

YEAR 1214

SPRING 1214

TREMORS

The Crab campaign suddenly comes to a screeching halt as their efforts to purge the Spider from Lion lands is suddenly met with coordinated resistance rather than disparate warlords striking individually. On the borders of the civilized Empire, scouts from the Wall fail to return. On the coastline, the Last Legion begins to meet with their first defeats in the field, severely affecting morale among the varied forces. All throughout Rokugan, the disorganized forces of Jigoku suddenly reunite, though whether out of servility or fear, perhaps only they and the Scorpion know.

Out in the Shadowlands, a new wave of demons pours from the darkest corners of the blighted lands, laying waste to whatever untouched remnants of purity they come across. Though the Kaiu and Khol walls manage to hold against the tide, the forces do not continue to throw themselves against the barriers. Instead, marshalled by some unknown force, they roll along the edges of the walls through the occupied Unicorn provinces, and from there strike at the heart of Crab lands.

Though the Crab put up a valiant defense, the bulk of their armies are either on the Wall itself or on campaign in Lion territories. The Walls are surrounded, and despite the defenders holding out, they are the sole beacon of Crab power to remain in their homelands.

Bolstered by connecting their fronts via Scorpion lands, the forces of the returned Daigotsu Kanpeki double in strength.

SUMMER 1214

HOME COMING

Yoritomo Ichido, using the stolen power of Yoritomo and the wealth of Broken Wave City, has rebuilt a small but formidable fleet. With the few dozen remaining Yoritomo with vengeance in their hearts commanding fleets of Ronin and mercenaries with gold in their hearts, he sets sail for the miserable spits of land that have become known as the Shattered Archipelago. There, his fleet moves from small island to island, killing and salvaging as they go. Over the course of the season, they manage to reclaim all of the remains of the Mantis Isles save for the floating debris of the Shrine of Yoritomo, which is corrupted beyond all hope. Out of flotsam and whatever labor he can buy, he begins construction on makeshift docks, sending out the call to all disparate children of the Mantis that their home is returned to them.

FALL 1214

CAT AND MOUSE

With the advance of the dark army, individual efforts against the darkness become all the more dangerous. This holds especially true for the survivors of the Harriers' assault on the Nothing, as they find themselves cut off from support. Their guerilla war becomes a desperate battle for survival as the very forest turns on them. The few that fight their way free of the nightmare tell stories of horrors comparable to the Shinomen Marshes, and beg the Crane for additional reinforcements. The Doji are initially hesitant to weaken their own defenses in this time of the Tainted advance, but Akeha overrules them and sends units of the Iron Warriors to retrieve her commandos.

Unfortunately, the Iron Warriors and Heavy Regulars prove uniquely unsuited to the trench warfare and explosive duels that happen in the forest, and the surviving Harriers are only retrieved at great

loss among the more conventional forces. Akeha is reprimanded heavily by her fellow Daimyo, and she retreats from court to the front lines in disgust.