, as with so much corruption, chaos, rebellions and incompetent governing Ostroco ended up in being split apart. Pirates from the North came by sea to pillage the coast; the Foul Creatures of the Southern Mountains once again rebelled; a rising Principality in the East further threatened to invade the Eastern parts of Ostroco; some parts of the Western Kingdoms that were now under Ostroco split apart for reasons of not being culturally, religiously or politically with Ostroco, and so the country completely got wiped away.

From a state as large as Great Britain and Ireland Combined, they had now shrunk to the size of Greater London. The King abdicated and took refuge in a monastery temple, and the revolutionaries did a coup d'état, yet their government didn't last long, and so then Ostroco shrank to the size of almost nothing. Indeed, they were the size of the Vatican – that is, what still called itself Ostroco was just an extremely fortified castle away in the mountainous hills full of fogs in Praklow, and its leaders were just an old general still loyal to his King, who no longer reigned. It is rather similar to the Partition of Poland, and Ostroco experienced the same thing, though after a while a new King was proclaimed – Epreczidak - who was a late cousin of the Former Royal Family, and with his strong will he took back some lands, making his country as big as Andorra. Ostroco then slowly took back its lost lands – following an old map made by a druid at the time when Ostroco was grandiose – yet it took them a hundred fifty years to once again be as big as their former self, which was about as big as England. So once again, Ostroco was of the size of about England and Wales, and after a hundred years or so of being that size King Pavl created the Commonwealth – which unified Ostroco and its neighbouring little states – to make the commonwealth as big as about present day Poland. Ostroco itself in the Commonwealth continued to be of its former size until it discovered a massive land away in the North-West which was separated from Ostroco and its neighbouring countries by a gigantic Sea – the Weiszir Sea. This land was as big as Scandinavia and Ostroco took it, and thus, if counting all of its tiny ports they owned – those ports being as large as Hong Kong or Singapore – this gigantic land they discovered and itself, Ostroco was roughly as big as France and Germany combined.

Ostroco is now mostly in peace, and its borders are not changing that much, yet you never know, as if a war breaks out, or if the discovery of a new land is discovered, Ostroco may shrink to the size of Liechtenstein, or may rise to the size of Canada – who knows?