

## **YEAR 1207**

### **FALL 1207**

#### **THE SECOND SEAL IS BROKEN**

All throughout the season, dark portents plague the assorted families of the Mantis, heralding some coming evil beyond what they currently contend with. The Mantis Champion Yoritomo Hiromi, reinforces the fleet watching the darkness in the eastern seas.

The threats coming from the Sea of Shadows turn out to be a feint, as a force loyal to Daigotsu Kanpeki seizes the corrupted Shrine of Yoritomo while the fleet is away. The saboteurs summon a dark force that drills deep into the foundation of the island, rupturing the Second Seal in the process.

The sundering of the Seal, coupled with the massive strike at the bedrock that broke it, creates a massive earthquake felt throughout Rokugan. In the epicenter, the Isles of Silk and Spice are destroyed, and nothing but a loose archipelago of small islands and floating debris is left of the home of the Mantis. All those who were on the Isles when the event took place are killed and the fleet turns for home, chased all the while by the malevolence of the expanding Sea of Shadows.

On the mainland, the resulting natural disasters caused in the wake of the Isles' destruction buffets the coastline with tsunamis and torrents of broken stone. Coastal holdings are devastated as far out as the edge of the Colonies, with the Crane suffering the worst losses.

A few weeks later, swallowing their pride, the harried remnants of the Mantis fleet must beg asylum of the Crane that they have so often warred with. The Crane, having only the ramshackle remnants of a fleet left themselves, accept the refugee Yoritomo with open arms, for reasons known only to them.

### **WINTER 1207**

#### **THE WRATH OF HEAVEN**

The Phoenix Elemental Council deliberate how to go about taking vengeance against the Shadowlands for the damage done to their coastline. They come to the conclusion that Kanpeki's horrors cannot be allowed to make landfall, lest they become sieged from two fronts. They authorize the use of their bound ryu to meet this threat, and send for the Fire Dragon to be moved from the Western Front to defeat the titanic beast that leads the forces of Jigoku. The Shiba left to defend the western provinces report that, even after the great Dragon has left, tortured moans from its victims still echo in the scorched lands where it had been deployed, as though the spirits of those it incinerated still felt the agony of its divine flame.