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the governing authority in the initial stages), with the latter two entities often competing for the allegiance of the tribes."

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