## The Highland Wolf: The Murrays of Atholl, 15th Century Clan Warriors of Scotland

The Murrays of Atholl were a powerful Highland clan who played a major role in Scottish history. They were known for their ferocity and bravery, and were often called upon to fight in the service of the Scottish Crown.

The Murrays were descended from the ancient Pictish tribe of the Maeatae, who inhabited the area around Loch Tay in central Scotland. The first recorded member of the clan was Gille Crist mac Mail Muire, who was granted the lands of Atholl by King Malcolm IV in the 12th century.

The Murrays quickly rose to prominence in the Highlands, and by the 15th century they were one of the most powerful clans in Scotland. They were led by a series of strong chiefs, including Andrew Murray, the first Earl of Atholl, who played a major role in the Scottish Wars of Independence.



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The Murrays were known for their loyalty to the Scottish Crown, and they fought bravely in many battles against the English, including the Battle of Stirling Bridge in 1297 and the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314. They also played a key role in the Jacobite risings of the 18th century.

In addition to their military prowess, the Murrays were also known for their culture and hospitality. They were patrons of the arts, and their castles were often the scene of great feasts and celebrations. They were also known for their love of hunting, and they kept a pack of hounds that was said to be the finest in Scotland.

The Murrays of Atholl were a proud and independent clan, and they played a major role in shaping the history of Scotland. They were a fierce and powerful people, and their legacy continues to live on today.

#### **The Highland Wolf**

The Highland Wolf is a painting by Sir Edwin Landseer that depicts a wolf howling at the moon in the Scottish Highlands. The painting was commissioned by Queen Victoria, and it is now housed in the Royal Collection.

The Highland Wolf is a powerful and evocative painting that captures the wild and rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands. The wolf is depicted as a symbol of strength and courage, and its howl is a reminder of the untamed spirit of the Highlands.

The painting has been praised for its realism and its atmospheric quality. It is one of Landseer's most famous works, and it is considered to be a masterpiece of British art.

#### The Murrays of Atholl in Popular Culture

The Murrays of Atholl have been featured in a number of popular culture works, including:

- The novel "The Highland Wolf" by James Hogg (1827)
- The film "Rob Roy" (1995)
- The television series "Outlander" (2014-present)

These works of popular culture have helped to introduce the Murrays of Atholl to a wider audience, and they have contributed to the clan's enduring legacy.

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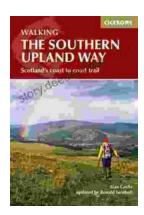
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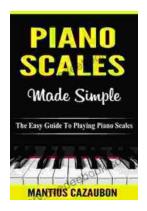
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