

YEAR 1204

SPRING 1204

A DESPERATE SUMMONS

In Kyuden Isawa, research begins on breaking down the barriers between the realms of Ningen-do and Tengoku. Prominent Phoenix scholars reason that, if Jigoku is coming to their realm, the way to counter the Dark Realm's influence is to invite the forces of Heaven to do battle with them. This proves difficult, however, as the drift that has been observed between Ningen-do and the Celestial realm makes their more conventional methods of contacting Tengoku impossible. They look elsewhere for solutions to their summons, as their scholars are no longer preoccupied with research into the Moto Curse.

SUMMER 1204

FRUITION OF RESEARCH

Though the process proves tiresome and draining, both on the researchers and the resources of the Clan, the Elemental Council authorizes the study of the drift of the Celestial Realm to the exclusion of all other projects. Through manipulating half-understood relics and lore stored from the time of the Kami, the Phoenix manage to snap through the barrier that has been erected between the Realms in a matter of months, though they exhaust many of their shugenja and librarians in doing so. After initial successes, the creatures that they summoned proved unwilling to involve themselves in the affairs of mortals. In secret, research begins on methods to compel their cooperation...

FALL 1204

FLIGHT OF THE EMPEROR

After having been under siege for nearly two years, the starving and desperate people of the Imperial Capital devise their last stand. The remaining guard of the Seppun Miharu burst from the city gates in a last ditch attempt to allow the Emperor escape. He, and most of his entourage flee to Ootosan Uchi and the relative safety of his brother's company. In the process, the remaining Seppun and most of the Lion forces stationed in the city are killed or corrupted. The whereabouts of Akodo Dairuko are unknown.