
The Gothic War: Part I
THE DESCENT OF THE AMALI
489 CE. The Julian Alps.
Operational Focus: Strategic Displacement.
Theodoric enters Italy commissioned by Zeno.
He brings a nation to displace a regime.
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CROSSING THE ISONZO FRONTIER

Operational Focus: Column Vulnerability.

The friction of moving heavy logistics through a choke point while under threat of interception.

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CONTACT
AT THE FORD
Operational Focus: River Crossing Assault.
Narrow frontage negates numerical superlority.
Current drag reduces impact velocity.

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ODOACER'S WALL
Operational Focus: Defensive Cohesion.
A solid line. An impregnable machine of wood and iron blocking the exit from the ford.
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THE CRUNCH

Operational Focus: Kinetic Transfer.

Ancient warfare is not sword-play.
It is a shoving match of crushing weight.



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THE BOAR'S HEAD
(CAPUT PORCINUM)
Operational Focus: Penetration Point.
Theodoric concentrates force on a single weak point to shatter linear cohesion.

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“RUPTURE OF THE CENTER”

Operational Focus: Lateral Expansion.
Once the wedge penetrates, the line rolls up from the inside. Cohesion failure.



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Pursuit to Verona



Operational Focus: Exploitation of Momentum.
Odoacer falls back to the Adige line. The campaign shifts from the river to the open plains.

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The Field of Verona

Operational Focus: Set-Piece Battle.
No terrain bottlenecks. Pure tactical skill. Deep ranks vs. wide frontage.

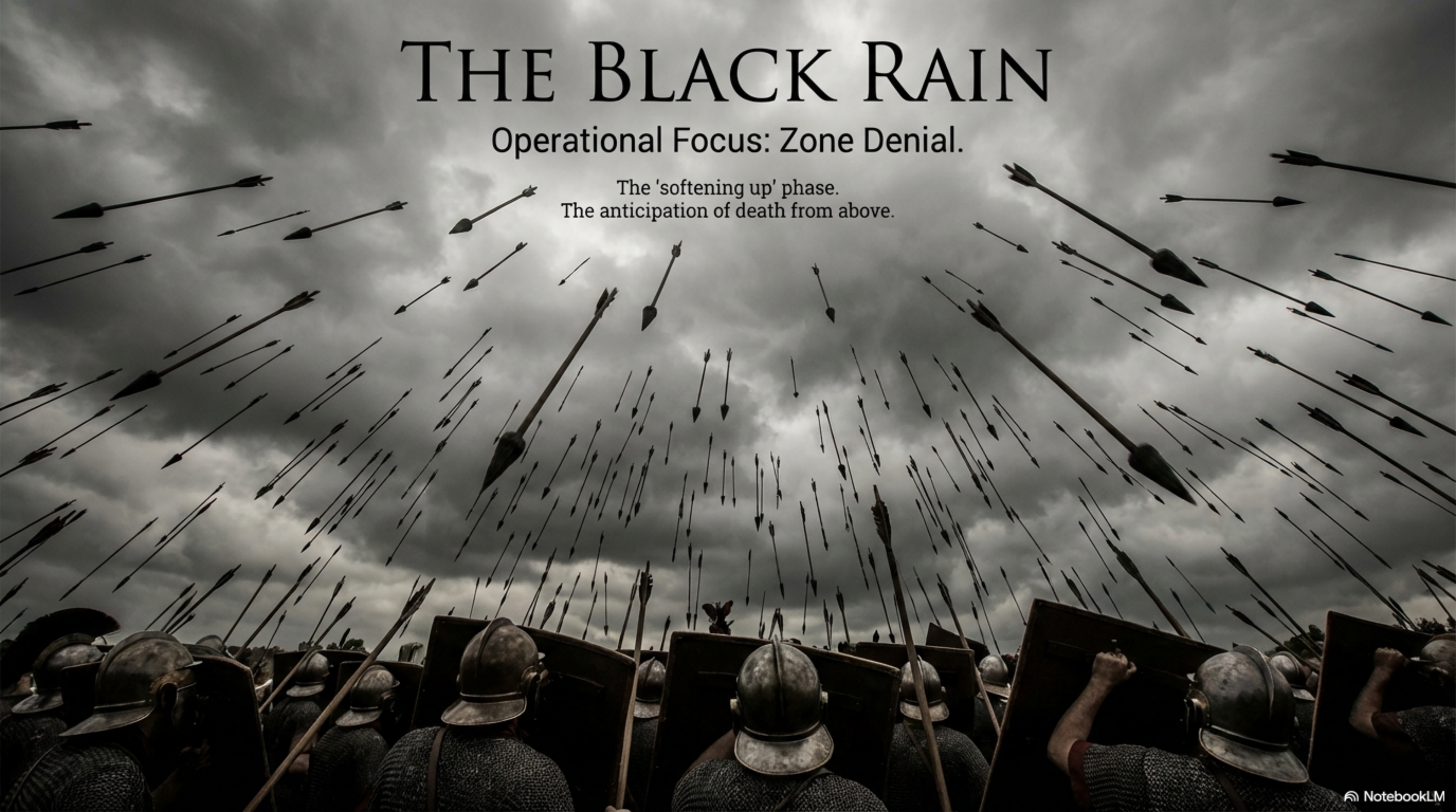


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The Black Rain

Operational Focus: Zone Denial.

The 'softening up' phase.
The anticipation of death from above.



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THE GRIND (OTHISMOS)

Operational Focus: Attritional Infantry Combat.

Hand-to-hand fighting. Shield-boss pushed against shield. A test of endurance, not skill.

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THE IRON WING

Operational Focus: Flank Envelopment.

The decisive shock. Infantry holds the line; cavalry breaks it.

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FLANK
COLLAPSE
Operational Focus: Psychological Shock.
Panic spreads faster than orders.
The geometry of the defense dissolves.

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DISCIPLINE AMIDST CHAOS
Operational Focus: Controlled Advance.
Preventing the 'rout frenzy.' Theodoric keeps his core units formed to secure the field.
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THE LONG DUSK
Operational Focus: Incomplete Victory.
Odoacer flees to Ravenna. The invasion succeeds, but the war of attrition begins.

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