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Whenever an effect removes the queue refreshed. Is it possible to 'chain' sacrifice? For example, if a vampire would be placed into torpor, can I place the childe of the targeted vampire must be placed into torpor. Is it possible to play more than one scheme per turn? Normally only a single scheme may be played per turn. However, the game effects "play an additional scheme" allow additional schemes to be played in a single turn. What's the difference between "activate" means modify all three battlegrounds according to the vampire's attributes. "Trigger abilities"?" Activate" means modify all three battlegrounds according to the vampire's attributes. (if any) from top to bottom. Although both occur when a vampire is recruited into a bloodline, the two effects are distinct. For example: if a game effect activates a vampire, it does not also trigger their abilities (and vice versa). Do vampires in torpor count when claiming missions? No. Vampires in torpor are not considered part of the player's bloodline, and do not count when claiming missions. When an effect refers to 'any' vampire meeting certain criteria, does it apply to all vampires meeting the criteria. Is it possible to spend more boons than are necessary to carry out a scheme? Or, is it possible to simply give boons to any vampire in another player's bloodline, even when you are not carrying out a scheme? No. Boons can only be moved to another player's bloodline, even when you are not carrying out a scheme? It is a scheme? No. Boons can only be moved to another player's bloodline, even when you are not carrying out a scheme? It is a scheme? No. Boons can only be moved to another player's bloodline, even when you are not carrying out a scheme? It is a scheme? No. Boons can only be moved to another player's bloodline, even when you are not carrying out a scheme? It is a scheme? 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It almost multiple vampires are activated: are battleground effects only carried out once all of the activation? All battleground effects are always carried out in full after each activation? What happens if the character deck is completely discarded?Immediately shuffle the discarded characters into a new deck. Use this new character deck as normal. If a player is using Embrace the Chaos (the Malkavian special ability) they continue seeking the declared attribute from the top of this deck as normal. Are exhaustion tokens removed at the end of each round?No. Exhaustion remain in play unless removed via another game effect (unexhaust or rejuvenate). How does the 'bonded' ability work? A bonded vampire may not be recruited into the Ventrue bloodline in future games. What is the player order during the aftermath phase? Who applies their sticker first? What about selecting a retainer? If the player order is determined in favor of the player order is determined in favor of the player order is determined in favor of the player who claimed fewer missions. What happens if we run out of stickers for a clan? The number of stickers available to each clan has deliberately been kept low, in order to prevent any clan from becoming dominant. If a sticker must be applied instead. Note: a Thin Blood sticker must be applied instead. Note: a Thin Blood sticker must be applied but none remain for this clan, a Thin Blood sticker must be applied but none remain for the applied instead. reasons ("This character doesn't feel like a Gangrel...") or for strategic reasons ("I want want to keep Gangrel stickers for later in the chronicle"). What happens if we run out of Thin Blood stickers? This is extremely unlikely to happen. However, in this case, apply a sticker from any other clan. Do unlocked clan leaders return to the player's haven after being used in a chapter, or are they sent to the clan box?Unlocked clan schemes remain unlocked for the rest of the chronicle.Can I sacrifice when using the ability sticker Rites (Cruelty 6)?No. For this reason, the clan leader cannot be selected to place into torpor. Does it matter which side the clan politics token is flipped up. Is it possible to move an ankh into a court already controlled by a rival faction?No.What happens when / is activated, but that archetype's token is already in judices? Is the token flipped (if necessary) to match the activating vampire's / ?Yes. The associated token remains in judices, but is flipped if necessary to match.What happens during the respite phase if a vampire has more than 1 matching ankh? Do they gain multiple, or just 1? The vampire only gains 1. Can a player recruit more than any other player. If a scheme allows a player to recruit a character, this must be carried out instead of their normal recruit phase.What happens when a Malkavian player uses Embrace the Chaos to recruit an ancilla? Are the full effects of the scheme carried out before or after the vampire and triggering their abilities. The remainder of the scheme is only carried out after these steps. Can a bonded vampire from a non-Malkavian clan be recruited into the Malkavian bloodline using Embrace the Chaos? No. The bonded ability would take precedence. In this case, discard the character and continue searching for the named attribute. What happens when a vampire declared an enemy by
the Brujah is usurped? Does the new vampire become their enemy, or is the Brujah scheme discarded? The new vampire remains an enemy to the Brujah. What happens to monstrosity scheme are returned to the game? Each expansion includes a rules card explaining the new component types, and how they are used in the chronicle deck. These cards can either be added to the chronicle deck when first beginning the campaign, or you can check each box after each game to see which components should now be revealed. What if I don't want to add all the expansion content at the beginning of the chronicle? Can I see which additional content should be added after each chapter? Yes. You can check the card ID numbers in relation to the chronicle deck, in order to see which cards should be revealed in each aftermath phases. The boardgamegeek user and a sport this link (spoiler alert). Is it possible to banish a clan leader? No. Absolutely not! Why does the chapter resolution cards each show an additional asset. The victor of this game takes the card itself, which can be played at any time as a regular asset. Tabletop role playing gameThis article is about the tabletop game. For other uses, see Vampire: The MasqueradeSecond edition coverDesignersMark Rein-Hagen, Graeme Davis, Tom Dowd, Lisa Stevens, Stewart Wieck [1] PublishersWhite Wolf PublishingOnyx Path PublishingModiphius EntertainmentRenegade Game Studios[2]By Night StudiosPublication1991 (first edition)2018 (Fifth Edit)2018 playing game (tabletop RPG), created by Mark Rein-Hagen and released in 1991 by White Wolf Publishing, as the first of several Storyteller System games for its World of Darkness setting line.[3][4] It is set in a fictionalized "gothic-punk" version of the modern world, where players assume the role of vampires, referred to as Kindred or Cainites, who struggle against their own bestial natures, vampire hunters, and each other.[5]Several associated products were produced based on Vampire: The Masquerade, including live-action role-playing games (Mind's Eye Theatre), dice, collectible card games (The Eternal Struggle), video games (Redemption, Bloodlines, Swansong and Bloodlines 2, Bloodhunt), and numerous novels. In 1996, a short-lived television show loosely based on the game, Kindred: The Embraced, was produced by Aaron Spelling for the Fox Broadcasting Company. Vampire was inspired by role-playing games (RPGs) such as Call of Cthulhu, RuneQuest, and Nightlife, as well as the writings of Joseph Campbell and vampire films such as The Lost Boys. Rein-Hagen felt that hunting vampires would get boring as a game premise, so he came up with the idea of a game wherein the players played vampires instead of hunting them.[6][7] Rein-Hagen said he purposefully did not read Anne Rice's Vampire Chronicles until "very late" in the development process but admitted she was probably an influence on the vampire films that inspired to go beyond what Anne Rice to create a whole secret vampire's central themes of the power of belief developed out of Rein-Hagen's religious upbringing. Inspired by a comic book given to him by White Wolf business partner Stewart Wieck, Rein-Hagen developed the idea of Cain (spelled Caine in the game) as the progenitor of all vampires was a "big turning point."[6] After initially "trying to shy away from religion", this encouraged him to lean into the religious themes.[6] Vampire was conceived as a dark urban fantasy game, with a gothic feel similar to TSR's Ravenloft. It would also be the first of a series of linked games sharing the same game world.[8] Shannon Appelcline suggests that its visual style was considered striking at the time its simple cover featured a photo of a rose on green marble. The game also focused on plots, intrigue, and character as opposed to more straightforward dungeon scenarios. While the RPG industry in general had been trending towards a more narrative approach, Vampire is considered one of the first mainstream games to focus on these elements.[8] The vampires, or Kindred, were also given an extensive list of broad supernatural powers called Disciplines, which included superior strength, speed, and toughness, as well as other powers such as mystic senses, mind control, and blood magic. This helped the game appeal to fans of the superhero genre, which was more marketable at the time than horror. The 13 clans, based on vampiric archetypes, were added late in the development process, after a suggestion by Chris McDonough that players and led to the popularization of the splatbook.[8][9]:1617For the game's mechanical elements, Rein-Hagen turned to Tom Dowd, co-designer of Shadowrun (1989). Vampire's system of "comparative" dice pools drew on the mechanics innovated by Shadowrun, changing only the type of dice rolled from six-sided to ten-sided. Players rolled a number of dice determined by their skills, similar to games like Champions, but rather than adding the results of the dice together, Vampire counted the number of dice which met or exceeded a target number or difficulty. Skill levels were relatively low, ranging usually from one to five, and were represented with dots rather than numbers, which was the standard of its contemporaries. Players could quickly calculate their dice pool and roll against the assigned difficulty rating. Appelcline suggests this system aided a style of play which emphasized story over mechanics, as it was easy for new players to quickly grasp, though it sometimes produced unexpected results, such as a highly skilled character being more likely to fumble.[8]See also: List of Vampire: The Masquerade booksThe original 1991 version was superseded by a second edition in 1992 and the Revised Edition in 1998.[8] The Vampire: The Masquerade game line was discontinued in 2004, at which point it was superseded by Vampire: The Requiem.[10][11][9]:228229 In mid-2010, White Wolf switched exclusively to a print-on-demand model via online role playing game store DriveThruRPG, starting with a number of formerly out of print Vampire: The Masquerade books and gradually making more titles available as they were ready for print.[9]:752On March 17, 2011, White Wolf announced Vampire: The Masquerade, 20th Anniversary Edition, which was published during the Grand Masquerade event in New Orleans on September 1517, 2011, and released to the attendees. Customers not attending The Grand Masquerade were offered a limited time preorder option. The 20th Anniversary Edition (or V20) contains revisions of rules and is a compendium of information previously provided in supplemental material in the game's earlier life. V20 officially revived Vampire: The Masquerade as part of White Wolf Publishing's shift to a printon-demand business model, and multiple new Masquerade products were subsequently announced. [12][13][14] After White Wolf ceased publishing books directly, the licences to its tabletop roleplaying games, including Vampire, were transferred to Onyx Path Publishing, founded by former White Wolf Art Director Rich Thomas. [9]:752[15] White Wolf's live-action Mind's Eye Theatre products were published by By Night Studios.[15][16][17]In August 2015, Onyx Path Publishing announced its intention to create a fourth edition of Vampire.[18][19] Two months later, Paradox Interactive purchased White Wolf and all of its intellectual properties from CCP Games. It was announced that White Wolf, which would move ahead with a new edition of the game instead of Onyx Path, and White Wolf would remain a subsidiary of Paradox Interactive.[19][20] With game designer Kenneth Hite as lead developer, Vampire: The Masquerade, Fifth Edition (also known as V5) was subsequently released in early 2018.[21][22][23] It was distributed by Modiphius Entertainment, [24][25][26] with production of supplements licensed to multiple publishers, including Modiphius and Onyx Path. [27][28] After the release of the Anarch sourcebook in November 2018, Paradox Interactive announced it would no longer allow White Wolf to develop the series in-house due to references in the sourcebook to the anti-gay purges in Chechnya and other controversies surrounding White Wolf.[24][29] In December 2018, Paradox announced that Modiphius Entertainment would continue the development of the series with final approval by Paradox Interactive.[30][31]In November 2020, Paradox Interactive announced that Renegade Game Studios would become the publishing partner for the entire World of Darkness brand and they would release all future Vampire: The Masquerade products.[2][32] The company also announced it would bring IP development back in-house under the World of Darkness team.[33][32] hiring former lead developer Justin Achilli as the World of Darkness Creative Lead.[32] 2021, the core rulebook and several other products were revised and updated to "meet new ethical standards enforced by the team at Paradox".[34] In July 2021, Renegade Game Studios released the updated versions of Vampire: The Masquerade, Fifth Edition books for retail distribution.[35] The online toolset World of Darkness Nexus, which supports Vampire: The Masquerade and other games in the series, was launched in June 2022. Nexus includes bundles of both physical and digital game products, and contains a rules and lore compendium, character creation and management tools, matchmaking, and video chat functionality.[36][37][38]The game uses the vampiric condition as a backdrop to explore themes of morality, the human condition, salvation, and personal horror. The setting is a gloomy and exaggerated version of the real world in which vampires and other monsters exist, called the World of Darkness.[8][9]Main article: Storyteller SystemVampire is based on the Storyteller System. The actions taken during gameplay are expressed using ten-sided dice. The number of dice used correspond to the player's ability. For example, to land a punch, the character's dexterity and brawl skill are combined. The resulting number is the
number of dice rolled to perform the task. The Storyteller then sets a target number or difficulty (usually 6) which must be achieved on at least one die to successful the action is.[8][9]:1617In addition to the general Storyteller rules, it uses a number of specific mechanics aimed towards simulating the vampiric existence. A vampire has a blood pool signifying the amount of human blood or vitae currently in their body; this blood can be spent to power abilities and perform supernatural tricks. These tricks simulate many of those portrayed in film, such as turning into animals or mist, surviving and healing from grievous injuries or having unnatural charisma and powers of hypnotic suggestion. Close to the central theme of the game is humanity scores, measuring how closely in touch with human nature they are; as Humanity decreases, vampires become more susceptible to the Beast, the feral side of the vampiric soul that is driven entirely by rage, hunger, and fear. Inhumane actions risk lowering a vampire's Humanity score. If the individual's Humanity drops to zero, the Beast takes over and the vampire becomes a monstrous, barely sentient creature called a wight.[citation needed]Vampires in the World of Darkness, known as Kindred or Cainites, make use of several familiar tropes of vampires in myth and legend such as immortality and a powerful thirst for blood. They are undead, so their hearts do not beat, they do not age, their skin is cold and pale, and the only sustenance they require is blood. Kindred are thinking, feeling beings capable of thought, emotion, and empathy (though this capacity may diminish with age, or through a desensitization caused by immoral actions, referred to as "loss of Humanity").[39]:8 Other tropes or weaknesses are described as mere legends or superstitions, such as a vampire's victim becoming a vampire's victim becoming a vampire simply from a bite. characteristics to come into play.[39]:8 Sunlight is deadly but will immobilize them until removed.[39]:8 Also, within each Kindred is the Beast the carnal, predatory drive which seeks to satisfy its base urge to survive. The Beast can be provoked through anger, mortal threats, hunger, or bloodlust. When provoked, the Beast is capable of taking over the Kindred's conscious mind, forcing them into a frenzied state where they take violent actions that they perhaps otherwise would not. One of the major themes of Vampire is a character's battle to hold onto their humanity in the face of their own violent, predatory nature.[39]:1617 This is summed up in the adage, "A Beast I Am, Lest a but they can die. Fire, sunlight, decapitation, supernatural powers, or succumbing to a clan weakness can cause Kindred to reach what is referred to as Final Death.[39]:283284The Kindred refer to their own supernatural blood as vitae, which they gain by feeding on humans. In-game, vitae is measured in blood points, which can be spent to fuel supernatural powers, to heal wounds, or to increase their physical strength, agility, or stamina.[40] A vampire's vitae can be fed to others to inspire false feelings of love and obsession, creating a dependency called the Blood Bond. In most cases, a victim must drink three times from the same vampire on three separate nights to become bonded to them. Once bonded, the victim feels a twisted sort of love for the vampire and they become the most important person in their life. The victim also becomes more susceptible to mind control by that vampires may also be bound. The Sabbat practice a form of group blood bonding called the Vaulderie, which inspires loyalty among the sect. It will also instantly break conventional blood bonds can usually only be negated with time and effort, depending on how strong the bond is and whether the victim can avoid the vampire for long enough.[39]:286288Vampires create more of themselves by draining a human to the point of death and then feeding the victim some of their blood, in an act known as the Embrace. The creator vampire is known as the Embrace. the victim must be freshly dead (no more than a few minutes old). A vampire's relative power is limited by their generation, which is their relative distance from the race's mythical founder, Caine by descent; their own progeny would always be nine steps removed, and hence of the tenth generation.[39]:28 Characters can only lower their generation by committing diablerie as a criminal act.[39]:24,28In some sects, such as the Camarilla, the creation of new Kindred is tightly controlled.[39]:2223 Among the Sabbat or the Anarchs, the norms are much looser.[39]:19 Individual clans, especially the independent clans, have different norms, rituals and restrictions surrounding the Embrace.[39]:64[39]:47,5657Vampires in the World of Darkness believe their race originates from the Biblical figure of Cain, or Caine, Caine was said to have been cursed by God with a vampiric state for murdering his brother. The vampires of this canon believe themselves to be descended from this Biblical progenitor. Caine passed on his cursed state to others, thereby making them like himself, only somewhat weaker. These first childer, known as the Antediluvians. There were supposedly 13 Antediluvians, who are the semi-legendary founders of the 13 original clans. According to in-game legend, all of these vampires lived in peace under Caine disappeared, leaving his children to fend for themselves. The third generation eventually rose up and slew their sires. Caine, upon discovering this, cursed them, giving each clan its own unique weakness.[41] These myths are collected in an in-game document of dubious reliability known as the Book of Nod. Those who study the mythical vampire origins are called Noddists. Noddists claim Caine will return at the end of time to judge his descendants: the Antediluvians and all vampires. Others claim that Gehenna is simply the awakening of the Antediluvians who have returned to feed on the blood of their descendants. [39]:30Differing interpretations of the myths divide vampire society. The Sabbat take the myths quite literally and believe it is their purpose to defend vampires from the ancients. The Camarilla is more dismissive, either claiming that Caine is a myth or metaphor, or outright suppressing the myths and their study. Contentions between the different societies surrounding the origins of vampires and Gehenna are important in-game motivations for the Jyhad that color each character's understanding of their world. According to the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important themes in the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important the game's creators, the myth of Caine represents several important the myth of Caine represents several impor apocalypse, questions of faith, conspiracies, and the war between the young and old.[39]:1415,28 In contrast to Gehenna, Golconda is a fabled state of enlightenment which offers Kindred a release from their struggle with the Beast. Golconda is a fabled state of enlightenment which offers Kindred as an elusive and mysterious state, and there is very little information in-game or out as to how to achieve it.[39]:30In Vampire, the Masquerade refers to an organized conspiracy, primarily maintained by the Camarilla, to convince the general public that vampires do not exist. The Camarilla believes the Masquerade is the cornerstone survival strategy for Kindred and fear that without it the kine (humans) would rise up and exterminate them [39]:14,22,33 Prohibitions against exposing the existence of Kindred existed prior to the Camarilla's formation, however, in a set of ancient laws known as the Traditions. The First Tradition reads: "Thou shall not reveal thy true nature to those not of the Blood. Doing such shall renounce thy claims of Blood."[39]:2223 This stricture was not consistently nor as strictly enforced until the Inquisition of the 15th century required it. During this period, Kindred were destroyed in large numbers by vampire hunters, prompting the formation of the Camarilla as a sect whose primary purpose was to promote and enforce the Masquerade.[39]:38The Masquerade is largely enforced through selfpolicing, but it is primarily the job of the Prince in Camarilla controlled cities to enforce it. Princes may use any means at their disposal to ensure vampire society stays hidden. Punishments for breaches are usually draconian in nature due to the seriousness of the Masquerade. Final Death, often by means of a
ritualized "Blood Hunt" by other vampires, is not uncommon. When breaches do occur, the Camarilla takes great pains to repair them. This could include anything from erasing a mortal's memories using supernatural powers to manipulating mortal pawns in order to keep events out of the media.[39]:3839 The Masquerade is one of the main in-game points of contention between the two major factions of vampires in the World of Darkness. While many vampires see the pragmatism in the Masquerade, some do not agree with it. The Sabbat do not agree with it. The Sabbat do not agree with it. The Sabbat do not agree with it. after the intelligence agencies of the world discovered the existence of a clandestine computer network known as the SchreckNET, they formed the Second Inquisition. Utilizing the knowledge of the Society of St. Leopold, which had been canonized under the Vatican, they killed thousands of vampires the world over. This forced a secondary level of secrecy in the game world. Vampires now use everything from burner phones and disposable email, to the use of carrier pigeons and information. The Camarilla has also become more insular, only accepting notable Kindred, and leaving the recently Embraced to be slaughtered or adopted by the Anarchs, who have also adopted tenets of the Camarilla's masquerade to protect themselves. [42] A diagram of the genealogy of the AssamitesVampires in the World of Darkness have a complex and diverse secret society with a range of ideologies, goals, and backgrounds. Sects largely divide along ideological disputes surrounding the distribution of power among vampires, the role of vampires in this setting is through age. Younger vampires and purpose of vampires in this setting is through age. While ambition can provide a degree of upward mobility among immortals, oftentimes respect comes to those who can prove they can survive.[39]:1819 Characters are loosely divided into several age groups. Ages are not titles or jobs but rather loose descriptions to describe a vampire's development and the social expectations that come with aging. [39]:19Fledgling: Newly Embraced vampires who have yet to formally enter vampire society. Fledglings are still too ignorant and weak to survive on their own and is seen as a full-fledged member of their society. Ancillae: An ancilla has survived a few decades or perhaps a few centuries. They have also likely accomplished something in their time for their sect or clan. Elder: A relative term that could indicate a vampire is anywhere between 200 and 1,000 years old. They generally have a great deal of wealth, influence, or power to leverage in the Jyhad.Methuselah: Methuselahs range between 1,000 and 2,000 years old. At this age, vampires begin to retreat from society and many do not survive the profound changes brought on by surviving this long. 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For most of the game's publication history, the two major sects were the Camarilla and the Sabbat, but there are other sects as well, such as the Inconnu and the Tal'maha'Re. A sect is something a character may choose in-game, though this decision is often chosen for them by their sire. differences between the Camarilla and the Sabbat.[39]:1922 A clan is the character's vampire family. All members of a clan allegedly descend from the same founder, known as Antediluvian (since they existed "before the Flood"). It is widely accepted that there are 13 clans with 13 founders, though not all of them predate the biblical Flood. Some clan founders, such as Giovanni or Tremere, usurped their position via diablerie. Clans may have a social or political component to them, but a clan are known as Caitiff, and are considered outsiders. Each Antediluvian is a grandchilde of Caine. In the back story of the game, the Antediluvians started a war among themselves, called the Jyhad, and use their clansmen to fight this war for them.[39]:1922Each clan has a unique set of powers called Disciplines, and their own set of weaknesses. Two of the original clans, the Salubri and Cappaodcians, were usurped by newer bloodlinesthe Tremere and Giovanni, respectively. The 13 major clans are: Banu Haqim: Formerly known as the Assamites before Fifth Edition, the Banu Haqim (lit. 'Children of Haqim') are undead assassins paid in Vitae for use in a special ritual that bring them closer to their Antediluvian, Haqim. Originally they were independent of the sects, but joined the Camarilla in Fifth Edition [39]:20,49[43][pageneeded]Brujah: The Brujah were noble philosophers and warrior-poets at the time of Carthage, but have degenerated to a clan of rebels, rogues, and anti-authoritarians. Brujah possess great passion that makes it harder for them to resist the Beast. The Brujah are one of the seven founding clans of the Camarilla.[39]:20,51 In Fifther for them to resist the Beast. Edition, most of them joined the Anarch Movement.[43][pageneeded]Gangrel: The Gangrel are animalistic shape-shifters who shun the cities for the wilderness beyond. They prefer to run with wild animals rather than play politics with others of their kind. When Gangrel frenzy, they resemble the Beast, taking on animal features. Gangrel are one of the founding clans of the Camarilla, although their leadership officially became independent at the end of the 1990s. Some Gangrel remain in the Camarilla while others are found in the Anarchs. [39]:20,5455[43]:140,406Hecata: The Hecata formed from the ashes of several, mostly related bloodlines of necromancers, after the leader of the largest faction, Augustus Giovanni, was slain in Fifth Edition. The Giovanni descend from a Venetian merchant family whose patriarch usurped clan Cappadocian, an older lineage with a more scholarly bent. The Giovanni descend from a Venetian merchant family whose patriarch usurped clan Cappadocian, an older lineage with a more scholarly bent. The Giovanni descend from a Venetian merchant family whose patriarch usurped before them, actively remain independent.[39]:20,5657[43]:63[44]:125Lasombra: Historically associated with religion and rulership, the Lasombra see power over others and themselves as their noblesse oblige. As one of the two founding clans of the Sabbat, they gained notoriety for allegedly destroying their Antediluvian founder. They control shadows and study the Abyss, and they do not appear in mirrors. [39]:20,5859 In Fifth Edition, around half of the Lasombra join the Camarilla. [45]:126Malkavian: The Malkavians are lunatics whose madness grants them strange insights. Their Discipline of Dementation allows them to spread their insanity like a plague, but they are respected for their oracular abilities. They appear connected to a hive-mind they call the Malkavian Madness Network, and are one of the founding clans of the Camarilla.[39]:20,6061The Ministry: Formerly known as the Followers of Set, this clan of cultists once worshipped their Antediluvian progenitor, the Egyptian god Set. Now they worship the metaphorical "Set within". They are masters of forbidden lore and spread corruption and temptation through the world. Setites are especially sensitive to light. As the Followers of Set, they were independent of the sects. [39]:20,5253 In Fifth Edition, they have rebranded as the Ministry, and have allied themselves with the Anarchs. [46]:91,178185Nosferatu: At the Embrace, every Nosferatu turns into a hideous monster, forcing them to learn (and trade) secrets others would rather keep hidden. Prior to Fifth Edition, this included maintaining the vampire "internet", ShreckNet. They are one of the founding members of the Camarilla.[39]:20,6263Ravnos: The Ravnos are seen as outcasts, vagabonds, and charlatans. Many of them follow complicated rules concerning the nature of illusion and reality. The Ravnos are thrillseekers who are subject to intense vices and virtues, making it hard for them to stay in one place for too long. After their Antediluvian awoke and was destroyed, the clan was temporarily overcome with madness. Now the Ravnos are greatly depleted in number, and sometimes debauched hedonists fascinated by the mortal world. Toreador often Embrace for beauty or to preserve artistic talent. They are enthralled by beauty, and suffer when deprived of it. They are one of the former clan softhe Salubri, solidifying the Tremere's clan status. Until Fifth Edition, the Tremere were intensely hierarchical, with every member partially blood bound to their ruling elders. Now the clan is fractured, with its four houses aligned to different sects: House Tremere (Camarilla), House Carna (independent), House Ipsissimus (Anarch), and House Goratrix (formerly Sabbat, currently unknown). The Tremere are one of the founding clans of the Camarilla.[39]:20,6869[43]:94,385[46]:170172Tzimisce: Otherworldly and scholarly, the Tzimisce claim to have destroyed their founder and are pillars of the Sabbat. The Tzimisce are known for their pursuit of metamorphosis, sculpting flesh and bone like clay, and making horrific war-ghouls.[39]:20,7071 In Fifth edition, some Tzimisce have joined the Anarchs.[43]:63[45]:126Ventrue: The Ventrue traditionally play the roles of aristocrats and kings, seeking
power and wealth to support their rule over Kindred and Kine. The Ventrue are picky eaters who may only feed from a specific kind of vessel (e.g. virgins, blondes, youngest siblings). They are one of the founding clans of the Camarilla.[39]:20,7273Most Sabbat vampires consider themselves to be "anti-clans" or antitribu, in rebellion against their parent clans' values, goals, or loyalties. For example, Toreador within the Sabbat consider themselves Toreador antitribu. Some are so different that they are considered different bloodlines, manifesting different Disciplines or weaknesses, or even a different name.[39]:43 Until Fifth Edition, the Lasombra and Tzimisce did not consider themselves antitribu, as most of their members were within the Sabbat were considered antitribu while the Tzimisce outside the Sabbat were referred to as the Old Clan. A Sabbat offshoot of the Followers of Set is known as the Serpents of the Light, and have rejected both the clan founder and his Egyptian origin, in favor of the cultural trappings of Caribbean voodoo.[39]:436,439Bloodlines cannot trace their lineage to an Antediluvian founder or are too few in number to be considered to be offshoots of existing clans, while others have no known originand in some cases, they are remnants of "true" clans who were replaced or usurped by another bloodline (such as the Salubri, who were usurped by the Tremere). All bloodlines are exceptionally rare in the game, leaving most of the interactions and storylines centered around the clans.[39]:393When released in 1991, Vampire: The Masquerade was one of the top ten best selling tabletop role-playing games of the year in the United States.[47] Martin Wixted reviewed Vampire: The Masquerade is a game which will leave you thirsting for campaign-style play. Its character development elements are particularly rich and satisfying over a period of extended adventuring. But with pregenerated characters and the possibility for mayhem that the power of a vampire persona offers, don't forget to try a simple night out."[48]In the November 1991 edition of Dragon (Issue 175), Allen Varney said the production values were unprofessional, including "amateurish" artwork and poor copy-editing. Varney also found the rules lacking in sufficient detail. However, he applauded the wide-ranging campaign advice, saying: "There are whole chapters on how to plot stories, maintain suspense, handle players, and so on." He concluded, "If you're up for a potent and even passionate role-playing experience, look for this game."[49] Steve Crow reviewed Vampire: The Masquerade (2nd edition) in White Wolf #34 (Jan./Feb. 1993), rating it 5 out of 5, and said: "The layout has been cleaned up, the text is crisp, clear and fully intact from the original, and the MOOD! Yow!"[50]In a 1996 reader poll by Arcane magazine Vampire: The Masquerade was ranked 6th on a list of the 50 most popular roleplaying games of all time. Editor Paul Pettengale said that, although it had a tendency to take itself, and to the structure and design of the game". He said that while the game was often hard to get right, "it can be an immensely interesting and thought-provoking game, and one of the most effective horror RPGs around" with the right group.[51]Scott Taylor for Black Gate in 2013 rated Vampire: The Masquerade as #10 in the top ten role-playing games of all time, saying, "I don't like vampires, be they shiny or horrific, this game has to be given its props as it propelled White Wolf into a full-fledged gaming companies were in the process of dying in droves."[52]In 1992, Vampire: The Masquerade won Casus Belli's awards for the best role-playing game of 1992, and for the best French translation of a role-playing game of 1992[54]In 2007, the game was inducted into the Origins Awards Hall of Fame.[55][56]In 2019, the 5th edition of Vampire: The Masquerade won the Origins Award for Best Roleplaying Game of the Year and won the Origins Fan Favorite Award.[57] It is the "second RPG to win Best-Roleplaying Game twice". [58]In 2023, interactive novel Vampire: The Masquerade Sins of the Sires by Natalia Theodoridou was nominated for the Nebula Award for Best Game Writing. [59]Shadis #29Drago Brasil #1 (1994) (Portuguese) [60]Dosdediez (Nmero 7 - Feb/Mar 1995) [61]Steve Jackson Games published an adaptation of Vampire: The Masquerade using their popular GURPS generic table-top roleplaying system. They followed this book up with a supplement called GURPS rules and are no longer in print. The Steve Jackson company also produced GURPS conversions of Werewolf: The Apocalypse, and Mage: The Ascension. Werewolf: The Apocalypse, Mage: The Ascension, Wraith: The Oblivion, Changeling: The Ascension, Wraith: The Oblivion, Changeling: The Ascension, Wraith: The Apocalypse, and Demon: The Resurrection, Kindred of the East, and Demon: Masquerade first established. Vampire: The Requiem is a spiritual successor to the game, introduced when the original game was ended in 2004. Although it is an entirely new game, it uses many elements of the old game, including many clan and discipline names and a modified version of the Storyteller rules system called Storytelling system. At the White Wolf Camarilla meeting in October 2009 it was decided to re-support the Storyteller games both in the official Camarilla fan club and outside to Table Top players. Under the title Mind's Eye Theatre system. Vampire: The Eternal Struggle (first published 1994 as Jyhad), a traditional collectible card game based on Vampire, was produced by Wizards of the Coast and later by White Wolf. It is currently produced by Black Chantry, a company founded solely for this purpose, under license by Paradox Interactive, by republishing old cards and making minor balancing adjustments to the rules or card texts. The relaunch by Black Chantry changes the mode of distribution by scrapping booster packs in favor of non-randomized precompiled card sets. A fifth edition was released in 2020, [citation needed]In 2020, Paradox licensed the setting to several game production companies, leading to multiple Kickstarter campaigns.Vampire: The Masquerade Rivals is a re-interpretation of The Eternal Struggle, changing and simplifying some of the rules. It is produced by Renegade Game Studios and is marketed as an 'expandable card game', rather than a traditional trading card game. The initial boxed release included decks for four players as well as one set of "city" cards, which are used by all players equally. This moves the game closer to a traditional board game where the city cards are required to play, as opposed to a traditional TCG, where any two players control a clan vying over control for a span of 600 years. Vampire: The Masquerade Chapters is a board game using miniatures which follows a story campaign, trying to emulate the experience of an RPG campaign without the need for a Storyteller (i.e. game master). Vampire: The Masquerade Vendetta is a card-based strategy game about controlling territory in Chicago. Vampire: The Masquerade Blood Feud is a board game for up to 32 players which requires a Storyteller. Vampire: The Masquerade Prince's Gambit is a card-based game in which part of the players form a hostile faction whose membership is unknown, similar to the Werewolf or Mafia party games. Blood Points accessory by Shield Games were small glass beads to help player keep track of their powers in Vampire and Jyhad. Main article: List of World of Darkness video games Vampire: The Masquerade Redemption, a video game based upon the Vampire and published in 2000 by Activision. Vampire: The Masquerade Bloodlines. Developed by Troika Games and published by Activision in 2004, it uses Valve's Source engine. A sequel, Bloodlines 2, is in development as of 2024. Vampire: The Masquerade Coteries of New York is a video game by Draw Distance, released in 2019 for Windows PC, and 2020 for other platforms. [62] A sequel, Bloodlines 2, is in development as of 2024. Vampire: The Masquerade, a line of interactive fiction titles developed by Choice of Games from 2020 to 2022. Vampire: The Masquerade Bloodhunt, a video game is a free-to-play battle royale game is a free-to-play battle royale game in development by Big Bad Wolf, released in 2022 for Microsoft Windows, Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 5, Xbox One, and Xbox Series X/S.Vampire: The Masquerade Justice, a virtual reality game was released on November 2, 2023.[63]Moonstone Books published a series of comic book adaptations of Vampire: The Masquerade beginning in 2001 which are now hard to find, but some of them made it into DriveThruRPG's Print on Demand service.[64][65]There have been multiple novels yublished, the most extensive one being the so-called 'Clan Novels', which came in a current time and a medieval series.Vampire: The Masquerade is an ongoing horror comic book published by Vault Comics since 2020.[66] [67]World of Darkness: Crimson Thaw (2021) is a limited series comic published by Vault Comics.[68][69] It contains game "material for the fifth edition of the series in their own games".[69] It also merges lore with Werewolf: The Apocalypse.[69][70]Kindred: The Embraced, a 1996 television series based on Vampire, was produced by Aaron Spelling. A compilation album, called Music from the Succubus Club, was released by Dancing Ferret Discs to serve as a soundtrack for the Vampire RPG.L.A. by Night is an actual play web series using the Fifth Edition of Vampire, led by Jason Carl as the storyteller, which premiered in September 2018. The cast includes regular members B. Dave Walters, Cynthia Marie, Alexander Ward, Erika Ishii, Xander Jeanneret, and Josephine McAdam.[71][72] The first three seasons were distributed by Geek & Sundry, but the fourth season onwards was hosted on World of Darkness' channels.[73]Seattle by Night is an actual play web series and podcast, distributed by Penny Arcade, using the Fifth Edition of Vampire, led by Jason Carl as the
Storyteller, which premiered in November 2019.[74][77] The second season starred Krahulik, Bhullar, Holkins and Litterell, Jasmine Bhullar, and Jerry Holkins.[76][74][77] The second season starred Krahulik, Bhullar, Holkins and Luis Carazo, and is a prequel to Vampire: The Masquerade Bloodlines 2.[77][78][79][80]Vein Pursuit is an actual play web series, distributed on the official World of Darkness' channels, using the Fifth Edition of Vampire. It premiered in January 2020. Karim Muammar acts as Storyteller and the show features various Paradox Interactive and Hardsuit Labs employees who play as a group of "incompetent Anarch envoys trying to drive from L.A. to Seattle to back up a courier". The events of the show precede the video game Bloodlines 2.[74][81][82]NY by Night is an actual play web series using the Fifth Edition of Vampire, led by Jason Carl as the storyteller, which premiered in July 2022. 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