

## THE PHOENIX HISTORY

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174,000 BC

The Aesir (Morrigan) come across a powerful fire primal in Gynnah and manage to subdue it. Providing only token resistance the Rime-enhanced powers of the Morrigan Loki, the creature refuses to impart any secrets about the valley or its abilities; it merely responds with silence to his interrogation. Finally in a blind rage Loki takes the head from the creature; the resulting spill breaks the last of the Rime's charms on both Loki and those he has passed it to among the Aesir. In sorrow for their actions they leave Gynnah and never return.

144,000 BC

The Trine call the last of the Primals still afflicted with shards to Gynnah and cause the Second Bloom to occur. It has the side-effect of resurrecting four previously slain primals in the valley: Nimrod the Horned Lord, Styx the Immortal Celebrant, Sphinx the Earth Beast, and Namergon the Lightning Man. These four become known as the Ishim (though only three are referenced as such due to the slaying of the Sphinx in Egypt some time later by fearful Banjax). Nimrod finds a group of former himsati slaves, apparently made of pure thought and light, sleeping in the nearby trees at the edge of the valley. He takes them into his care and travels with them for some time, forming the Nimrod Pride.

--Information for 144,000 BC thru 7,500 BC on the activities of the Horned Lord and the Nimrod, appears in the Shadowen History Preview--

7,500 BC

The Horned Lord and all other male followers within the Nimrod Pride are poisoned with a synthetic poison made from the encrusted saliva of Samiel's head. Opening portals to the Labyrinth, the poisoned group is taken in and buried at Talos. Any female Nimrod opposing this action is forced into ennui, lethe, or destroyed.

7,000 BC

The Horned Lord escapes Talos and returns to earth. The power of the poison still cursing thru his form, he buries himself in agony near the shores of the Euxine (today, the Black Sea) on the future site of the city of Ilium, now called Troy.

3,200 BC

The tryst child of Zeus, Dardanos, brings his people to Hisarlik Hill, sensing a massive fragment of Palladium. The group settles there and builds a community, his proximity to the Palladium extending his life far beyond that of any normal tryst. He may have easily lived for a millennium if not for the Horned Lord. Dardanos unearthed the Palladium and began to use it on behalf of his village, curing them of illnesses, seeing to the good growth of crops, etc. Once the Palladium was unearthed, the Horned Lord began to sense it and crawled his way from the ground and began a torturous journey to Ilium.

3,100 BC

Upon reaching Ilium, the Horned Lord began to seek out immaculum, and in his ravaged state began to sin upon the populace. Sensing the power of the Bright Blood in the tryst Dardanos, the Horned Lord fed upon Dardanos, consuming his essence entirely. Now healed of the poison, but carrying a great number of curses, the Horned Lord decided to hunt down droves in the area and use their voxes to create new immortals who would be loyal to him, unlike his former Queen Semiramis of the Pride Nimrod.

3,000 BC

The Horned Lord splintered off 50 scions and used the voxes to make them all immortal. The first splintered scion was a full reincarnation of Dardanos, now made immortal. Dardanos would become the first Phoenix Warlord of fifty that the Horned Lord made. To emulate his new "father", Dardanos gathered 50 curses of his own, destroyed 50 droves and created 50 scions which the Horned Lord made immortal. The other 49 warlords all followed the path of Dardanos and the fledgling group would have 2,500 members within 100 years, all loyal to the Horned Lord.

2,900 BC

The 2,500 all link to the Palladium rock within Ilium and it bursts into flame, becoming the One Flame of the Phoenix. Realizing the Palladium would be the key to rescuing the other trapped male Nimrod still at Talos, Dardanos and his scions are charged with retrieving all the Palladium they can find. The other warlords and scions begin to build up Ilium and eventually create the Troy mantle.

2,600 BC

The various scions of Dardanos continue to live and thrive in and around Ilium, passing themselves off as various descendants of their warlord and infiltrating the Magdalen that come to dominate Troy over the next hundred years.

2,500 BC

The Magdalen discover the truth of the Horned Lord and his scions, Zeus orders the city burned to the ground, unaware of the mantle that already exists. The Horned Lord takes many mortals of the city along with his warlords and their scions into their mantle and waits out the fire and aftermath for several years. The first of the warlords begins to travel along the northern reaches of Anatolia, these warlords (Shimegi, Sharruma and Hebat) came across the Hurrian peoples early in their travels and help them found one of their first major cities, Urkesh.

2,250 BC

After the warlords and their scions assist the mortals in rebuilding the physical city of Troy again, the Magdalen return and realize they were tricked somehow. They make contact with the Nimrod and Troy is burned down again by the Magdalen and Nimrod. Again the Horned Lord and his followers sit safely inside the mantle that cannot be sensed by the Nimrod or Magdalen. This act of being seemingly destroyed and coming back leads the Horned Lord to name his new people the Phoenix.

2,000 BC

Other Warlords begin to search outward from Troy for the mystical Palladium. Two warlords, Ziparwa and Tiyaz, come across early people in northwest Anatolia, the Palaumnili ("people of Pala") and begin to patron them in their search for Palladium. Others reach Greece, where they receive harsh treatment from the Olympians of the Magdalen upon discovering where the Phoenix came from, they are routed and return to Troy with the Magdalen following.

1,950 BC

Upon coming back to Troy and realizing it has been rebuilt again, the Magdalen burn it down while the Horned Lord sits incognito within the mantle keeping the majority of the population safe. Afterwards the Phoenix make another attempt to penetrate Greece, one of their number who entered lethe during their last attempt rises as Perseus. Perseus is mistaken as a son of Zeus but is cast out of Greece by the manipulations of the Magdalen Hera.

1,900 BC

Perseus sneaks into the Garden of Hesperides and visits the Children of the West (Tuatha), and exchanges some of the Phoenix collected Palladium for a container that would keep him safe from the acidic blood of the gorgon Medusa (a hideous scion of Medusa of the Anopheles Cadre Raga). Believing him to be the reincarnation of Dardanos, Zeus provides him with other items the Magdalen have crafted to taken over the years. Using these he is able to slay the gorgon Medusa. He freed the Terat Pegasus and the Peri Chrysaor and escaped, eventually slaying Cetus, a predator held by Drove Lamia. Afterwards he returned to Troy with a Milesian priestess of the Roane Poseidon who he claimed for the Phoenix. Realizing they were tricked again, the Magdalen destroy Troy, while the Horned Lord and his followers sit in relative safety yet again.

1,800 BC

The Palaumnili Phoenix encounter the Hittites as they spread further from Troy. They begin to patron them as well, with the Hittites absorbing the Pala people after the Kaskians over-run the Pala homelands a few hundred years later. It is during this time that the Phoenix and the Eremites under Melchizadek meet and the Phoenix learn of Babylon and lands further to the east where they deduce there may be more Palladium present.

1,595 BC

With the Eremites and Anopheles battling over the areas to the East, the Phoenix send the Hittites (led by Shamash [or Samas] and Nusku) into central Mesopotamia where Babylon is sacked under the reign of King Mursilis I. This allows the Phoenix to spend time searching the immediate areas for Palladium. With the Horned

Lord incognito within the mantle of Troy, the Eremites and Anopheles have no idea who these Phoenix are and can only marvel at their high levels of coordination and efficiency. They cannot ascertain what these Phoenix actually want in Babylon and its surrounding areas; and then the Phoenix leave Babylon as quickly as they came.

1,453 BC

With the success of their raids for Palladium and for outwitting the Magdalen and Nimrod on numerous occasions in Troy, the Horned Lord approaches the Jury and calls for the Phoenix to be admitted as a Pride in the Stratagem Pact. The Nimrod surprisingly do not vote against them; only the Magdalen and Eremites vote against the Phoenix joining the Stratagem.

1,295 BC

The Nimrod and Magdalen return to Troy and destroy it yet again. During this time the Terat gain influence over the eastern portion of the Hittite Empire through Muwatalli II.

1,274 BC

The Phoenix follow the Terat Hittites and use them as cover to explore the areas around Kadesh for Palladium, they first encounter the Banjax at the Battle of Kadesh. The Phoenix manage to broker a temporary peace between the Egyptians and Hittites (even though the Egyptians had technically lost), resulting in an alliance with the Banjax and Phoenix. The Banjax allow the Phoenix to pass through their lands of Egypt to search for Palladium unhindered, afterwards they continue to migrate west along the northern coast of Africa in their search and integrate with the pre-Berbers of the area known as the Maghreb (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Mauritania and the Western Sahara).

1,250 BC

The Magdalen Hera has 12 caches of Palladium hidden in various places for her own personal use in studying them; the Magdalen believe Palladium is the same substance as the shards, but as yet unpatterned. In agreement with the Banjax, the Phoenix manipulate the king of Tiryns (Eurystheus), a favorite of Hera. When Heracles (exiled from the Magdalen and now joined to the Banjax) comes to him for his atonement and is assigned the 12 Labours, each Labour corresponds to the hidden location of one of the Hera's Palladium caches. Heracles retrieves them all during his Labours and turns the pieces over to the Phoenix. This is the first major coup the Phoenix count against another Pride aside from their survival of Troy that granted them their status as a Pride in the Stratagem.

1,200 BC

The mortal king of Troy Laomedon, refuses to follow the advice of the Phoenix and offends the Banjax Heracles; in an act of revenge against what he believed to be a slight by the Phoenix, Heracles sacks Troy. After much discussion about his fiery temper, beliefs and attitude, the Banjax willingly allow him to defect and be uplifted into the Phoenix.

1,184 BC

Paris, a Phoenix Probe, seduces Helen (the wife of the king of Sparta) with the help of the Magdalen Aphrodite and brings her to Troy, ostensibly to gain information about the activities of the oathbound kings to Menelaus (the Spartan king) that included Odysseus, Ajax, Menestheus, Idomeneus and Patroclus. As a result the Magdalen (with assistance from the Nimrod) attack Troy in what is known as the Trojan War. After successfully entering the city (Poseidon, under Zeus's command at the time, summoned forth a stampede of horses from the sea that caused an earthquake, shattering one of the walls of the city) and discovering the portal to the Troy mantle, the Jury appears, decreeing that the mantle is the crèche of the Phoenix and may not be entered without the Horned Lord's permission.

1,100 BC

Heracles now a member of the Phoenix (but still thought to be Banjax by the Magdalen) returns to Greece to reclaim his domain of Peloponnesus; the resulting internal power struggle between Zeus and Hera ends the Mycenaean civilization.

962 BC

The Phoenix infiltrate the kingdom of Israel under the rule of Solomon. With the uncovering of a great copper mine, was also found a strange petrified sap-like substance running in similar veins as the copper. Realizing it to be Palladium they return to Israel to begin searching the mines. The Phoenix have many encounters with Solomon (himself a Milesian and the son of the legendary Milesian David) including the imprisonment of the

Emissary Shayton in a bottle, which would become one of the first of many of the tales of the Phoenix as recounted in One Thousand and One Nights (also known as "The Arabian Nights"). The time of Solomon's reign opened a great deal of land traffic into Arabia, Tarshish (Spain) and South India. The Phoenix begin using the commercial trade routes to travel even further to the east and south. The Phoenix Scourge Hesediel founds the Shinanim Quiet Culture

#### 900 BC

The Phoenix arrive in what is now the Fars Province in Iran and mingle among the early Persians along with the Medians and other Assyrian smaller kingdoms in western Iran near the Zagros Mountains. They do not interfere in the mortal political climate (contested in this part of Mesopotamia between the Anopheles, Eremites and Nimrod), but become part of the supernatural beings that inhabit the lands. Given a wide birth by the mortal populace they begin the slow search for Palladium, avoiding the conflicts of the other three Prides in the area.

#### 825 BC

The Phoenix arrive in what is now Yemen and Saudi Arabia, traveling there after being told about the lands by the Anopheles Makeda (former lover of Solomon). With little to no presence of the other Prides save Makeda and her small mantle of Sheba, the Phoenix have free run of the peninsula to search for Palladium. In return they help establish the cultivation of spices for the Sabaeen kingdom to support itself. This arrangement continues for over one thousand years, marking a long-term friendship between the Phoenix and Anopheles as a result.

#### 800 BC

The Phoenix Berbers must contend with the Ba'al (Moloch) of the Drove Azhoth and the Anopheles Astarte after they both arrive (separately) in Carthage (northern Tunisia) not long after its founding by the Magdalen Phoenicians. The Phoenix Scourge known as Tanit Neith is able to supplant Astarte and a few hundred years later the Phoenix Sleeper Amanai is able to supplant Ba'al within the Berber religions.

#### 598 BC

The Milesian Ezekiel is exiled to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, he falls under the protection of the Shinanim Quiet Culture and begins to expound his prophecies that help forge Jewish Mysticism. Within the Berber lands, the Greek Magdalen had come to what is now Libya, sponsored by Apollo, who befriends most of the Phoenix as they battle Drove Lamia within the region.

#### 559 BC

The Eremites unite the Medes and Persians into the Achaemenid Persian Empire; they attempt to drive out the influences of all the other Prides. They are unable to drive out the Phoenix because the Phoenix do not rely on any specific mortal political or military influence to maintain their power in the area.

#### 539 BC

As the Eremite's Persian Empire begins to conquer the Magdalen's Phoenician Empire, the Phoenix trail along in their search for Palladium. The Persians also begin to push east into what is now Turkmenistan, Afghanistan, and Pakistan, and the Phoenix begin their search for Palladium in those lands as well.

#### 500 BC

The Phoenix offer to take the Nimrod under their banner when the Banjax argue for the removal of the Nimrod as a full Pride in the Stratagem Pact. Their offer is declined. Within Northern Africa the Phoenix, along with some mingling by the Banjax and to a small extent the Banjax's Peri allies, creates a unique religious system among many of the Berbers. Phoenix Sleepers commune with the Berber people, who sleep within the tombs of their ancestors when in need of spiritual guidance. Those Phoenix and Banjax who came out of lethe in these lands and then "died" became the gods of the Berber people as did all their ancestors. The Phoenix Sleepers Ayyur and Amanai (the Moon and Sun respectively) held sway over the Berber's beliefs well into the time of Julius Ceaser, along with the Banjax Isis and Set.

#### 338 BC

Alexander the Great defects from the Magdalen to the Phoenix and takes over the Macedonians. He quickly eradicates the Persian Empire of the Eremites, allowing the Phoenix free reign over their territories to search for Palladium. Alexander's defection is unknown to most of the other tribes, so the territory is still considered to belong to Greece as Alexander pays false homage to the Olympians of the Magdalen. This keeps the Eremites focused on the Magdalen, allowing the Phoenix to also search those areas the Eremites have actively been blocking them at.

332 BC

The Phoenix use Alexander the Great to take Egypt away from the Eremites; this allows the Banjax to regain some measure of control in their ancestral homeland until the death of Cleopatra in 30 BC.

325 BC

Phoenix following Alexander the Great into the Punjab past the Indus River Valley find themselves encountering forces of the Arachne but also come face to face with the legendary Salamanders (Drove Sainha) and track them into the Underground realms of Tarterus and into Inferno. Inferno (being a realm hospitable to both the fiery groups) becomes a regular battleground for the Phoenix; they are the only Pride that can stand to stay in Inferno with regularly enough to battle the Sainha, who maintain their greatest strongholds there.

323 BC

The Arachne, in order to keep the Phoenix from making further attempts to enter India, poison Alexander. His "apparent" death forces the Phoenix to lose their grip on his mortal empire, created for the sole purpose of letting them freely wander around the lower European seas to find Palladium.

320 BC

The Phoenix begin have difficulty moving around what was the Persian Empire as the Magdalen restrict their movements within the new Seleucid and then Parthian Empires located in now present-day Iran. In order to maintain a presence along the Mediterranean Sea near Arabia, the Phoenix create the mantle of Petra to mimic the city of the same name in what is now present-day Jordan.

300 BC

As the Phoenix explore the Underground, they stumble upon the Copper Passage, maintained by the Peri. It becomes obvious the veins carry the power of the Sunedrion and Palladium within them, but they are not something the Phoenix can extract. Aside from a few Peri known to individual Phoenix, this is the first time the Phoenix have extended contact with the Peri. No specific alliances are made, but attitudes between the Prides are friendly once the Peri learn the Phoenix are also on good terms with the Banjax. The Peri take the warlord Cerun (Cernunnos), his fifty scions and a group of mortal followers to central France via the Copper Passage. There the Phoenix begin the process of seeking out Palladium based on information provided by the Peri. They avoid Magdalen, Morrigan and Tuatha already present in France.

264 BC

The Phoenix of the Maghreb (Berbers) provide refuge to scattering Banjax as many leave Egypt when the Olympian (Roman) and Carthaginian cabals of the Magdalen commit to a civil war known as the Punic Wars. The Banjax Nefertum defects from the Banjax to the Phoenix, bringing with him his personal Quiet Culture; the Phoenix adopt this culture as Nefertum begins to explore the other healing properties attributable to Palladium aside from curing poison. As repayment to the Banjax, the Phoenix Keeper Bennu becomes a personal assistant to Ra.

203 BC

When the Roman army invades the now Banjax-dominated Carthageinian Empire and the rest of North Africa; the Banjax return the favor of sanctuary the Phoenix provided during the first Punic Wars. They send Hannibal's contingent back to North Africa from Europe to contest the Romans on behalf of the Phoenix Berbers living in North Africa.

148 BC

The Magdalen finish conquering the remainder of the Phoenix Macedonian Empire with their Roman Empire. However, the Phoenix are able to complete the vast majority of their search for Palladium in and around Mesopotamia and easily abandon most of the area save for those who have become very close in the beliefs of the Persians they have patroned over the last few hundred years.

146 BC

The Punic Wars are over and many Banjax find themselves semi-permanent residents under the hospitality of the Phoenix, mostly in Libya and in what at the time was the kingdom of Numidia (Algeria and Tunisia). The Phoenix and the Berber people are beginning to be pushed south into what is now Western Sahara and Mauritania.

90 BC

The Phoenix are able to keep a small contingent within the heart of the Roman Empire within Italy and Greece, but find that the Magdalen covet Palladium and have scoured most areas of the substance already. The Phoenix begin infiltrating the gladiator trade through Heracles, who teaches a number of gladiators the ancient art in order for them to survive the harshness of the Roman Empire's gladiatorial games.

46 BC

Numidia is annexed by the Roman Empire and the movements of the Phoenix are again restricted by the Magdalen (and the Eremites when they woo Julius Ceaser to their banner just a few years later).

40 AD

After the Anopheles Cleopatra failed to stop the Roman takeover of Egypt in 30 BC, the Eremite's Roman Empire was able to focus on the area of Algeria and Morocco, taking the last of the north coast. Realizing the extent of control the Eremites now have, the Phoenix begin to spread out and take a more active role in the political and cultural events taking place around the Mediterranean Sea. One of the warlords, Kern (Kernunno / Herne), travels to the north with his scions and followers, passing thru most of central Europe until coming to rest in the United Kingdom several centuries later. Another warlord, Svarog, comes to rest in Poland.

161 AD

The Phoenix Sleeper Atar slowly uses the teachings of the ancient Milesian prophet Zoroaster (Zarathushtra) to bring about a religious movement in Persia (what is now Iran).

226 AD

The Phoenix sponsor the rise of the Sassanid Empire, which ends the Parthian Empire and then goes to war with the declining Roman Empire and then the Byzantine Empire

251 AD

Apollo defects with a number of minor Magdalen and some mortal soothsayers to the Phoenix. Zeus allows them to leave and proclaims no retribution may be made against them. Apollo and his people travel to what is now France to join Cerun and his followers.

300 AD

The Berbers and other indigenous cultures the Phoenix patron in North Africa, become collectively known as the Moorish Muslims.

389 AD

The Phoenix create the ādur Wishnāsp mantle in what is now known as Taxte Soleymān in West Azarbaijan, Iran. It came to serve as a prison for tainted Phoenix and other prisoners of the Pride and was used as a Zoroastrian temple during the Sassanid Empire.

427 AD

The Phoenix Keeper Pele comes out of lethe in Hawaii and she deals with Sainha incursions on the island with assistance from the rogue Pride Roane.

570 AD

The Phoenix lose influence in the lands of Arabia from the teachings of the Magdalen-sponsored Milesian prophet Muhammed.

634 AD

The Magdalen's Islamic Muslims conquer the Sassanid Persian Empire, burning and destroying the Academy of Gundishapur as they had Troy. It destroys most Sassanid records and literary works. Some works escape destruction, such as the grand account of Phoenix dealings in the Middle East (One Thousand and One Nights).

651 AD

The Phoenix Moors burn the Great Library of Alexandria in Egypt in retaliation for their incursions into Africa and the burning of the Academy of Gundishapur.

687 AD

The Phoenix Juggler Marid Badroulbador is freed from imprisonment in what is now northeastern Pakistan by the Milesian Ala ud din Shah Alam, bonding the two together.

697 AD

The Magdalen Slayer Hasan ibn al-Nu'man has Badroulbador captured and brought to the Maghreb. With assistance from other Phoenix, Ala ud din travels to the Maghreb, rescuing the Berber Milesian prophetess al-Kāhina. This is yet another story that finds its way into One Thousand and One Nights, though heavily interpreted.

711 AD

In response to requests for assistance from Apollo, the Phoenix manipulate the Moors into invading Spain from North Africa, establishing a foothold from that point forward. The warlords Eki (Eguzki) and Ile (Ilazki) bring the Phoenix into Spain. They travel to the north into what is now Basque country to deal with Sugaar of the Sainha and Mari of the Lamia; the two have broken from their Drovers and established their own region of mortal influence. Heracles also comes to Spain with the Moors, but stays within their territories in the south. This begins a period of pushing out Visigoth (no longer under Morrigan control but under Drove influence now) out of Hispania. The Magdalen are able to bring some influence into the region however.

750 AD

Apollo begins a friendship with the Tuatha during a visit to the region by the Tuatha Oberon, who is sent at first to assist the Morrigan who are currently ruling France with their Morvingian Dynasty. When the Tuatha dissolve their Morrigan alliance in France in another 18 years, a new one is started with the Phoenix.

778 AD

The Phoenix rescue Roland and his Paladins from certain death at the Battle of Roncevaux Pass. The twelve former knights of Charlemagne eventually form the Palatine Quiet Culture of the Phoenix.

779 AD

Ja'far bin Yahya Barmaki, a Phoenix Probe, becomes the advisor (Vizier) to Harun al-Rashid, fifth Abbasid Caliph in Baghdad. Adventures of the two with Ja'far advising Harun are scribed into One Thousand and One Nights. Unfortunately a wish gone wrong leads Ja'far into an affair with Harun's sister Abbasa; it is followed by his beheading in 803 AD. Ja'far's advice to the Caliph marked his rule as being one of scientific, cultural, artistic and religious advancement.

800 AD

With Apollo taking increased leadership in France, Cerun takes his scions northward into what is now Germany, specifically in the area of the Black Forest, to search for Palladium there.

861 AD

A tryst of Heracles creates the Islands of the Blessed mantle, the primary entrance will eventually settle offshore on Majorca in the Balearic Island archipelago.

909 AD

The Magdalen cabals over the Fatimid Caliphate (Saracens) focus their efforts on Northern Africa, restricting Phoenix searches for Palladium there.

942 AD

Anopheles influenced Magyars raid into Al-andalus (Muslim-controlled areas of what is now Spain) but are repelled by the Umayyad Caliphs under the influence of the Phoenix.

1000 AD

The warlord Kern, with assistance from the Peri, captures a Ru-Shou known as Vouvre, a shadowy dragon guarding a pool of Dark-mead in the Underworld.

1085 AD

Due to loss of control over their Muslim Empire in Spain from incursions by the Anopheles, Drove Sainha and a rising Apocrypha in Portugal, the Magdalen Almoravides invade southern Spain.

1095 AD

In order to shake off the restrictive control imposed by the Magdalen Saracens of North Africa, the Phoenix ally with the Eremites in the first crusade. It unfortunately causes the Banjax to ally with the Magdalen since it begins drawing more Eremites into the area along with the European Phoenix sent to assist against the Magdalen. These tenuous alliances break and reform for the next 300 years.

1098 AD

The Phoenix assist the Eremites in the capture of Antioch during the First Crusade, but the Eremites gain control of the Peri known as Longinus. They also help found the County of Edessa at the border of Syria and Turkey.

1107 AD

The Phoenix gain influence over Louis VI ("The Fat"), son of Philip I, King of France. Through Louis VI they will spend a great deal of time battling French "Robber Barons" and the English Normans to keep France free from any further Magdalen or Eremite influence. Apollo begins to spread his teachings of seeking inner enlightenment among a chosen mortal few of the kingdom.

1109 AD

The Phoenix help found the county of Tripoli in what is now northern Lebanon during the First Crusade.

1119 AD

The Phoenix in France infiltrate the developing Knights Templar and gain influence over them.

1129 AD

The tryst son of the warlord Kern, serving as the first parker (park ranger) of Windsor Great Park, forms the mantle known as "The Hunting Grounds", the primary entrance of which opens in the park on the border of Berkshire and Surrey in England. This latter inspires the legend of Herne the Hunter within England. Humans that begin to gather here in secret become known as the Ferrishyn Quiet Culture.

1137 AD

As King Louis VI begins to take ill, the Abbot Suger convince the Phoenix to back them in rebuilding the Basilica of Saint Denis; the landmark would serve to bring about a period of Gothic architecture and become one of the most important buildings in France (nearly all French kings and a host of nobility are buried there). Inspired by its design, Apollo has his tryst-daughter Isabelle (thought to be the daughter of Louis VI) create the Basilica mantle in France. Louis the VII becomes King, also patroned by the Phoenix.

1171 AD

The Phoenix Almohads take back most of Northern Africa and southern Spain, driving the Magdalen back into Egypt; the Phoenix and Magdalen both must deal with Drove Mut in north-central Africa during this time.

1187 AD

The Templar Knights begin to fail in their various campaigns. As they fall out of favor, the Phoenix take full control and turn them into a Quiet Culture. They present them with the captured Ru-Shou draong Vouvre and it falls under the knights' Religarum and they become its masters. Able to assume any form it chooses, the blind creature provides a variety of uses during the Third Crusade.

1214 AD

Being heavily focused on the Crusades, the Phoenix step aside politically as the Tuatha influence King Philip Augustus of France to defeat the Morrigan sponsored Otto IV of Germany. Normandy becomes part of France.

1219 AD

The Knights Templar make several incursions against the Eremites and Phoenix in Anatolia (present-day Turkey). The Arachne follow the Phoenix through Anatolia, but since they do not interfere in the conflicts between the Phoenix, Magdalen and Eremites, the Phoenix do not attempt to stop them.

1250 AD

The Phoenix Juggler Morgiana, disguised as a slave girl in Baghdad, rescues the Milesian Alli Baba from a group of thralls of Drove Lamia.

1337 AD

The Hundred Years War begins as the Phoenix, Magdalen, Tuatha and Eremites all clash for interests in France and around Western Europe. The Phoenix and their Tuatha allies spend most of their time taken up with Drove Thule which has been following the Dust throughout Europe while the Magdalen seem to give the Eremites the strongest position in the war due to the Magdalen concentrating on their Ottoman Empire. However, the Eremites interests in the war still do not come to fruition, leaving them to lose most of their hold in France. This levels the playing field between the Phoenix, Magdalen and Tuatha as the Dust causes most of the other Prides to focus on their core regions of influence.

1381 AD

The warlord Kern saves the life of a young King Richard II in England during the Peasants' Revolt.

1453 AD

The Magdalen take control of France from the Phoenix and Tuatha, ejecting the last of the Eremite English rulers (something the Phoenix and Tuatha had not committed themselves to doing at that point). The Phoenix give an ultimatum to the act of the Dracul and Anopheles being declared profane. Any who still participate within the Stratagem Pact will be an enemy of the Phoenix starting in 1500 AD. The Phoenix leave the Pact.

***Authors Note:** It is speculated among Tribal scholars that this ultimatum was part of a plan conceived by the Jury and others in an effort to dissolve the Stratagem, which was thought to have become jaded and corrupt by its very nature.*

1461 AD

The Arachne replace King Louis XI of France with one of their Jugglers; the Phoenix have concentrated their power within the common people of France, influencing them instead of the government. The Arachne Juggler's policies have little to no effect on the Phoenix who are currently focused on cultural changes within the country.

1469 AD

The Eremites to arrange for the marriage of Ferdinand II to Queen Isabella I of Castile, consolidating the "Catholic Monarchs" and uniting the crowns of Castile and Aragon in Spain. This pushes the Phoenix out of the mortal political arena in Spain altogether.

1478 AD

The Apocrypha within Spain maneuver its Catholic Moarchs to establish a tribunal to replace the medieval Inquisition that was under Papal control; the Spanish Inquisition targets the followers of the Phoenix, Anopheles and Eremites in Spain.

1492 AD

With the Eremite-controlled Spanish Monarchy sending Columbus to what the Prides already know is really the New World, the Phoenix begin to look towards the New World as a place to find Palladium. Another factor is the burgeoning power of the Dark Lady in Sheol being attributed to the Femme Darkle, an artifact the Horned Lord himself at times wielded within Pride Nimrod.

1500 AD

The Stratagem dissolves, leaving no one to be a primary target of the Phoenix ultimatum of 1453 AD.

1504 AD

Drove Sainha and the Apocrypha make strong incursions across Spain against the Eremite monarchy, causing the Anopheles and Phoenix to ally to protect their interests and followers in the region.

1515 AD

When the Magdalen sponsored Francis I becomes king of France, a peace is achieved between the Phoenix and Magdalen (but only within France) due to the cultural advances brought about by his reign; the Arachne within Spain move towards Switzerland.

1568 AD

The Phoenix incite the Morisco Revolt against the Eremite's Spanish Monarchy, the Eremites eventually force the remaining Muslim Christians back into Africa.

1644 AD

A cadre of Phoenix come out of Ietche in what is now the Southwestern United States. They mingle among the Native Americans being patroned by the Banjax and Tuatha. The Emissary Tsohanoai stays with the Navajo while the Scourge Shakuru and the Sleeper Pah find themselves with the Pawnee.

1700 AD

King Charles I of Spain dies after being driven insane by the Apocrypha while attempting to find reasons to extinguish their Spanish Inquisition. The Magdalen place Philip V upon the throne, prompting the Phoenix and Anopheles to ally against the Magdalen, Drove Sainha and Apocrypha of the region by providing cultural influence over the Spanish people.

1741 AD

The Phoenix under Cerrun encounter Emanuel Swedenborg, a normal mortal who is capable of seeing the Phoenix in their true forms and communicating with them. He begins to delve into what is commonly known as Christian mysticism (one of the precursors of the "New Age Movement"), supported by the Phoenix in Europe.

1750 AD

The Eremites and Anopheles both vie for control over Spain while the Phoenix must continue to deal with the Sainha and Apocrypha. In 1763 AD the Anopheles gain temporary control over the Spanish government and thru it New Orleans in the New World. Rule quickly comes back under Apocryphal control much to the chagrin of the Phoenix.

1762 AD

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, often patroned by the Banjax, publishes "Du contrat social", the Phoenix begin to push the concepts of his writings onto the common people of France.

1789 AD

After the Magdalen nobility of France is brought to completely decadence by the Anopheles through the use of Baphomet (the skull of Muhammad containing the Luststone Chi Pao), the Phoenix incite the French Revolution to end the conflict between the Anopheles and Magdalen due to Wormine incursions into the area as a result of the constant use of the Luststone. The new government they institute provides a voice to each Pride with any representatives within France.

1795 AD

The Anopheles Josephine de Beauharnais begins the seduction of the powerful general Napoleon Bonaparte in order to remove the Phoenix, Magdalen and all other powers from France by once again instituting full control over France. The Phoenix fully focus on the Spanish population and culture and abandon dealings in the Spanish government.

1803 AD

The Banjax obtain the Louisiana territory from the Magdalen as a result of Phoenix and Anopheles manipulations in France. The first Gold Rush of 1799 causes the Phoenix to look to the New World as a possible source for Palladium. Manifest Destiny and the Gold rushes of the 1800's will see the beginnings of the Phoenix mingling with the other Prides through mortal sects: giving rise to a number of legendary cowboys, rough riders, frontiersmen and desperados of the Wild West.

1819 AD

Phoenix start to carve a permanent influence over the French populace, in order to keep the French monarchy in check without having to directly influence it. They begin to have issues with the Trasgu Drove which has taken the place of the Lamia and Sainha Drove that they have pushed out of most of northern Spain.

1825 AD

The Phoenix patroned Michel Casseux opens the first establishment for practicing and promoting regulated versions of Savate.

1850 AD

The Phoenix Slayer Pecos Bill and his traveling companion the Banjax Juggler "Maker of Widows" (Native American) begin their journeys around the southwestern United States.

1854 AD

France and Britain declare war on Russia as the Nimrod face off against combined forces of the Magdalen, Phoenix, Tuatha, Morrigan and Eremites to stabilize control of the territories of the declining Ottoman Empire and separate immortal influence from the mortal populace in those areas.

1860 AD

The Nefertum Quiet Culture arranges for the College of California to purchase a large plot of land next to Strawberry Creek, roughly 500 feet above the bay. They then sold parcels of land adjacent to the land they eventually built the campus of a new college on, and the city that arose up next to it: Berkeley. There at the top of the hill next to the Founder's Rock, a Phoenix tryst would create the Indigo mantle. This branch of the Nefertum Quiet Culture would eventually break away to be known as the Indigo Children Quiet Culture.

1867 AD

Phoenix infiltrators are able to count coup on the Nimrod by getting the Russian government to sell Alaska to the Banjax-backed United States.

1880 AD

At the request of the French Tuatha, the Phoenix maneuver the population into pushing the French government to bring areas in Africa belonging to the Tuatha and Phoenix under France's control. This helps keep a great deal of the region from falling prey to rampant slavery, though it does not stop all slavery in the area. The Phoenix begin mingling their disparate philosophies (those of the Palladium Seekers, Nefertum, Heracles, Apollo, etc.) into a grand philosophy for their interactions with the human race. They will sponsor a number of Wiccan and New Age movements over the coming decades.

1914 AD

The Phoenix and Anopheles rally France against Germany as House Aryan maneuvers the Germany armies into their first attempts at invading France during World War I. They also sponsor changes in the British journal "The New Age" for the next seven years, delivering more articles on mysticism and other spiritual ideologies.

1936 AD

The Phoenix are again involved in political affairs due to a number of revolts among the Spanish peoples in Spain and abroad. They must content with the Eremite's House Aryan interfering in the Spanish Civil War when Hitler sends in troops to assist the Spanish nationalists under the Phoenix/Anopheles alliance against the Apocryphal controlled government. When Germany invades France, the Anopheles are forced to step aside to honor their agreement with House Aryan from the Spanish Civil War. This leaves the Phoenix alone to defend France as all other Prides are busy defending interests in their own more predominantly held regions of Europe.

1945 AD

The Phoenix become the only members of the himsati race able to withstand the radiation in Japan. Even then most of their time is spent in the Underground fighting back Drove Sainha. The Phoenix begin to insert themselves into various places around the world in an effort to become more involved in the Stratagem and keep an eye out for those in need. The Phoenix increase their presence in the United States, pitting them against Nimrod interests in the "Cold War".

1951 AD

The Phoenix exert rare pressure directly on the French government to pull its interests out of Africa, this leads to the independence of Libya by the Terat and Banjax with other African nations soon following.

1958 AD

Pressure from Phoenix-backed French army units and settlers bring down the Fourth Republic and institute the current French Fifth Republic.

1960 AD

The Anopheles/Phoenix alliance, still tenuously holding from their recent work in Spain over the last two centuries, comes to the United States of America in their contributions to the Counterculture Revolution of the 1960's: hippies, the Hispanic and Chicano Movement, Rock N Roll, Country Rock, Folk Rock, Avant-Garde Film Movement, etc.

1967 AD

The Phoenix along with the Anopheles back a rock musical called Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Musical.

1968 AD

The Phoenix inspire the Students' Revolts in France, which merges with labor revolts resulting in updated traditions and institutions to match the modern world.

1975 AD

King Juan Carlos I of Spain comes to power. The Phoenix, who had been exerting pressure on the prior dictator Francisco Franco to relax many of his right-wing stances, begin to enjoy a slow march towards a democratic monarchy lifting many of the restrictive policies on the common people they have been supporting.

1987 AD

The first of the former male Nimrod imprisoned at Talos are discovered alive on Earth by the Phoenix during the Harmonic Convergence gathering in Sedona Arizona. The Horned Lord begins sending small expeditions of Phoenix, armed with Palladium, into the Labyrinth to try and locate the others buried at Talos.

1994 AD

With the resurgence of the missing Pride members from 1666 AD, the Horned Lord issues orders to all warlords and Phoenix members to begin seeking out possible escapees from Talos and to bring them into the Phoenix to be fully cured of any afflictions as a result of Semiramis's poison.

1998 AD

Forseeing the threat looming within the next year, the Horned Lord sends a mass group of Phoenix to Talos, successfully retrieving the trapped male Nimrod.

1999 AD

The Phoenix retreat to their most survivable strongholds, allowing the others to fall, already emptied of their populations. The Phoenix gathers those Peri who do not go into the Court of War and forms the Court of Making. Needing time to continue the rehabilitation of the male Nimrod, the Horned Lord does not serve as the Paragon of the Court. Some Phoenix are spread to the other Courts to allow the Horned Lord to watch, monitor and direct his people's actions in relation to those other Courts.

2004 AD

The Horned Lord recalls the Phoenix after the Courts disperse, forming the former male Nimrod (some of whom have undergone lethe to aid in their rehabilitation) into the Flames of Nimrod (the first of the new Phoenix houses). They begin to reclaim any former mantles that can be salvaged and/or taken back from the Drovers and establish themselves in Petra as their new primary stronghold.