

YEAR 1211

SPRING 1211

A JOURNEY ABROAD

Shinjo Min-Hee, from her base in the Colonies, sends forth emissaries to the distant city of Mendinaat-al-Salam in search of potential allies in the eventual fight to reclaim their homelands. The road to the Jewel of the Desert is fraught with perils, and the moment that the band passes beyond the edges of the Colonies, all contact with them is lost. The Unicorn can only hope that their mission will be successful, and that the city has not changed so much that their emissaries will find themselves without friends so far from their Clan.

SUMMER 1211

A MARK OF HEAVEN'S DISFAVOR

The Phoenix, desperate to find a way to recoup the losses caused by the loss of the Fire Dragon, redouble their efforts to summon and bind Celestial creatures. Despite all the prayers and magics at their disposal, the ryu come in fewer and fewer numbers. Prominent astrologers and diviners looking into the issue come to the conclusion that, with the events of recent years, all of the Empire's efforts to slow the drift of Tengoku have been undone. They predict that, within the next decade, Heaven will have abandoned Ningen-do entirely.

FALL 1211

THE REBEL ALLIANCE

Shibatsu, seeing that the years of calm do not seem to be ending, reaches out to the forces of the former Shogun and Emerald Champion. While the city of the Imperial Spider is far from any front, they have no standing army since the mutual destruction of the Spider forces many years ago. Therefore, Shibatsu makes an offer to the Last Legion: In exchange for the Legion's protection for the tiny Clan's holding, they may have full use of the city of Otosan Uchi and its resources for housing and supplying their troops. After deliberating for a week, the commanders of the Legion send word of their assent, along with the first group of farmers to work the floodplain into a more usable form. With the second group come soldiers that were once masons and woodworkers, and with the Legion's help, the ancient city starts to become both livable and defensible once more.