



**BARBARIANS: THE FRANKS**

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***KING CLOVIS I***

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**Interviewer:** Hi there! It's a pleasure to meet you. Who are you? Tell us about yourself.

**Clovis:** I am called Clovis, but another name of mine is Chlodovech. I am King of the Franks, and considered the founding father of the Merovingian dynasty.

**Interviewer:** How did you become the King?

**Clovis:** I was only 15 years old when I took the throne after my father, Childeric. He was the pagan king of a Germanic tribe, the Salian Franks, that became the Franks under my rule.

**Interviewer:** Tell us about the people you rule, the Franks.

**Clovis:** We are a confederation of Germanic tribes that a mix of groups that used to be settled between the Rhine and the Weser Rivers. We speak German and we invaded the Western Roman Empire when it fell.

**Interviewer:** What has been your most exciting moment as ruler of the Franks?

**Clovis:** My most exciting moment was the Battle of Soissons, at which I blatantly defeated Syagrius.

**Interviewer:** What do you think of Alaric and your quarrel with him?

**Clovis:** He was helping Syagrius after I defeated him, so Alaric himself became my enemy. Then he refused to fight me! He is a weak man, I will take him on any time. I will squash him. \*unknown angry dialect\* He is a feather.

**Interviewer:** What do you plan to do about his power struggle within your empire?

**Clovis:** I plan to slowly kill him in Poitiers, near Gaul. Maybe have a lambchop after, with some mead.

**Interviewer:** Do you think the battle of Soissons could have gone any better?

**Clovis:** No, we won with honor and defeated Sygarius with a mighty fist. The only way it could have gone better was if there was more mead at the celebration!

**Interviewer:** Where do you stand on religious matters?

**Clovis:** I recently converted to Christianity.

**Interviewer:** That's rather surprising, given your barbarian murderous ways. What sparked this change?

**Clovis:** I became a Christian when I married Clotilde. It was her idea for a long time, but there's a rumor going around among those I rule that I prayed to the Lord during a losing battle, and promised to become Christian if he caused me to win. Obviously, I won the battle, because it's me, and I became religious for the sake of my wife.

**Interviewer:** What's your life like outside of the battles? Tell us more about your wife.

**Clovis:** Most of my life is consumed by battles and murders, just barbarian things. My wife is a princess. Her name is Clotilde. Her parents were Burgundians and Christians, which led to my religious epiphany as I already said.

**Interviewer:** Do you have any regrets in life?

**Clovis:** My only regret is that i did not like live long enough to see my legacy carry on for generations.

**Interviewer:** You know that's not what happened right you were overtaken right?

\*Pans over to Clovis in full war gear with a necklace of skulls riding a grizzly bear\*

\*Clovis proceeds to bust through the wall and leaves\*