

STARLIGHT

PACT ARCANUM: BOOK FOUR

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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 demonic power of the lower planes, creator of the Nightwalkers via the Pact Arcanum

The White Wind: An angelic 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 via the Pact Arcanum that permanently 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

Harbingers: The Children of Starlight: a hybrid race born of the union between Daywalker and Sentinel; destined to be the inheritors of magic after the Great Work is complete and the Children of Darkness are finally redeemed or destroyed

Constructs: The Children of Air: Artificial Intelligences created from 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

Night's Herald: Spymaster, leader of the Inquisition

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

Consul: Senior Councilor

Praetor: Senior Diplomat

Tribunus: Senior Soldier

Notable Houses and Territories:

House Luscian (Daywalker Alliance): France and the Ukraine

House Jiao-long (Daywalker Alliance): Canada and joint rulership of United States territory with House Curallorn

House Curallorn (Daywalker Alliance): Mexico and joint rulership of United States territory with House Jiao-long

House Daviroquir (Daywalker Alliance): United Kingdom, excluding Ireland

House Diluthical (Daywalker Alliance): Ireland

House Tervilant: Spain and Portugal, with settlements in major cities of France by treaty with House Luscian

House Talizered: Russia and China

THE SENTINEL HIERARCHY:

The Four Winds: Leaders of the Sentinel race

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 High Council: Leaders of the Free People

Archangel: President and Spokesperson

Speaker for the Watch: Sentinel Representative

Speaker for the Dawn: Daywalker Representative

Speaker for the Damned: Nightwalker Representative

Speaker for the Word: Nexus Representative

The Hidden Cities:

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

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

The Citadel (Mare Arcanum, Lunar Farside): Daywalker Capital, Spacer Guild Headquarters

Sanctuary (French Alps, formerly Castle Night): Armistice Security European Headquarters, Armistice Global Refugee-processing and Immigration Center

The Colonies

Cassandra Station: Orbital habitat, Earth-Moon L4

Hephaestus Station: Manufacturing facility, Earth-Moon L1

Janus Station: Orbital spaceport, Earth-Moon L2

Hades Station: Elysium mining facility, Earth-Moon L5

Ares Colony: Mars

Persephone Station: Ceres asteroid, ice mining facility

Lycaon Colony: Europa, Jupiter Space

Arcadia Colony: Callisto, Jupiter Space

Cronus Colony: Titan, Saturn Space

Charybdis Colony: Triton, Neptune Space

Scylla Colony: Pluto, Neptune Space

THE PRINCIPAL CAST

THE COURT OF SHADOWS:

Imperator Lorcan Ruarc Magister Diluthical (Daywalker): The Prince of Subterfuge, Leader of the Daywalker Alliance

William Magister Daviroquir Primogenitor Diluthical (Daywalker): The Prince of Lightning, Second-in-command of the Daywalker Alliance

The Night's Herald (Nightwalker): Formerly Razheel Tribunus Talizered

Vladimir Magister Talizered (Nightwalker): The Prince of Torment

Eduardo Tribunus Tervilant (Nightwalker): Second-in-command of the Inquisition

THE ARMISTICE HIGH COUNCIL (PRESENT AND FORMER MEMBERS):

Sean Rory Brennigan Magister Jiao-long (Nightwalker/Sentinel hybrid): The Traveler, the Redeemer, the Prince of the Dawn, former Wind of Air (2015-2042), former Speaker for the Damned (2021-2075), Founder of the Armistice

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

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

Jeremy Harkness Jameson (Air Sentinel): The Seer, Governor and Founder of Sanctuary, husband of Nicholas Jameson

Ghian Achara (Earth Sentinel): The Wind of Earth (2128), Speaker for the Watch (2136)

THE SPACER GUILD:

Antonio "Tony" Jameson Consul Curallorn (Harbinger): Captain of the Jumpvessel *Singularity*, son of Tobias Jameson and Layla Magister Curallorn

Bradley Ellestan (Harbinger): Junior Crewman of the Jumpvessel *Singularity*

Rafael Primogenitor Curallorn (Nightwalker): Captain of the Jumpvessel *Starlight*, formerly Tribunus Tervilant

THE NEXUS:

Revenant (Construct): Nexus Violet (gen6 AI representative), composite fusion of Tobias Jameson simulation and Icarus 6th generation AI

Rapier (Construct): Nexus Blue (gen3 AI representative), Jumpvessel *Starlight* navigation AI, former personal AI client of Nicholas Jameson

Citadel Control (Construct): Nexus White (gen5 AI representative), Citadel municipal AI

IN MEMORIAM:

Tobias “Toby” Jameson (deceased 2043, assassinated by enemies of the Nexus): Fire Sentinel, Nexus Liaison (renamed Speaker for the Word after AI emancipation), younger brother of Nicholas Jameson, husband of Layla Magister Curallorn, father of Antonio Jameson

Takeshi “Take” Nakamura (deceased 2082, jumpvessel accident): The Wind of Earth (2015-2042), Founder of the Armistice, husband of Rory Brennigan

Anaba “Ana” Nizhoni (deceased 2067, natural causes): The Wind of Fire (2015-2042), triad sister of Takeshi Nakamura and Rory Brennigan

Scott Phillips (deceased 2074, natural causes): The Wind of Water (2034-2042), dyad brother of Nicholas Jameson

Luscian Firstborn (deceased 2033, killed during the Burning through combined attacks by Takeshi Nakamura, Rory Brennigan, and Nicholas Jameson): Soullkiller, the Eldest, the Prince of Nightmares, Founder of the Court of Shadows, Creator of the Pact Arcanum ritual

TIMELINE

- 1504 Lorcan born
- 1525 Lorcan turned
- 1601 Connor dies
- 1792 Rafael born
- 1815 Rafael turned
- 1993 Rory, Takeshi, and Anaba born
- 2001 Scott born
- 2003 Nick born
- 2008 Sentinel assault on Court of Shadows defeated; Antonio Martinez and Edgar Jameson only survivors of assault force
- 2015 Rory, Takeshi, and Anaba kindle (Winds of Air , Earth, and Fire respectively), Jeremy born
- 2016 Toby born
- 2020 Antonio Martinez killed, 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
- 2026 The Citadel founded
- 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 the Court to join the Armistice
- 2038 Lorcan appointed Court Ambassador to the Triumvirate Council
- 2039 Nick appointed Triumvirate Ambassador to the Court of Shadows
- 2040 Los Angeles incident
- 2041 Toby kindles (Fire), Jumpvessel *Horizon* destroyed in defense of Anchorpoint, Lorcan becomes Huntmaster, Nick becomes Archangel and marries Jeremy
- 2042 Andrea kindles (Wind of Air), Odyssey Expedition departs Sol, Antonio Jameson born, Toby marries Layla
- 2043 Toby killed, Revenant created, Rafael joins House Curallorn
- 2049 Castle Night reorganized into Sanctuary City by Jeremy
- 2051 Jumpvessel *Odyssey* arrives at Alpha Centauri, Planet Nephele detected
- 2052 Chiron colony established, planet Nephele
- 2062 Antonio Jameson joins Spacer Guild with Rafael and Jeremy's support, over Nick and Layla's objections
- 2063 AI emancipation, Speaker for the Word formalized

- 2065 Antonio Jameson graduates from Spacer Guild Academy
- 2066 Jumpvessel *Odyssey* returns to Sol from Centauri
- 2067 Anaba dies
- 2073 Antonio Jameson named Captain of the Jumpvessel *Singularity*
- 2074 Scott dies
- 2075 Rory retires as Speaker for the Damned
- 2076 Rory marries Takeshi
- 2077 Rafael named Primogenitor Curallorn
- 2082 Takeshi dies
- 2083 Rory and Lorcan formalize mating
- 2094 Jeremy dies, Nick retires as Archangel to rule Sanctuary
- 2095 Layla elected Archangel
- 2108 Nick formalizes mating to Rory and Lorcan
- 2111 Ghian Achara born
- 2112 Rory becomes Speaker for the Word
- 2128 Ghian Achara kindles (Wind of Earth)
- 2130 Winds of Water, Fire, Air killed by the Inquisition
- 2133 Jumpvessel *Singularity* departs Chiron for Sol
- 2135 Bradley Ellestan born
- 2136 Ghian Achara becomes Speaker for the Watch
- 2142 Jumpvessel *Singularity* returns to Earth

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