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Between the Wars

World War I caused millions of Russian deaths,
Drained the economy—little food was left.
This czarist regime in 1917
Was seized by Vladimir Lenin and the Bolsheviks.
1924, Lenin died.
Stalin stepped up
And took the violence to another height.
The rise of instability in Italy....
1920, the workers took control of factories.
The Italians feared communism.
Mussolini, preying on their fears, led to fascism.
1922, he seized Rome.
The Treaty of Versailles—Germany would pay the toll.
The Great Depression affected Germans the worst.
The people wanted someone to blame for no work.
The Nazi Party gained support, as its leader,
Hitler, blamed strife on Jewish people in his speeches.
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Stalin, Mussolini, and Hitler—all three
Dictators—grabbed power between the wars,
Between the world wars.
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Scapegoating, and violence fueled their movements.
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Now, Stalin did the same in Russia and blamed kulaks—
Scapegoated for the famine and were killed for that.

Whoever Stalin thought opposed him was killed,
Or they were enslaved in the gulag for real.
In the 1930s, the death toll was in the millions—
The famine and murders of men, women, and children.
Mussolini had secret police
Intimidating the people that didn't share his beliefs.
Either you're part of the Fascist Party or you're nonexistent.
He found kinship with Hitler to paint a darker picture.
Germany passed the Enabling Act;
Hitler's government could pass a law behind Parliament's back.
This gave Hitler free reign
To do whatever he found sane
And inflict more pain.
In 1939, the Nazis invaded Poland,
The catalyst for World War II.
Troops, roll in.
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