

The Great Schism

Many centuries ago, the Little People of Oz were united - one people sharing peace and laughter all the way. But then, tragedy struck - The Great Schism split the community into two bitterly opposed factions: the Munchkins and the Elves. The original cause of this acrimonious division has long been forgotten.

As The Great Schism escalated from verbal arguments to fist fights to the rise of actual armed militias, the Wizard knew he had to act. He reached out to his good friend, Santa Claus, who at the time was setting up a worldwide gift distribution operation at the North Pole. To avoid the near-certain bloodshed of an Oz-wide civil war, the Wizard and Santa agreed that they would relocate the Elven faction to the North, where they would help Santa manufacture presents and run the North Pole's infrastructure. The Munchkins would remain in Oz, living as before, but viewing the Elves' departure as a banishment. The Elves themselves regard their move as a magnanimous and voluntary relocation to the North Pole, seeking refuge from marauding Munchkins.

Sadly, although violence between the Munchkins and the Elves was thwarted, there remains a seething hatred between the two peoples. Despite the best efforts of Santa and the Wizard of Oz, anti-Elf propaganda appears from time to time in Oz, as does anti-Munchkin sentiment in the North Pole. Indeed, the two peoples remain in a perpetual state of cold war. Sadly, the chilling after-effects of The Great Schism are felt to this very day.

