

YEAR 1200

SPRING 1200

A war of Honor between the Crab and the Spider is sanctioned by Imperial authority. Although the war is limited to the Colonies, the Crab approach the task with zeal and the mutual hatred of the two Clans ignites into jungle warfare.

The Phoenix are dragged into war by the Unicorn Clan after an insult concerning the Moto Curse suggested that the bloodlines of the Unicorn are vulnerable to spiritual corruption.

The Mantis Clan “acquires” the Ancestral Sword of the Hantei from the Imperial Families. Daigotsu Kanpeki forgives their representative for taking his ancestor’s blade because they exemplified the philosophy of Shourido in doing so.

SUMMER 1200

Daigotsu Kanpeki is deposed from his position as Spider Clan Champion by edict of Emperor Iweko II and replaced by the Emperor’s brother, Iweko Shibatsu. Kanpeki retorts with an implied threat that this action may cause his father Daigotsu, Master of Jigoku, to call off the bargain he made with Iweko I. The former Empress rebuffs and explains that Daigotsu never intended to honor their bargain; that he merely suppressed the Taint to be unleashed for later use. Kanpeki departs from the Emperor’s Court, vowing to do what he must.

Iuchi Namida mysteriously disappears from her home in Unicorn lands, supposedly after falling into Chrysanthemum Petal Lake.

The Boar Clan is reinstated as a Minor Clan. Hida Tadama marries Heichi Tochiko and reclaim their ancestral homelands in the Twilight Mountains for the Boar.

The Lion offensive near the Scorpion Wall results in the Wall falling from within to the forces of Jigoku. Reports are unclear as to the actual cause of the breach, but the Lion are quick to accuse Bayushi Nitoshi of intentionally letting it fall.

FALL 1200

Stories leak to coastal cities of strange and evil forces gathering in the Sea of Shadows. The Mantis Clan rally their fleets, prepared to defend their isles.

WINTER 1200

Iuchi Namida suddenly finds herself in Thunder Dragon Bay. She speaks with the deity guarding the place and becomes the Oracle of Thunder.