

## THE SHADOWEN HISTORY

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Note: This particular history is slightly larger with bigger entries since it serves as the basis for the history of a former Pride (Nimrod), the pre-history of the Phoenix, and a large portion of the Hemari. Also, the Nimrod served as the "police" of the predecessors of the Tribes (the Prides) and therefore their conflicts often involved several Prides at once. As such there are multiple entries relating to other Tribes not currently in the history of that Tribe, but should be considered part of that Tribe's history.

### Time Unknown

The wounded Sanguinary and its Primal servants known as the Darkle, are trapped within the damage portion of the Labyrinth. The Darkle are sealed within orbs in the walls that eventually become corrupted. The Darkle helplessly watch the Sanguinary go mad, consume many of the orbs and then break free of the Labyrinth as they are left behind. Those remaining begin to call out across time and space.

### Circa 35,000,000 BC

Inspired by cryptic prophecies given to him by the Drone and by a strange voice that whispers in his mind from beyond the stars, Samiel secretly leaves Earth and seeks out the Labyrinth. There he finds the darkle orbs and devours three of them, not realizing that within are the dormant spirits of the Sanguinary's faithful Primals. Upon reaching Talos and gazing into the wellspring; he sees the future and it drives him into madness. When he returns to Earth, Melheyon (his adopted daughter and occasional lover) uses the blood of spilled slave creatures and assists Samiel in forcing the spirits of the darkened primals into the mixture which he binds thru the use of shards. The resulting himsati slaves are the Semiramis, Sussura and Sceadu. Realizing what has transpired on Earth due to their time in Samiel's mind, the Shadowen believe the Sanguinary has abandoned them and they submit to Samiel's rule.

### Circa 30,000,000 BC

Semiramis has become the personal bodyguard and spy of Samiel, who has taught her a small number of his secrets including what eventually becomes the Nimrod power of knots. Sussura and Sceadu have both been mentored by Melheyon, Sussura discovering how to consume the souls of others and splinter them off into shadow-scions, while Sceadu learns the mysteries of the mind and the silver leash. The three begin to teach each other these secrets. From this three powerful abilities of the Nimrod would emerge long in the future: The Triad Mind, the Collar of Silence and the ability of Shadow Dancing.

### Circa 20,000,000 BC

Semiramis is displaced as Samiel's favorite bodyguard and spy in favor of the newly created Imaja kith (Anopheles). She attunes herself to Samiel's newly created throne, built by the Arachne from his destroyed enemies.

### Circa 13,000,000 BC

One of Sussura's shadow-scions overhears Samiel whispering the prophecy to one of his Arachne slaves as well as the true names of the Trine to Imbata Shantii of the Imaja kith. The scion witnesses Samiel bite himself to death and is bathed in the resulting spill of dark life force.

### Circa 9,000,000 BC

A number of Abzulim attempt to overthrow Lilith who has ascended to Samiel's throne; the Shadowen intervene on her behalf at the behest of Melheyon.

### Circa 8,000,000 BC

Melheyon reveals her son, Mammon (also Samiel's son) who easily triumphs over the Shadowen and other prides attempts to stop him from unseating Lilith and becoming the ruler of the Abzulim Empire. Mammon tortures Lilith to find the location of Samiel's throne, but Sceadu (feeling betrayed by Melheyon) intervenes to assist Lilith in resisting the torture. When she is found out, Mammon destroys her, but

Sussara is able to obtain her vox before it can be fully "cleaned". In an attempt to "revive" her sister, Sussura implants the vox into the shadow-scion that was altered by bathing in the spill of Samiel's life force. While not recreating her sister, it creates a new immortal she calls "Shade".

7,000,000 BC

The Shadowen realize that the Sanguinary has a much stronger hold on Mammon than it did over Samiel, and is pushing him to throw the Abzulim Empire against the Sunedrion wealds of Earth. They approach the leaderless Arachne and offer them the location of Lilith in exchange for assisting with a rebellion of the slave breeds against Mammon and the Abzulim. The Shadowen begin teaching the basics of serenades (Xenoglossia, Metaphor, Incantation and Bastion) to the other slave breeds.

6,500,000 BC

The Shadowen become trapped within Babel by the forces of the Primals. When the Trine use their power to summon the Primals back to Gynnah, the Shadowen are compelled to follow. The Shadowen are cleansed of their taint, but not of their voxes, as the Primals (who are already pure) are cleansed of their voxes by the power of the First Bloom. The Primals do not attack the Shadowen but bar them entry into the Maelstrom. With no place to go, Semiramis, Sussura and the shadow scions they have created, sleep within the valley of Gynnah and enter ennui.

144,000 BC

The Shadowen are awoken by the Second Bloom in Gynnah as each himsati and scion is transformed from shadow to light. With no memory of their past they begin to wander the valley and just beyond until they are confronted by Nimrod, a Primal of light and fire whose soul is infused with the power of the Sunedrion. Entranced with each other, Nimrod takes Semiramis as his consort. The group wanders until Semiramis and Sussura sense the presence of Sheol. Not understanding what it is but drawn to it, the Nimrod and his people enter Sheol. They are confronted with dark and twisted immortals and other creatures and begin to hunt them down as abominations to the light.

100,000 BC

The Nimrod find the head of Samiel in their wanderings thru Sheol, Semiramis shows an affinity for wielding it and convinces the Horned Lord to allow them to use it against the dark creatures of Sheol. Immortals they destroy have their voxes cleaned by Sussura and are implanted in various shadow scions belong to her and Semiramis in order to turn them immortal.

65,000 BC

The Nimrod encounter the last remnants of Drove Terat, wielding a strange shard known as the Incubus Heart. Wielding the head of Samiel they easily defeat them, the power of the artifact causing their own artifact's power to backlash upon them, twisting them into strange forms that scurry into the Underground (giving birth to Drove Azazel). Semiramis and Sussura begin to remember their ancient past and realize that the heart is the vox of Samiel, but decide not to reunite the two for fear of resurrecting the insane dragon.

22,000 BC

By 30,000 BC the Nimrod come out of Sheol and begin to wander the Earth with the Horned Lord. The battle between the Ephraim (Eremites) and Asanbosam (Anopheles) for the Tower of Babel draws the attention of the Nimrod. They begin to investigate what has become the Shouting War.

15,000 BC

Rukshasa and Dracul approach the Nimrod and agree to be contained within Sheol by the Nimrod, using the power of the head of Samiel. The Nimrod begin a campaign to save the planet by capturing all himsati intent on continuing the Shouting War and bringing the Lash closer to Earth. Those captured will be imprisoned in Sheol. Probably date that the himsati of the Nimrod begin to darken.

14,000 BC

The first of Benendanti's immortal refugees from the Illuminati are captured by the Nimrod and imprisoned in Sheol.

12,500 BC

Shade encounters Morrigan, the namesake and leader of the Morrigan. Sensing she has not taken part in the conflict, Shade chooses to keep the knowledge of Magonia secret from the rest of the Nimrod.

11,000 BC

The Nimrod attempt to secure the Kai Ra, but are unable to find them as they have been removed from the Foundry and hidden in the Peri mantle of Avalon. The Arachne attempt to gain control of Samiel's head; they are overpowered by the Nimrod and imprisoned in Sheol. Wielding its power, the Nimrod are able to force the Arachne to use their Oneness to call upon Arachne scattered across the nearby Dominions and bring them to Sheol to be imprisoned as well.

10,500 BC

The immortal Benendanti and his human followers are the last of the Illuminati refugees to be captured by the Nimrod. The Magdalen use the distraction to go into hiding within Jeremia so as not to be captured. The Nimrod become aggressive in their capture and detainment of all immortals involved in the Shouting War.

10,000 BC

An armistice is decreed in what is present day Aar Gorge, Switzerland. The Nimrod take the vast majority of the immortals left alive from the Shouting War and imprison them in Sheol. By this time the himsati of Semiramis, Sussura and all the scions have become darkened and begun turning back to shadow. Hunting parties are established to track down the various drove families that roam outside Sheol as well as the Magdalen and the missing Morrigan (Odin and the Valkryies). In order to enforce control over the Nimrod forces (now scattered), Semiramis uses the head of Samiel to create an artifact, an orb known as the Dark Knot, and places it in a secret mantle she has created called Babylon. The creation of the artifact causes visions of the Labyrinth to appear in the minds of Semiramis and the Nimrod females tied to the knot. These shadow-weave visions, only occurring during rest or sleep, start to give the females of the Nimrod a hard edge that makes them seem somewhat cruel and intimidating.

7,500 BC

Having discovered the taint of the Sanguinary within the head of Samiel, Semiramis poisons the Horned Lord and all the male followers. Sussura argues against this and Semiramis uses the head of Samiel to compel her to submit to Semiramis who consumes her and takes control of all her scions both shadow and those made immortal. Those whose wills were too strong are instead forced into ennui, including Sussura's "daughter" Shade.

7,000 BC

The Magdalen trick the Apocrypha into storming one of the smaller entrances of Sheol, distracting the Nimrod guards while the newly formed Banjax along with their Peri and Benendanti mortal allies, break free through another.

6,500 BC

The Banjax return and defeat the Nimrod; Semiramis is unable to coordinate such a large battle force. The seals on the portals are broken and the prides flee Sheol, scattering around the globe. The Nimrod attempt to track them down, but having very little dealings with humanity are thwarted by the Apocrypha.

6,000 BC

Semiramis is approached by Solitaire and discuss possible ways for ensuring that the Shouting War does not occur again. The Nimrod travel to Atlantis. As the prides begin to form what becomes the Stratagem Pact, Semiramis unwittingly utters part of the prophecy overheard by Shade in 6.5 million BC. The Arachne respond by uttering another portion of the prophecy; this eventually leads to the Magdalen revealing the existence of the Sanguinary within the Morpheum to the assemblage. Semiramis, wields the power of Samiel's head to place the legendary "Ban" upon the Magdalen for their participation in the creation of the Apocrypha, hiding the knowledge of the Sanguinary, and for their refusal to comply with the armistice that ended the Shouting War. Realizing what she has just done, Semiramis immediately

hands the head over to Solitaire with the understanding that it will be placed somewhere safe. By giving up the head, the prides agree to allow the Nimrod into the Stratagem Pact and allow the law of the Silence to become part of its tenants.

5900 BC

Shade comes out of ennui and gains access to Magonia thru Morrigan herself. She arrives in the halls of Valhalla and speaks with Odin; he and the Valkyrie quietly uplift her into the Morrigan as Morgana.

4735 BC

A rebellion of the trysts of Atlantis, incited by Apocrypha that infiltrated the realm, shakes the foundations of Atlantis, causing major riots and a mass exodus by the prides. During the ensuing chaos a group of scions steal the Incubus Heart (they are then destroyed by the Azhoth and the Incubus is taken into Sheol). The Terat lead the prides away from Atlantis and to North America, where he Apocrypha cannot reach them as they have no knowledge of its existence yet.

4000 BC

The Nimrod position themselves in Mesopotamia, using the mantle created in 10,000 BC, and launch raids into Sheol to obtain the Incubus Heart while roaming the known world, enforcing the Silence in triads as ordered by Semiramis. A few scattered Nimrod would travel in pairs instead, mingling with other Prides as a means to watch for breaking of the silence: Arianrhod and Boudicca watched over the Tuatha and Morrigan from what is now Wales while Hecatae and Circe watched over the Magdalen Olympians as they settled in Greece. The few humans they interact with build the beginnings of what eventually becomes the city of Babylon.

3270 BC

In the midst of heated battles around the Fertile Crescent by Nimrod and Drove Azhoth, the Morrigan flood of the Fertile Crescent. Drove Azhoth uses the cavernous drain created by the Roane to escape with the Incubus Heart into the Underground. Angered by the loss of Samiel's vox once again as well as for such a large violation of the Silence, the Nimrod assist the Roane in counting coup against the Morrigan to gain leadership of the Stratagem Pact.

3000 BC

Still attempting to recover the Incubus Heart, a contingent of Nimrod arrive just west of the southern reaches of the Ural Mountains to use those passages into the Underground to reach Drove Azhoth. Semiramis's forces are spread thin in pursuit of the artifact and enforcing the Silence. They establish the Kungur mantle in order to have a base of operations in the area, the entrance located deep in the Ice Caves which will not be discovered by mortals until near 1700 AD.

2500 BC

The Magdalen discover the Horned Lord in Troy and burn it to the ground. They report their findings to Semiramis. It will be burned, pillaged, overrun and generally destroyed again in 2250, 2100, 1950, 1900, 1300 and finally in 1184 during the Trojan War.

2250 BC

After rebuilding Troy the Magdalen return with the Nimrod, in search of the Horned Lord and destroy Troy II by fire. Safely ensconced within their new mantle, the Nimrod are unable to find them. As busy as the Nimrod are with attempting to track down the Phoenix and the Incubus Shard, they ignore the mortal conquest of Mesopotamia by the Eremite-sponsored Sargon of Akkad.

2100 BC

Once again the Magdalen and Nimrod return to Troy III and destroy it again by fire in an attempt to capture the Horned Lord and his followers.

1950 BC

The Nimrod, without the Magdalen, return to Troy IV and attempt to destroy it but are only partially successful. 50 years later the Magdalen will cause a mass migration and culture change in an attempt to eradicate the Horned Lord's influence over Troy V/

1792 BC

Hammurabi, the Anopheles-sponsored King of Babylon, begins his conquest of Assyria to build the First Babylonian Dynasty. The Nimrod's convictions towards not directly interfering with humanity lead them to lose control over Assyria to the more direct Anopheles. The Anopheles, very careful to observe the Silence throughout the conquest, flaunt their coup in the face of the Nimrod as they take the capital city of Assur. The Nimrod consolidate their power in the region in the city of Ninnevah and due to their few numbers.

1453 BC

The Phoenix are admitted to the Stratagem Pact after evading the Nimrod and Magdalen successfully for the last several hundred years.

1300 BC

Semiramis manipulates the Magdalen into causing an earthquake to destroy Troy VI.

1184 BC

The Trojan War occurs as the Nimrod and Magdalen maneuver resources and direct them towards Troy in a mortal war. Their failure leads to the Jury forbidding future retribution against the Phoenix in Troy by the Magdalen and Nimrod.

860 BC

The Children of Lot, a Drove Quiet Culture led by the Azhoth Milcom and Molech, gain control of the Incubus Heart within the Azhoth Drove. They bring it to the surface into the kingdom of Ammon into the city of Rabbath Ammon (now Amman, the capital of Jordan). They use the Heart to spread influence throughout the neighboring kingdoms that pay tribute to the now Anopheles controlled Assyrians. Semiramis immediately senses the presence of the heart within the region and begins assembling Nimrod forces to take direct action.

854 BC

The Battle of Qarqar (Karkar) is fought between the Anopheles-Assyrians and the Azhoth-influenced 12-kings. The Nimrod engage the Azhoth and the Children of Lot directly with the assistance of the Banjax. The Banjax gain control of the Incubus Shard, the Azhoth are driven off and the Nimrod regain control of the Assyrian-Babylonian empire. In exchange for their assistance, Semiramis reluctantly agrees to allow Osiris of the Banjax to study the shard in exchange for him not divulging its existence and that it will remain in her possession. The shard is placed in a hidden vault within Nineveh. The Anopheles recover the head of Samiel and Makeda uses it to make an automaton to guard Melheyon, who she secretly has imprisoned in the mantle of Sheba.

828 BC

The Nimrod take a more active role in the wars between the Eremites and the Anopheles over Mesopotamia, indirectly participating in the mass rebellion against Shalmaneser III by his own son and nearly 30 Assyrian cities. The capital city of Assyria at the time would later be known as Nimrud. From this point forward the Nimrod would be a continued presence in Mesopotamia and surrounding areas, even to the point of a scion of Semiramis becoming the Queen of Assyria briefly from 824 BC to 811 BC. Semiramis would spread her name and the name of Nimrod throughout the Fertile Crescent's history.

800 BC

The Arachne Kali defects to the Nimrod. Though she is secretly in league with Sharakai the Nimrod are unable to discover this as Sharakai provides Kali protections against any mystical investigations.

632 BC

Kali murders Ashurbanipal (the Assyrian king and Nimrod favorite) and steals the Incubus Heart. Unable to risk the truth being revealed and be accused of corruption, Semiramis must let the Incubus Heart go with her. By not stopping Kali, Semiramis allows the creation of the Chi Pao and the Dracul's entry into the Stratagem Pact.

559 BC

The Nimrod lose influence in Mesopotamia as Eremite's Persian Empire conquers the region. Most Nimrod travel north into what is now Ukraine and Russia. A small contingent remains in Mesopotamia with Semiramis to enforce the Silence there. The development of the Sarmatia among the Scythian peoples becomes influenced indirectly by those Nimrod who move into the areas North of the Black Sea. They begin to encounter the Russalki, finding new opponents to do direct battle with.

536 BC

The Morrigan reveal that the Roane Paragon Dagon is an active practitioner of Sanation. The entire Roane Pride is cast from the Stratagem Pact as the Morrigan gain all of the Roane's power. Much of the Nimrod's status is also lost to the Morrigan since the Nimrod assisted the Roane in taking the lead in the Stratagem from the Morrigan nearly 3,000 years prior. The Nimrod now have the lowest status in the Stratagem and nearly the lowest membership of all of the Prides.

500 BC

The Banjax begin to push for the Nimrod to no longer be recognized as a Pride; they are supported by the Phoenix who offer to take in the Nimrod as a single "house" within their Pride. Semiramis refuses and convinces the assemblage that Nimrod's role in enforcing the Silence should keep them separate from other Prides. The Arachne, Dracul, Magdalen, Morrigan, Terat and Tuatha vote to keep the Nimrod their own Pride; the others vote against. The Dracul only vote yes only after Semiramis agrees to allow male members into the Nimrod again.

200 BC

The Slayer Boudicca founds her own Triad and adopts local Gaul priests into a Quiet Culture that becomes known as the Black Druids. She will spend a great deal of time watching over Tuatha and Peri thru the Gallic Wars nearly 150 years later.

106 AD

The Eremites newly acquired Roman Empire pushes up to the Terat's territory surrounding the Carpathian Mountains, but are stopped in the Western Ukraine by the Nimrod who cite their violations of the Silence in gaining ground against the Terat. The Nimrod abandon the Middle East entirely and concentrate their power in the areas above the Black Sea.

132 AD

At the urgings of the Nimrod Circe, the Olympian Hippolyta of the Magdalen defects while Athena and Hera vie for the Paragon seat. The Magdalen Nemesis, Iris and Medea (a student of Circe's) as well as Hippolyta's immortal and mortal Amazons, all join with Hippolyta in defecting from the Magdalen.

150 AD

Hippolyta is approached shortly after by Semiramis and her entire contingent become part of the Nimrod, forming its own house within the Pride and nearly doubling the smaller pride's numbers. Semiramis develops the Coven House at this time, to differentiate between her and Hippolyta's followers. The Amazons link to the Nimrod Pride turns their himsati to shadow as well, but they are incapable of mastering multiple shadows. Hippolyta and her people settle among the Saka people of Scythia (in what is now Kazakhstan), they quickly come into contention with the Eremite Parthian Empire.

370 AD

The Huns cross the Volga River moving through Scythia and reach Sarmatia. The Nimrod policy of not directly interfering allows the Huns to slowly overtake the area and the area known as Scythia slowly

gives over to the Hunnic Empire in 434 AD when Anopheles sponsored Attila unites the various Hunnic tribes.

450 AD

East Slaves and Turkic Khazars begin migrating into the regions above the Black Sea, pushed there by the Western Roman Empire and the fleeing of mortal followers of Arachne and Dracul from the recent Hive Wars. The Nimrod, empowered by the addition of House Amazon, begin enforcing their borders along the Ural Mountains to the East, Caucasus Mountains to the South and the Carpathian Mountains to the West. They make it clear they desire no contact by the other Prides with the human populace in this area. In exchange they will stay clear of various affairs of the other Prides so long as they do not violate the Silence. This allows the rise of several Khaganate empires followed by the Magyars in the 800's. As these people migrated out of this geographic region, the Nimrod did not stop other Prides from influencing them (as exemplified by the Anopheles influence over the Magyars, who eventually settle in what is now Hungary).

600 AD

The Slavs have migrated over large areas of Eastern Europe and spread out to occupy a large portion of the lands north of the Black Sea. The regional center of Novgorod is established.

750 AD

The Nimrod support the Magalen and Arachne in persecution of the Anopheles and Dracul for harboring the secret of the Dark Lady's existence.

859 AD

Veliky Novgorod is established as a city in what is now Northwestern Russia and the Nimrod use it as their closest stronghold to monitoring central and western Europe. A few decades later it becomes the second city in the Kievan Rus (predecessor of the Ukraine)

882 AD

Novgorod and Kiev join to form the Kievan Rus, the predecessor to Belasarus, Russia and the Ukraine.

999 AD

The Nimrod are pressed to round up immortals affected by human faith due to fears of judeo-christian mortals over the coming millennium. The violations of the Silence are large in number and scope, and the Nimrod realize they simply cannot kill or subjugate the number of humans that have become aware of the himsati race. This becomes the first time in Nimrod history where their use of Jugglers becomes paramount, adopting "cover-up" methods into standard practice as part of enforcing the Silence rather than relying almost exclusively on subjugation or destruction of aware mortals. During this time the Dracul assist the Nimrod by creating the Bridge of Ten Thousand Ages mantle to house the many affected immortals.

1071 AD

Vseslav the Seer, becomes the high prince of Kiev (Ukraine) and disrupts Nimrod control in that region until the Nimrod force him to arrange for his own "death" as his immortal nature is making it harder and harder to maintain the Silence.

1220 AD

The Nimrod vote against the entry of the Peri into the Stratagem Pact, but the votes in favor are enough for Caliburn's followers to gain entry.

1237 AD

The Arachne's Mongol Horde burns the small growing city of Moscow to the ground as they chase remnants of the Dracul across the areas north and south of the Black Sea. They would move on thru Kievan Rus until 1242 when they would begin retreating back to the eastern side of the Ural mountains. The Nimrod enter the area to keep the Arachne from establishing strongholds north of the Black Sea as Kievan Rus begins to disintegrate as an established kingdom. Shortly thereafter the Novgorod Republic,

with assistance from the Nimrod, repel invading Morrigan-sponsored Swedes in 1240 during the Battle of Neva and again from Eremite Germanic crusaders in 1242 during the Battle of the Ice.

#### 1340 AD

The Golden Dome mantle is established within the foothills of the Carpathian mountains in what is now Truskavets in the far west of the Ukraine. The mantle contains a connection to Ys, and flocks of humans would eventually come for the “magical healing properties” of the mineral water which call ‘Naftusia’. This mantle, which remained hidden through the many occupations of this region by countries influenced by Drove Thule, the Eremites and the Arachne, served as a watchpoint over Pride activity for southern and central Europe. In the last century prior to the Great Betrayal the mantle would be the home of the Nimrod’s breeding program as it was easy to find proper humans of faith from among those coming to drink the water from the Ys-fed springs.

#### 1350 AD

The Dust causes the first of multiple plagues hit Russia every five to six years until 1490. The austerity of the Nimrod and their agenda to not bring all mortals into crowded population centers actually saves a great deal of the population. Though unable to capture or defeat the Dust, the Nimrod work towards keeping other immortals from further interfering in growing Russia.

#### 1442 AD

The Arachne capture the royal family of Wallachia (southeast Romania), and begin a discreet withdrawal of the Mongol Horde from the area. Moscow, which the Arachne allowed to grow in order to create a border between the Tatar east of the Ural Mountains and the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (which had come under heavy influence by the Thulian Drove) had become one of the most powerful cities in the region of pre-Russia.

#### 1453 AD

The Stratagem Pact disintegrates as the Nimrod vote in favor of removing the Anopheles and the Dracul from the pact. Seeing the possibility of another Shouting War, the Nimrod take swift action. The Nimrod tryst Ivan the Great (Ivan III) throws off the very last of Arachne influence over Moscow as they abandon the area by 1480. He conquers Nvgorod as it is about to fall to the Thulian controlled Lithuanians, expanding his lands.

#### 1490 AD

In an attempt to save the last of their failing Byzantine Empire, the Eremites arrange for Ivan’s marriage to the daughter of the brother of the last Byzantine emperor Constantine XI. This brought a number of Byzantine ideals which the Russian culture absorbed, including their symbols. They would also absorb the uninhabited Khersones in the foothills of the Crimean Mountains (also known as Tauri), on the north shore of the Black Sea. This would serve as the Nimrod’s primary access to the waterways of the world for a number of years.

#### 1497 AD

Ivan passes stewardship of the mantle he has created in Moscow to his grandson, another tryst. He spends the rest of his time in the physical world where he has the Kremlin restructured to look more like the mantle. The Kremlin becomes the crèche of the Nimrod until the Great Betrayal.

#### 1500 AD

Ivan has the Kremlin restructured to be more like the mantle he maintains

#### 1666 AD

Almost all the Nimrod race to London to battle the Dark Lady and the Dust; the following year the join in reinstating the Stratagem Pact. The Femme Darkle is moved to the Temple of Sheol where it is guarded by Keepers from all the Prides.

1729 AD

The Amazon House of the Nimrod infiltrates the Dahomey Kingdom of West Africa (now Benin) and begins to use the area discreetly for training for some of its Quiet Cultures. They count coup on the Terat for not discovering this until 1850 when they publicly unveiled a fighting unit of 2,000 female mortal soldiers that were reputed to be as good, if not better, than any males in the king's army.

1741 AD

The Russians begin making forays into Alaska, bringing the Nimrod who spy on them into brief but peaceful contact with the Terat. For the most part they leave the indigenous people and the Terat to their own ways but slowly build up their own population within the area over time so they may lay claim to all of Alaska (as a foothold into looking over the Prides in the New World) until the Phoenix are able to count coup on the Nimrod by getting the Russian government to sell Alaska to the Banjax-backed United States.

1768 AD

The Magdalen Ottoman and the Nimrod Russian Empire begin the Russo-Turkish War, which puts Terat-controlled Moldavia and parts of Terat-Anopheles controlled Wallachia in the middle of their war. The Nimrod are insistent that the other Prides keep their influence out of Russia. In order to increase their "buffer" zone they take control of the eastern portions of Moldavia.

1780 AD

Nimrod travel to southeast Canada after the Peri and Terat break the Silence in order to fight off a massive attack by both Gaki, Bete Noire and Drove Azhoth, the sudden daytime darkness and moonlight effect can be seen for hundreds of miles throughout Southeast Canada and Northeast United States. Based on the situation, facts presented and what she described as "excellent juggling by the Peri and Terat", Hippolyta recommends no sanctions against either Pride. This decision creates a degree of animosity between Semiramis and the House Amazon leader. Nonetheless, Hippolyta's decision is upheld by the Paragon Council.

1800 AD

Realizing the Nimrod have very little ability to monitor and enforce the Silence in North America, the Nimrod-sponsored Russians begin invading more of the indigenous people of the Terat's territory, bloodshed soon follows.

1831 AD

After the Belgian Revolution, the Nimrod (through Boudicca who had been following the Gauls into the area prior to Roman invasion in the 1<sup>st</sup> century BC), lay claim to Belgium as a neutral territory, this provides an excellent base of operations for monitoring the Prides throughout central and western Europe.

1848 AD

The "Manifesto of the Communist Party" by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels is published. Semiramis leads the Nimrod to invest heavily in these new lines of thought as being the best way to keep the human population from possibly awakening the Sanguinary; thus stopping the Sanguinary's presence in the human subconscious from awakening due to constant radical changes in Earth's mortal population. Semiramis takes command of the Kremlin and makes it the primary crèche of the Nimrod. She keeps Babylon as a personal mantle.

1850 AD

The Lysaya Hora (Bald Hill) mantle is created outside Kiev as a place of gathering and instruction. False physical locations are created to mask the real one.

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. The aftermath

of this short war would set the stage for the alliances that lead to World War I as the Aryan House of the Eremites and the Amazon House of Nimrod attempt to establish “peace” in Europe.

1881 AD

The Nimrod assist the Terat in pushing back the advancing Arachne; as part of the temporary alliance they give back their portion of Moldavian control, allowing Moldavia and Wallachia to combine to form Romania.

1914 AD

The Eremite controlled German and Austro-Hungarian Empires invade Belgium, Luxemborg, France and Serbia. In order to support the buffer of newly formed Romania the Nimrod controlled Russia joins in the battle. Unfortunately, the Nimrod have not bolstered enough mortal economic resources after the Crimean War and the Russian Empire collapses in the Russian Revolution of 1917. The Nimrod spend time reforming and putting down the mortal uprising of the provisional government with that of their own newly developed Quiet Culture: the Bolsheviks.

1922 AD

Under the guidance of their Bolshevik Quiet Culture, the Nimrod Pride gains an authoritative grip over all of Russia in the formation of the Soviet Union. Except for scattered representation, members of other Prides are summarily told they are no longer welcome in the USSR. Though still not one of the largest Prides, the Nimrod are now able to more effectively police the Silence. They begin to insinuate themselves as a police force, and invest heavily into police and local militias in parts of the world where they feel the other Prides are most in danger of creating major violations of the Silence.

1924 AD

Nimrod-controlled Belgium takes over the German colonies of Ruanda-Urundi to use as a base of operations for watching over the Silence in Africa.

1937 AD

The Nimrod and Dracul enter an alliance to stop Morigan-controlled Japan from moving into China as the Sino-Japanese War starts. The Nimrod force the mortal population out of Magnitogorsk and declare it a ‘Closed City’. It is used as a base of operations and staging point through World War II. It would be reopened in the late 1980’s after the Cold War started to dwindle and its use as a staging point was no longer needed. Unfortunately the area remains one of the larger Shallows due to a massive flooding that placed most of the village next to its steel mill under water. At the start of World War I Sussura’s “daughter” Shade returns to the Nimrod though still goes under the guise of Morgana Le Fay.

1941 AD

The Dracul create a bitter winter throughout Russia to stop Eremite’s House Aryan-sponsored German advancement against the Nimrod, repaying their debt from 1937.

1945 AD

Still blaming the North American members of the various other Prides for the handling of World War II and their insistence on interfering in World War I, Nimrod’s Russia enters a state of tense political conflict known as the Cold War. Most of this was due to the Banjax, Phoenix and Dracul’s reactions to the aftermath of the World War II and the makeup of the post-war world. The Nimrod desired to spread Communism further through the world, citing that further actions like Nagasaki and Hiroshima would certainly awaken the beast, and a more homogenous mortal world would make such actions far more difficult. A number of wars are fought between the Nimrod and other Prides (most notably those with heavy interests in the United States) via other countries: Korean War, Vietnam War, Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Soviet-Afghan War. The Nimrod bring an increased presence in the United States in San Francisco and New York city as operational staging points.

1948 AD

The Nimrod of House Amazon, Simone de Beauvoir, writes “The Second Sex”, a detailed analysis of women’s oppression and the foundation of contemporary feminism; another small wedge is driven

between the houses Coven and Amazon as House Amazon continues to become more embroiled in human affairs than their Paragon Semiramis desires. Korea is split as the Nimrod follow the Russalki into the Korean peninsula amidst the aftermath of World War II. Here they would learn Hapkido which would quickly spread to major use through the Pride as being the favored martial art alongside Pancratium (taught to House Amazon by Heracles before they defected from the Magdalen).

1964 AD

A Nimrod triad is sent by Shade to test a child to see if he is an immortal in Iethé. The boy kills one of the three; Shade becomes obsessed with the child, convinced he is from one of Samiel's prophecies. However she is placed under strict orders by Semiramis to have no contact with the child. This appears to be the date that Semiramis becomes aware of the number of Samiel's prophecies that have come true. The Amazons counter that this will lead them to more possible recruits for a Pride that has not grown as well as the others.

1970 AD

Shade, who has refused to drop the matter of the Milesian child, is banished from the Nimrod and placed with a Collar of Silence. Semiramis's ruling causes internal conflict to arise again between Hippolyta and her. The two houses of Nimrod become divided over the fate of Shade, debates over the future of the human populace, and certain laws of the Silence. Accusations are again made that the Coven's actions at the end of the Shouting War (the poisoning of the Horned Lord, imprisoning all other immortals that are found, placing the Ban on the Magdalen, etc.) were a blatant move by the Sanguinary to strengthen itself because it had control of Semiramis, Circe and others within the upper echelons of the Pride at the time via the influence of the Darkle. The House Coven maintains that the actions were necessary to end the war and ensure that the Sanguinary would not rise.

*Note: It is believed this is when Semiramis began planning the theft of the Femme Darkle.*

1980 AD

Members of the Ariarnhod and Black Druid Quiet Cultures become involved in the Goth subculture, prompting their Nimrod patrons to indirectly influence it.

1990 AD

The Femme Darkle is stolen from its vault in the remnants of the Temple of Sheol at the arrangement of Semiramis. With forces scattering from the temple to seek out the missing Femme Darkle, Semiramis returns to the temple with the Femme Darkle to begin searching for the buried Throne of Samiel (buried under the shifting sands, it is the reason the Rime chose that spot to build the living temple to house the Sanguinary).

1997 AD

The Nimrod vote against the Roane being allowed back into the Stratagem Pact, but again the majority of the votes are not in their favor. The male members of the Nimrod that were poisoned and buried in the Labyrinth vanish. These factors begin the infamous "Nimrod Civil War" as Hippolyta and Semiramis begin to heavily disagree on the future of the Pride and the direction they have been taking. Realizing the Abzulim have returned to Earth or have been on Earth for some time, Semiramis has the throne moved to her mantle of Babylon and continues to keep her specific knowledge secret from Hippolyta who she believes will soon defect from the Nimrod

1999 AD

Mass accurate attacks by the Drovers begin against all the Prides, but Semiramis is prepared, unveiling a new mantle known as Midnight that has already been fortified against the Zuzog trees of Sheol. The Nimrod hierarchy moves from the Kremlin into Midnight and takes the Dark Knot with them. Semiramis agrees to unravel the current mystical knot enforcing the ban upon the Magdalen that forces them to sin for immaculum.

2001 AD

Rather than risk the influence of the other "Courts" from influencing Hippolyta and her own followers, Semiramis simply renames the Nimrod, calling them the "Court of Shadows". They continue on exactly as they have, though Semiramis removes herself from day to day affairs and names Hippolyta as the Paragon of the Court of Shadows. The mantle of Babylon begins to fail as the tryst is bonded to the vox of Pandora and inexplicably becomes an immortal and Semiramis spends time helping to protect and hide the Throne of Samiel and the Femme Darkle.

2003 AD

During the Battle of Nivalea, Semiramis realizes that one of her prophetic visions from the Femme Darkle has come true. She takes the Coven and races to Sheol but is too late; the Abzulim have consumed the Chi Pao stones and the Furies that fuel the Hush Hush of the Sanguinary. Out in the void between Sheol and Sanctuary she can barely sense the presence of an entire mortal city, ripped from space and time (Mexico City). She unravels the portion of the Dark Knot that ties Hippolyta and other minor groups to the Court of Shadows and recalls her most trusted scions. She moves the Dark Knot from Midnight, and the Throne of Samiel and the Femme Darkle from their hidden resting place in the failing mantle of Babylon, to the ruined temple of Sheol and using the throne to activate a number of defenses with Sheol that will protect the temple from outside intrusion.

2005 AD

Hippolyta is granted a single audience with Semiramis who instructs Hippolyta to warn the Tribes to stay out of the Shadowen's way or else. Semiramis is now in possession of the Femme Darkle as well as the Throne of Samiel., an item the Abzulim highly covet and have ingrained into their Drove followers to reclaim. Safe within the Temple of Sheol, Semiramis now seeks a way to enter Mexico City to combat the Abzulim, a city lost to the minds of all but Semiramis and her ardent followers.

***The Shadowen are reborn.***