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PACT ARCANUM: BOOK ONE

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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

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 Triumvirate Council: Leaders of the Free People

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): Armistice Security Headquarters

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

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

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; holds direct responsibility for the security of the Court of Shadows Council Chamber Complex

Inquisitors: Court of Shadows intelligence and security service

Notable Houses and Territories:

House Luscan: France (exterminated 2033)

House Jiao-long: Western United States, China (exterminated 2020)

House Daviroquir: United Kingdom, excluding Ireland

House Curallorn: Eastern United States

House Diluthical: Ireland

House Ellestan: Italy

House Tervilant: Spain, Portugal (annexed France 2033)

THE PRINCIPAL CAST

THE ARMISTICE:

Nicholas Jameson Magister Luscian (Daywalker/Sentinel hybrid): Soullkiller's Bane, the Prince of Thunder, Triumvirate Council Ambassador to the Court of Shadows

Scott Phillips Consul Luscian (Water Sentinel): The Wind of Water

Anaba Nizhoni Consul Jiao-long (Fire Sentinel): The Architect, the Wind of Fire

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

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

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

Michael Danvers (Water Sentinel): Lieutenant, Spacer Guild

Rafael Tervilant (Nightwalker): Master Pilot, Spacer Guild (retired)

THE COURT OF SHADOWS:

Lorcan Primogenitor Diluthical (Nightwalker): Court of Shadows Ambassador to the Triumvirate Council

Brion Magister Diluthical (Nightwalker): The Prince of Dread

THE AMERICANS:

Jeremy Harkness (Human): terrorist

Medusa (Human): terrorist

Tobias Jameson (Human): brother of Nicholas Jameson

Andrew Kensington (Human): Operative, Central Intelligence Agency

Kevin Daniels (Human): President of the United States

Derek Cochrane (Human): Director, Central Intelligence Agency

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
- 2015 Rory, Takeshi, and Anaba kindle; Jeremy born
- 2016 Toby born
- 2020 Pact Arcanum
- 2021 Armistice Declaration
- 2032 Nick and Rory meet at Christmas party
- 2033 The Burning
- 2034 Scott kindles, Nick meets Lorcan
- 2035 Rafael joins the Armistice
- 2038 Lorcan appointed Court of Shadows ambassador to the Triumvirate Council
- 2039 Nick appointed Triumvirate Council ambassador to the Court of Shadows
- 2040 Los Angeles incident

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