

MOONLIGHT

PACT ARCANUM: BOOK THREE

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QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

GLOSSARY

THE GREAT POWERS:

The Pact Arcanum: A ritual that allows a being of the material plane to bargain for power with beings from other planes

The Red Wind: A power of the lower planes, creator of the Nightwalkers via the Pact Arcanum

The White Wind: A power of the higher planes, creator of the Sentinels and the Daywalkers via the Pact Arcanum

The Gift: The Sentinel inheritance of supernatural abilities that lies dormant until exposure to Nightwalkers, roughly patterned upon aspects of the four elements: Earth, Water, Air, and Fire

The Grace: An angelic power granted to the Redeemer via the Pact Arcanum, which allows him to raise the dead and restore the souls of Nightwalkers, in exchange for physical invulnerability and eternal service to the White Wind

The Crown of Souls: A spiritual prison created by Luscian Firstborn that enslaves the souls of beings killed by the artifact sword Reaper in order to augment the wielder's mystical strength

THE RACES:

Humans: The Children of the Day: the most populous race, born with the least magic

Nightwalkers: The Children of Darkness: the vampires, soulless and immortal greater undead

Sentinels: The Children of Twilight: mystical soldiers genetically programmed to defeat the Nightwalkers

Daywalkers: The Children of the Dawn: vampires who have regained their souls through the intervention of the Grace

Artificial Intelligences (AI): The Children of Air: mystical constructs born of a fusion of magic and science to emulate the Sentinel Gift of Air; ruled by the Nexus Council, which is composed of one representative AI of each software generation

THE NIGHTWALKER HIERARCHY:

The Court of Shadows: Leaders of the Nightwalker race

Imperator: Adjudicator between houses, called the Huntmaster

Magister: Leader of a house, called the Prince (gender neutral)

Leshir: Mate to a Magister, called the Prince Consort (gender neutral)

Primogenitor: Second-in-Command of a house

Consul: Senior Councilor

Praetor: Senior Diplomat

Tribunus: Senior Soldier

The Inquisition:

The Night's Herald: Spymaster; answerable only to the Huntmaster, with direct responsibility for the security of the Court of Shadows Council Chamber Complex

Inquisitors: Court of Shadows intelligence and security service; answerable only to the Night's Herald

Notable Houses and Territories:

House Luscian: France, Ukraine

House Jiao-long: Western United States

House Curallorn: Eastern United States

House Davirol: United Kingdom, excluding Ireland

House Diluthical: Ireland

House Tervilant: Spain and Portugal, occupation of France by treaty with House Luscian

THE SENTINEL HIERARCHY:

The Four Winds: Leaders of the Sentinel race (in order of authority)

The Wind of Earth: Weapon-based physical combat, blademaster

The Wind of Water: Adaptive physical combat, shapeshifter

The Wind of Fire: Energy-based combat, magician

The Wind of Air: Psychic combat, tactician

THE ARMISTICE HIERARCHY:

The Triumvirate Council: Leaders of the Free People

Archangel: President and Spokesman

Speaker for the Watch: Sentinel Representative

Speaker for the Dawn: Daywalker Representative

Speaker for the Damned: Nightwalker Representative

Armistice Security:

Director: Principal enforcer of the Armistice Declaration of 2021

Special Agents: Reserved for the Winds, acting as regional military commanders

Agents: Law enforcement officers given powers of summary judgment

The Hidden Cities:

Anchorpoint (Colorado, United States): Sentinel capital, Armistice Security Headquarters

Icehaven (Hudson Bay, Canada): Nightwalker capital, Court of Shadows Embassy

The Citadel (Lunar Farside): Daywalker capital, Spacer Guild Headquarters

Castle Night (French Alps): House Luscian Seat, Armistice Security European Headquarters

THE DISTRIBUTED NETWORK HIERARCHY:

The Nexus Council: Leaders of the AI community (equal in authority)

Nexus Green: 1st generation AI representative

Nexus Yellow: 2nd generation AI representative

Nexus Blue: 3rd generation AI representative

Nexus Red: 4th generation AI representative

Nexus White: 5th generation AI representative

Nexus Violet: 6th generation AI representative

THE PRINCIPAL CAST

THE ARMISTICE:

Tobias Jameson Primogenitor Luscian (Fire Sentinel): Former musician (Watered Silk), brother of Nicholas Jameson

Archangel Nicholas Jameson Magister Luscian (Daywalker): Soullkiller's Bane, the Prince of Thunder, President of the Armistice

Layla Magister Curallorn (Daywalker): Nemesis, the Prince of Wrath, Triumvirate Council Speaker for the Dawn

Sean Rory Brennigan Magister Jiao-long (Nightwalker): The Redeemer, the Traveler, the Prince of the Dawn, the Wind of Air, Triumvirate Speaker for the Damned

Takeshi Nakamura Leshir Jiao-long (Earth Sentinel): Shadowhunter, the Wind of Earth, Director of Armistice Security, Triumvirate Council Speaker for the Watch

Jeremy Harkness Jameson Leshir Luscian (Air Sentinel): The Seer (Fourth Order telepath), Armistice Security agent, husband of Nicholas Jameson

Special Agent Anaba Nizhoni Consul Jiao-long (Fire Sentinel): The Architect, the Wind of Fire (2015-2042), triad sister of Rory Brennigan and Takeshi Nakamura,

Special Agent Scott Phillips Consul Luscian (Water Sentinel): The Wind of Water, dyad brother of Nicholas Jameson

Rafael Tervilant (Nightwalker): Spacer Guild, Captain of the Jumpvessel *Starlight*

THE COURT OF SHADOWS:

Imperator Lorcan Ruarc Magister Diluthical (Daywalker): The Prince of Subterfuge, Huntmaster of the Court of Shadows

Yvette Primogenitor Daviroquir (Nightwalker): Court of Shadows Ambassador to the Triumvirate Council

Thomas Magister Daviroquir (Nightwalker): The Prince of Slaughter

William Consul Daviroquir (Nightwalker)

THE DISTRIBUTED NETWORK:

Strings (5th generation AI): Personal AI client of Tobias Jameson

Rapier (3rd generation AI): Personal AI client of Nicholas Jameson

The Nexus Council

Icarus (6th generation AI): Neurochip-based advanced prototype

Spartacus (4th generation AI): Leader of the Opposition

THE AMERICANS:

Andrea Daniels (Human): Daughter of Kevin Daniels

Kevin Daniels (Human): President of the United States

Alexander Collins (Human): Vice President of the United States

Faith Jameson (Human): Physician, sister of Nicholas and Tobias Jameson

Sebastian Avery (Human): Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

Ethan Clark (Human): Musician (Watered Silk)

Noah Miller (Human): Musician (Watered Silk)

Matthew Thompson (Human): Musician (Watered Silk)

Reese Wahl (Human): Leader of the Organic Underground

IN MEMORIAM:

Catherine Daniels (Human, deceased 2042, natural causes): First Lady of the United States

Edgar Jameson (Fire Sentinel, deceased 2024, killed by the Inquisition): Father of Nicholas, Tobias, and Faith Jameson

Antonio Martinez (Fire Sentinel, deceased 2020, killed by Layla Magister Curallorn): The Wind of Fire (1999-2015)

Michael Danvers (Water Sentinel, deceased 2041, killed in defense of Anchorpoint): Spacer Guild, Captain of the Jumpvessel *Horizon*

TIMELINE

- 1504 Lorcan born
- 1525 Lorcan turned
- 1601 Connor dies
- 1792 Rafael born
- 1815 Rafael turned
- 1993 Rory, Takeshi, Anaba born
- 2001 Scott born
- 2003 Nick born
- 2008 Sentinel assault on Court of Shadows defeated
- 2015 Nightfall kindles (Winds of Earth, Fire, Air); Jeremy born
- 2016 Toby born
- 2020 Antonio Martinez killed by Layla; Rory turned by Jiao-long Firstborn; the Pact Arcanum
- 2021 Armistice Declaration signed
- 2022 Andrea born
- 2023 Anaba develops recursion drive; Armistice space program established
- 2024 North American coastal defense barrier established; Edgar Jameson killed by the
Inquisition
- 2026 The Citadel founded; Michael Danvers born
- 2030 Spacer Guild established
- 2032 Nick and Rory meet at Christmas party and renew friendship
- 2033 Nick turned by Luscian Firstborn; the Burning; the Fall of the Citadel
- 2034 Scott kindles (Wind of Water); Nick meets Lorcan
- 2035 Rafael defects from House Tervilant to join the Armistice
- 2038 Lorcan appointed Court Ambassador to the Triumvirate Council
- 2039 Nick appointed Triumvirate Ambassador to the Court of Shadows; Michael Danvers
kindles (Water)
- 2040 Los Angeles incident
- 2041 Toby kindles (Fire); Michael Danvers killed in defense of Anchorpoint; Lorcan
assassinates the Fourth Council of the Court of Shadows to become Huntmaster;
Nick assumes the position of Archangel and marries Jeremy; Yvette Primogenitor
Daviroquir appointed Court of Shadows Ambassador to the Triumvirate Council
- 2042 Wind of Fire kindles (identity unknown), Catherine Daniels dies

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