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*Europe Divided Into  
Its Kingdoms*

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107,5 x 74 cm (framed)

Edition of 3 + 2 AP



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*South of the Weichsel lies the historic part of Warsaw. The view of the old town's silhouette is protected through architectural guidelines. The density of new high-rise buildings shows the impact of massive economical growth after Poland's entry into the European Union. In thirty minutes, one can walk to the new business area, the Wola district. The Warsaw Spire is a conspicuous complex of neomodern office buildings. Its first tenant is Frontex, the most generously funded agency on the continent.*

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*Okapis are essentially solitary animals, coming together only to breed. They are native to a territory in Central Africa that was taken by Belgium at the Berlin Conference. The nature and habits of the Okapis are best known by the Pygmy population around the Congo River area. The animal is unknown to Western science until it is encountered by a British colonial administrator. He is one of the central figures in the European administration of the continent and his side hobby is scientific practice. While searching for unicorns, he instead encounters the Okapi through the Pygmy people.*

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*Several bridges connect the north and south of Frankfurt. The Main river defines the view of the skyline from the south side. Heading east from the bank towers, it is a thirty minute walk to the built-in head-quarters of the European central bank. The singular and eccentric skyscraper connects all countries of the Eurozone.*

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*France tries to control the market and use of goods within its colonies through trading routes. The Douk-Douk is created in the city of Thiers for the Oceanic market, but is instead shipped to the North and Sub-Saharan regions of Africa. In Algeria, the knife is used by the National Liberation Front against those who run afoul. The noses and ears of French colonialists are removed by the knife's razor-sharp blade. Originally, it is inspired by a French encyclopedia found lying around in a knife workshop containing information about the Douk-Douk society.*

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*North of the Mngeni River lies Durban's Phoenix Industrial Park, in which a division of Southey Holdings houses their production. They purchase their trademark and tooling from a bankrupt manufacturer in Solingen, Germany's "city of blades". Originally, the knife is made for Germany's colonial market, but through trading routes it eventually becomes a symbol of Jamaican rude boy culture.*

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