

THE ARACHNE HISTORY

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Circa 38 Million BC

Samiel forces his consort Lilith (an enormous spider-like creature) to breed with the Drone. Theories on the origins of the Drone range from it being an artificially created intelligence, a creature from the far-flung Dominions or possibly the child of Samiel and Lilith. Lilith spawns a new breed different from the Hive, the Arachne. Though not possessed of the Drone's precognitive abilities, they possess an innate curiosity about the nature of time. The Arachne are made immortal and serve as personal servants to Lilith.

Circa 35 Million BC

Inspired by cryptic prophecies given to him by the Drone, Samiel secretly leaves Earth and seeks the Labyrinth. Lilith runs the Empire as if receiving commands from Samiel. Eventually other Abzulim discover that Samiel is gone, but he returns before any type of coup can be orchestrated. Lilith immediately submits to her King, but notes a change in Samiel's behavior. Samiel immediately has the Drone incarcerated in a newly constructed dimensional fortress called Babel. A contingent of the Hive is brought to a location nearby Earth where they are watched over by the Arachne. Fallen Abzulim who grew to pose a threat to Samiel during his absence are captured and brought to this location, where the Arachne oversee the Hive contingent re-craft flesh and shard into inter-dimensional warships capable of traveling vast distances in time and space: lighters.

Circa 20 Million BC

The remaining Abzulim discover the fate of the missing Abzulim and attempt to overthrow Samiel. Samiel engenders a new breed of slaves called Anopheles, a blood-thirsty group of concubines that Samiel can empower to become deadly shock-troops at his command. He brings Lilith to Babel and places the Arachne in complete control of the Hive, cutting off her access to them. The Arachne are instructed to have the Hive build a throne from the shards of the newly fallen Abzulim traitors. Using the throne he is able to coordinate his entire star/dimension spanning empire.

Circa 13 Million BC

Insanity overtakes Samiel; in a desperate fit he whispers the prophecies of the Drone to an Arachne slave. That slave kept the prophecies to himself until he also went mad millions of years later. After Samiel tears his own head from his body, Lilith ascends to the ruling seat of the Abzulim Empire. She frees the Drone and begins to study its teachings, passing these on to her Arachne children.

Circa 9 Million BC

The workshops and vault of Samiel (Furnace and Foundry respectively) are discovered by Lilith. She begins toiling on a number of unfinished artifacts Samiel had been creating prior to his self-destruction. She attempts to penetrate the mysteries of what Samiel discovered in the Labyrinth. She finishes one artifact, the Delirium Stone, and binds the Arachne to it; it secretly provides limited protection from the Beckoning that Samiel has made all the slaves susceptible to. During this time most of the remaining Abzulim attempt to overthrow Lilith; the Arachne, Hive, other slave races and other Abzulim rally behind Lilith and their combined force crushes the revolt. The Arachne are elevated to overseers of the portions of the empire nearest Earth.

Circa 8 Million BC

The Arachne are cut off from Lilith and the Drone when the Abzulim Mammon appears from the Dominions, defeating Lilith and ascending to leadership of the Abzulim. The Arachne are left in charge of the other slave breeds while Lilith is tortured by Mammon to learn the whereabouts of the Abzulim shard-throne of Samiel that she hid before being defeated by Mammon. The Hive begin to flee back to the Dominions without Lilith's influence.

Circa 6.5 Million BC

During the war with the Primals, The Shadowen approach the leaderless Arachne and offer them the location of the Drone and Lilith in exchange for assisting with arranging a slave rebellion. A pact is made, the Shadowen teach the Arachne and the other slave races the concept of serenades. The combined power of the rebellion and the war force the Deepwalkers to abandon Earth, the Arachne travel to Babel with the other freed immortal slaves and remaining Abzulim. They begin to search Babel for Lilith but Babel is attacked by the Primals before they can conclude their search. The arrival of the Leviathan, Rukshasa and Sharakai force away the primals and the Anopheles manage to force all the other immortals out of Babel.

Circa 5 Million BC

After fruitlessly searching the remainder of the Habitat and nearby Dominions, the Arachne discern where in Babel Lilith and the Drone may be hidden. They attempt to infiltrate Babel but are stopped by Leviathan. Being prepared for this contingency they poison the Leviathan, which flees Babel with Sharakai in pursuit. This leaves the Arachne free to search the more hidden areas, find Lilith and flee before the Anopheles can find them. They are able to take clues to several sites of Abzulim power with them, but are unable to find the Drone. Lilith and the Arachne travel out into the Dominions in search of the Drone and Abzulim artifacts and knowledge. Of utmost importance based on Lilith's findings in the Foundry is to locate the Hourglass, an artifact capable of controlling time itself. This leads them to seek out evidence of pieces of the Prophecy they glean from the original slave at Samiel's side when he destroyed himself. The insanity of the slave begins to affect the Arachne as a whole, creating the Oneness through their connection to the Delirium Stone.

Circa 400,000 BC

The Arachne are separated and thrown off-course in their travels when the Malice Shard is destroyed, tangling and ripping apart various sections of the Nadir. They make their way back towards Earth to ascertain what has happened; upon arrival they sequester themselves amongst the Himalayan Mountains and the Southwestern lands bordering the Indian Ocean. They begin to watch and study the newly emerging human race. Lilith is contacted by the Drone through the Oneness and lays the foundation for the Swarm. The Arachne begin experimenting with serenades upon the threads of time, as revealed to them by the Drone through Lilith.

Circa 65,000 BC

The Arachne lose contact with members in the Dominions, as the Shouting War begins.

Circa 10,000 BC

In a final bid to keep from being imprisoned in Sheol, the Arachne attempt to take control of the head of Samiel, in the possession of a young Pride Nimrod, unaware that most of their leaders are former Shadowen. They are defeated and imprisoned in Sheol. The Drone remains in contact with them and guides them through their time in Sheol, keeping them from dwindling too heavily in numbers. The Arachne develop special serenades that literally remove them from the timestream for brief periods, allowing them to exist far longer on the meager reserves of life force available to the immortals trapped in Sheol. They would accomplish little during their imprisonment, but avoided many losses. They returned to their home in what is now India.

Circa 6000 BC

The Arachne traveled to Atlantis to participate in the forming of the Stratagem Pact and to study the Kai Ra Solitaire. During the creation of the Stratagem, the Nimrod leader Semiramas, uttered what the Arachne realized to be a part of the ravings of Samiel prior to his death. Realizing she was not accountable as one of the three slaves present at Samiel's death, the Arachne took a calculated risk and also uttered a portion of the ravings, concerning the rise of the Sanguinary. In the end, this forced the Magdalen to reveal that they were aware of the Sanguinary's existence in the telepathic subconscious of humanity, the Morpheum. This knowledge of the Sanguinary's survival of the shattering of the Malice and Red Shards is a key factor in the successful completion of the Stratagem Pact. The Drone begins directly contacting various Arachne to make them members of the Swarm. They form a separate hive mind from the rest of the Arachne and are in direct contact with the Drone. The Drone still does not reveal itself to the other Arachne nor does it reveal its location to the Swarm.

4735 BC

Atlantis is destroyed, all Arachne return to their stronghold in India. Though the rite of lethe is discovered by the Banjax, most Arachne instead cocoon themselves in the Delirium Web (attached to the Delirium Stone) and enter self-imposed periods of ennui, guarded over by the other members of the Pride. The tip of the Delirium Stone juts out of one of the peaks of the Girnar Mountains, and is observed as a holy stone in the Hindu religion that would later develop, for its effects on the emotional state of mortals that came in contact with it. It often caused them to commit suicide in an attempt to enter "Heaven".

3720 BC

The Morrigan attempt to flood the world; but most of the Arachne's human followers reside near the Himalayas, high up enough to survive until the Roane stop the deluge. Afterwards the Arachne take an interest in those living in the Indus River Valley areas of present-day Pakistan and begin to develop them into a Quiet Culture. Over time their Quiet Culture would migrate into the area of modern-day India.

Circa 2500 BC

Due to warring between Pride Dracul (as the Tribe of Sharakai was known then) and the Drove Tengu, that drove begins making incursions into India, which has remained mostly isolated and completely under Arachne control. The Arachne begin to concentrate efforts on expunging the Tengu from India.

2000 BC

A pact is made between the Arachne, Tribe of Sharakai and the Anopheles to drive the Tengu out of the area of China and back over to Japan, thus clearing the Drove's influence out of the various areas the three groups control in and around China (including India). Their collective Quiet Cultures hunt down Wu thralls of the Tengu throughout Southern Asia.

1600 BC

The Anopheles and Dracul end their alliance, the Arachne remain neutral in the conflict, maintaining alliance with both of the other Prides. They begin teaching mortal versions of the threads of time, all the while allowing full acceptance of the practices their Quiet Cultures have gained from association with Anopheles and Dracul Quiet Cultures. This becomes the basis for Hinduism and gives rise to the Vedic Civilization in 1500 BC. The Arachne begin to find a way around the martial arts styles of the Dracul and develop the Tai Chi Chuan (from which modern tai chi has developed).

1400 BC

Raatri (the ancient name of Kali) defects from the Anopheles to the Arachne after exposure to the convictions of Hinduism. This completely ends the pact between the Arachne, Anopheles and Dracul.

820 BC

Raatri becomes a secret disciple of the Eidolon Sharakai.

800 BC

Taking on the name Kali, Raatri defects from the Arachne. The Arachne had already calculated that this would happen and do not seek retribution. They instead use the knowledge they have gained from her about both the Anopheles and Dracul to sidestep the mounting problems between those two Prides in China. They begin secretly sending forays into the Dominions (an act which violates the laws of the Stratagem Pact) to seek out the components to the Hourglass and clues to further control over time from their notes gained in Babel and from Lilith's experiences in the Foundry.

600 BC

The Arachne begin to adopt certain principles of Taoism into the Hindi faith. By this time the Vedic Civilization had developed into a strong caste-based system similar to the hierarchical structure of the Arachne themselves. The Vedics begin to spread out from India and start influencing Southwestern China. To slow the spread of the Vedics into China, the Dracul attempt to secure the passes through the Himalayan Mountains.

550 BC

Prince Siddhartha Gautama ("Buddha") develops powerful Religarum from the teachings of the Dracul Keeper Channa. Channa is the Dracul tasked with securing the Himalayan passes into China. Buddha's faith is so strong that it begins to warp the forms of the Arachne into the forms commonly associated with Hindu mythology. Several became twisted into representations of individual thoughts of Buddhist "Hells". After consigning Channa to the Blue Air, the Arachne retreat from China to stop Buddha's Religarum from growing any stronger.

480 BC

Buddha dies, but his influence on mortals is enough that the Arachne must retreat into the wilds and away from mortal civilization, in order to regain their true forms. For many the process takes well over 100 years, this is the first time the Arachne have encountered Religarum of this level of power. They develop a new respect for the abilities of humanity and tread with more subtlety in the future. Those not affected by Buddha engage in another alliance with the Anopheles and Dracul to stop the Tengu, who have again been making incursions into China and India. They win and route the Tengu, driving them East and South back into Japan, but mostly into the areas around present-day Vietnam.

403 BC

The Arachne, Anopheles and Dracul end their alliance as each group attempts to take control of China, which has become the pivotal region for Asia. Also, Buddhism is still strong in India and the levels of faith make it difficult for many Arachne to function due to the latent warping effects of Buddha's Religarum still fueled among the land by his followers.

221 BC

Shih Huang-Ti comes to power in China and casts aside Dracul loyalties to embrace the Arachne. He builds a stronghold at Xianyang and abolishes most of the more benevolent laws originally setup under Dracul stewardship. He institutes a rigid code of laws overseeing every facet of daily life. Under Arachne influence he begins to discredit the I-Ching, a Dracul method that mortals use to divine the future. But the Arachne consider him too passionate and send him on a wild chase after a nonexistent Elixir of Life that would make him immortal. They then sponsor his cruel advisor Li Ssu who slowly seizes power from Huang-Ti.

214 BC

Shih Huang-Ti orders construction to begin on the Great Wall of China, separating Dracul and Arachne territories, in a last bid to win the favor of his Arachne patrons. Shortly after Li Ssu seizes control from Huang-Ti.

206 BC

The mortal Han Dynasty ends Li Ssu's control, and therefore Arachne control, over China. Unfortunately this control is short-lived and another long period of vying for control of China between the Arachne, Anopheles and Dracul begins again.

58 AD

Buddhism is introduced to China, stopping the Arachne from making any further incursions into China to vie for power there. They return to India where Buddhism has taken hold, but the Religarum effects have finally subsided, allowing the Arachne to influence Buddhism there along lines more befitting their Hindu legacy.

100 AD

Arachne scouring the Dominions encounter the Hive, which has grown extremely large in number. This causes a contingent of warrior scouts from the Hive to make their way to Earth to see what has happened since they left. This begins the first Hive War between the Arachne and the Hive. The Hive discover Lilith with the Arachne and attempt to capture her repeatedly.

220 AD

In alliance with the Dracul, the Arachne end the Hive Wars, but learn of a second planned invasion from captured members that do not escape.

306 AD

The Second Hive War begins. A much larger contingent of the Hive arrives from the Dominions in lighters and quickly takes control of several areas of India. They diminish Arachne influence and power in the area. The Anopheles move into the Karakhorum mountains, their clashes with the Arachne and Hive in this area spawn the Mahabharata, the Hindu epic.

427 AD

The Hive captures Lilith, the Arachne are devastated. Dracul and Anopheles forces attempt to assist but cannot penetrate far into India against the Hive to help. Shiva began adapting the Anopheles principles of Kalari and anchored the Arachne's version of the style to Hinduism.

589 AD

Hive influence over Hinduism begins to forcibly reshape the Arachne back into the forms they were trapped in by Buddha's Religarum over a thousand years prior. The Arachne plot to re-enter China as abandoning India starts to become the only possible option. There has been no contact from the Drove since Lilith was captured over 100 years prior in 427 AD. The Arachne also attempt to influence what is now modern-day Korea, but a large force of mortal warriors led by a single Tuatha named Wong Kwong Bopsa, repulse not only the Arachne, but nearby Tengu and the Hive as well, from the area then known as Silla.

593 AD

The Arachne make an alliance with the Dracul and Peri in China to assist in ferreting out Tengu influence there once again now that the Tengu and the Hive are in temporary alliance. The Tengu then call upon Drove Sainha to assist them in Japan.

618 AD

The Arachne found the T'ang Dynasty in China and manage to force out the Hive and all other Prides. However, their alliance in Japan carries over to China and the Dracul are not forced out. A Dracul-influenced Arachne rule carries in China for the next 300 years, mingling much of Taosim, Buddhism and Hinduism through China. Shortly after the Arachne form a separate alliance with the Anopheles to make a concentrated effort to remove the Hive from India now that they have safe haven in China and are no longer being warped by the Hindu faith.

624 AD

Despite attempts by Arachne, Dracul and Peri, the Zen branch of Buddhism takes hold in Japan. At this point the three Prides attempt to gain control over it to use against the Tengu-inspired Shinto philosophy.

645 AD

The Hive steps in and takes control over the Japanese government, but the Arachne, Dracul and Peri all adapt and swiftly begin to influence the new government to stop the Hive-Tengu-Sainha alliance from taking over Japan.

660 AD

The Arachne Scourge Wu, serving as a concubine in the Court of Kao Tsun, kills his Anopheles Empress to become his Empress. She then takes over his rule after blinding him; this breaks the Anopheles / Arachne alliance formed just over 40 years prior. Wu then reveals previously unknown allies among the Tengu, Sainha and the Yellow Turban Taoists. She defects from the Arachne. Over the next several years she forms the Unai Quiet Culture. Dark Taoism spreads under her reign; her fierce reign exceeds the cruelty of the legendary Li Ssu. The Arachne remove the Soga Peri from their Emerald Palace mantle in Japan and make it their primary stronghold in the area.

705 AD

The Arachne Allyns seduces the Unai back over to the Arachne and uses them to depose Wu. They take Wu back to face judgement by the Arachne who publicly destroy her. Anarchy results in China for the next 250 years and the alliance between the Arachne and Dracul also ends. The Arachne return their concentration to India, leaving a power vacuum that others scramble to fill; this leaves India open for the Arachne to regain some control here.

712 AD

The Eremite inspired Moslems establish Sind in what is now Pakistan and launch raids into India against the Arachne and into China against the Dracul; both fronts are unsuccessful, halting Eremite influence into both regions.

750 AD

The other Prides in the Stratagem Pact find out about the Dark Lady of Sheol and the secret the Dracul and Anopheles have been hiding. Since the Arachne rather timely destroyed both alliances, they are not included in the persecutions. The Arachne gambit in China in 660 through 705 has succeeded. The Arachne step back for the next several hundred years while the other Prides persecute the Anopheles and Dracul, leaving both of those groups open to attacks by Drove and leaving the Arachne to reestablish some of their prior structure in India. They then move back into a small portion of China to create a buffer zone for India.

905 AD

Five kingdoms arise in China, splitting the region: the Dracul, Arachne, Tengu, Sainha and the Hive. The Arachne prepare to unleash a plan formulating for the last few hundred years as the Dracul have neglected the areas once occupied by Drove Gaki: Mongolia.

907 AD

The Arachne influenced Mongols take Inner Mongolia and target the Tengu and Sainha in northern China.

939 AD

The Arachne setup a Civil war between their mortal followers, the Fujiwara family, and the mortal followers of the Peri (Taira) and Dracul (Minamoto), further pulling Dracul focus off of China and the battles in its northern reaches.

960 AD

The Dracul, understanding how the Arachne are dividing their forces, found the Sung Dynasty and extend their control over most of China, but are unable to take back the most northern reaches, which have fallen to the Mongols.

999 AD

The plans of the Arachne and all other Prides are curtailed as the faith of the followers of Christendom warps, paralyzes and burns immortals across the globe. The Arachne drive their own affected members into ennui and wrap them in the webs of the Delirium Stone to dampen the effects so it does not spread to others. It will take almost 200 years for the Prides to recover, including the Arachne. This also drives the Hive away from Earth, ending the Second Hive War; several Arachne attempt to follow them in order to track down Lilith but are unable to keep up with the Hive's powerful living lighters formerly belonging to Samiel. The Hive dive directly into the Blue Air, eluding the Arachne.

1138 AD

The combined forces of the Soga and Taira Peri retake the Emerald Palace mantle in Japan from the Arachne while the Arachne are still weakened from the events of 999 AD. The Peri are severely weakened by this point.

1206 AD

The Arachne begin their master assault against China that was stalled by the events of 999 AD. Temujin is proclaimed Ghengis Kahn ("Emperor with the Seas"). Four years later Kahn begins the master invasion of China and topples the last of the Chinese fortresses by 1215 AD. A plan started hundreds of years earlier comes to fruition as the Dracul are almost completely routed from the mortal lands of China, save a few mantle connections. The Arachne chase the remaining Dracul into Eastern Europe and begin to annex other smaller Dracul controlled empires around China proper.

1212 AD

The Catholic Church, manipulated by the Eremites, sends 50,000 children against the Magdalen sponsored Saracens. As the Eremites and Magdalen fought within Jerusalem, the Arachne capture over half the children and turn them over to the Peri as an act of "goodwill" in order to be able to study the Peri's apparent immunity or self-protection from the emotion of fear. The Arachne spent a number of years working with the effects of time on the children until they were able to suspend them in a state where it was possible for the Peri to bond shards to them. A great deal of the Delirium Stones power was used and it weakened the Arachne. However, the Arachne gained immense power within the Stratagem Pact; this would later assist them in staying out of alliances and picking and choosing their battles in Anatolia during the 1300's and 1400's. The new Palin breed of Peri bolsters their ranks and the Peri are officially inducted into the Stratagem Pact shortly after as a result.

1219 AD

The Arachne chase the Dracul all the way through the Mesopotamian regions once controlled by the Anopheles and into Romania. The Arachne establish strongholds in what is now present-day Turkey as the Mongol horde establishes control over Persia until 1295 when the Eremites gain a foothold, causing the Persian Mongols to renounce their loyalty to the Chinese Mongols. They do not seek to reach the edges of Mediterranean, avoiding the remaining conflicts between the Phoenix and Magdalen. The Phoenix incursions into Anatolia through the use of the Knights Templar go mostly against Eremites and Magdalen, leaving the Arachne out of most conflicts. The Arachne stay mostly out of these conflicts, thus the Phoenix does not stop the Arachne from following behind them later in 1404 AD

1260 AD

The tryst Kublai Kahn finishes the conquest of China and establishes the Yuan Dynasty in the name of the Arachne. Incursions into Palestine are halted by the Banjax (ancestors of the Osiri) however.

1274 AD

Having attempted to move into Japan, Kublai Kahn is repulsed by a Dracul-Peri alliance. Blaming his Arachne patrons, he begins to weave a mantle reality around his capital, forcing the Arachne away from him.

1281 AD

Kublai Kahn's second attempt to conquer Japan goes awry when he steers his fleet into the midst of a battle between the Morrigan and Roane. His fleet is destroyed. With the Arachne no longer in control of Kublai Kahn, the Dracul succeed in getting some of the secrets of Tai Chi Chuan from the Kahn through a mercenary agent, Marco Polo.

1336 AD

The Arachne removes themselves from Japan completely. They attempt to retake control over Kublai Kahn's Mongol empire and succeed; but the true power of the Mongol Horde is in its twilight and waning quickly. The Arachne begin to learn, and then abandon, the martial arts style of Pentjak Silat; it has the peculiar effect of driving Arachne practitioners into mindless bouts of maddening violence for no apparent reason.

1368 AD

The last Chinese descendant of the Mongol Horde, Sun Ti, dies, ending what control the Arachne still had over China. Scourges from the Dracul begin to make overt threats against the Arachne for the affairs of 660 AD.

1370 AD

The Arachne send the last of their faithful Mongols, led by Timur the Lame (or Tamerlane) to raid and pillage Persia until it is left in ruins. This allows the Arachne to again end temporary Eremite incursions into the area.

1404 AD

Murad II, Sultan of the Ottoman Empire is born, he is influenced by the Arachne into strengthening the Ottoman Empire's hold on the Turkish region, defying the currently warring Phoenix and Eremites of the area. The Phoenix are still not yet considered a Pride, but the Arachne use the Phoenix to cover their push along the northern shores of the Black Sea.

1421 AD

Murad II marches through the Eremite controlled Byzantine Empire, expanding the Ottoman Empire for the Arachne, but he is stopped at Constantinople when his younger brother (under the influence of an Eremite/Anopheles treaty) forces him to withdraw. Nearly all of Anatolia comes under Arachne control for a brief period. However, the increasing tensions between all the Prides causes the entire Middle Eastern region of the world to be a hotspot for several of the Prides fighting leading up to 1453 AD.

1438 AD

The Arachne join the Magdalen in persecuting the Dracul within Stratagem politics as the Magdalen campaign to remove the Dracul and Anopheles from the Stratagem Pact.

1442 AD

The Arachne capture Vlad Dracula Bassarab and his brother Radu, allowing their father Vlad Dracul Bassarab of Wallachia to return to Pride Dracul. Vlad Dracula is raised in the Arachne court of the Ottoman Empire. He sheds his sense of morality and remorse and exceeds Arachne expectations as they groom him to take the Wallachian throne and further depose Pride Dracul. Camazotz, an Anopheles Juggler, infiltrates the mortal harem of the Sultan Murad II and seduces Radu.

1447 AD

Camazotz abandons Radu in favor of Dracula; embroiling him in inner torment as the Arachne and Anopheles vie for control of his psyche.

1453 AD

Mehmed II, son of Murad II, captures Constantinople for the Arachne. The Arachne expel the Eremites from the lands of Anatolia. This same year the Anopheles and Dracul are expelled from the Stratagem Pact, the Arachne vote with the Prides Nimrod, Magdalen, Eremites, and Morrigan in favor of their expulsion.

1456 AD

Dracula escapes the Arachne and rejoins Sharakai's people, Pride Dracul. He persecutes both Arachne and Eremites throughout his native lands. The Arachne are continuously assaulted in what was their hidden places around Wallachia by the Anopheles, Dracul and Dracula's own forces. Eventually the Terat of the area also begin to attack the Arachne in the surrounding areas of Romania and beyond. The Arachne's training of Dracula is turned against them as he begins to impale, burn and pillage anyone he suspects of being in league with the Arachne or Eremites. Dracula falls under the influence of the Sanguinary during the passing of Haley's Comet.

1458 AD

At the age of 29, Dracula rips the vox from the throat of Camazotz, who was sent to seduce and assassinate him on behalf of the Dracul and Anopheles. He uses Anopheles training and rituals to drink her blood and impale himself with her vox. He becomes immortal, the Arachne step in and manage to barely gain control of him and bring him under their protection. He eventually becomes uncontrollable, but not before he begins a campaign against the Anopheles and Dracul and ends the relationship between the Dracul and their Order of the Dragon Quiet Culture.

1461 AD

Louis XI is replaced with an Arachne Juggler who takes his identity and becomes King of France, one of the few acts that placed them in direct competition with the Tuatha and Magdalen, but again not the Phoenix who also have holdings in France.

1475 AD Their work in the Western regions completed, most Arachne in this part of the world begin to pull away from Europe and the Middle East and make their way back to rejoin many of their brethren who are readying to move to Manchuria. Chin Na Kung Fu develops (using pressure points and stopping chi flows) and will become the predominant form of martial art for an Arachne dominated China starting in the 1600's.

1500 AD

The Arachne contingent in France moves into Switzerland and influences the city of Zurich. They would go back and forth with the Eremites over Switzerland, but still retain heavy influence over Zurich up until the present day.

1600 AD

The Arachne have quietly been operating in Manchuria for some time now, and win over the Manchu people. The Manchu then overthrow the Ming Empire in China and setup the Qing Dynasty, allowing the Arachne to rule over China for the next 300 years.

1624 AD

The Arachne take control over Zurich for the next several years by spreading fear concerning the Thirty Year's War and having additional ramparts constructed around the city.

1658 AD

The Dracul strengthen their presence in China, by completely abandoning their Wallachian holdings to the Anopheles and Terat. They take up residence in the areas of the Himalayas and Tibet, areas the Arachne once used as their main strongholds.

1665 AD

A contingent of Arachne travel to London and are caught up in the Religarum of the writer John Milton. Twisted into demonic forms, they recreate the battles leading to the fall of Lucifer from heaven in the nighttime streets. It becomes the basis for Milton to write Paradise Lost.

1666 AD

The Arachne contingent joins the other Prides in battling the Dark Lady and the Dust.

1667 AD

The Arachne meet with the other Prides and reinstate the Stratagem Pact. It is the first time in their history that they go against the advice of the Drone. The Drone contacts the Arachne far less frequently after this incident.

1735 AD

The Arachne destroy the Dracul's Shaolinsi Temple; only five of the Dracul escape and foment rebellions against the Manchu's Qing Dynasty.

1795 AD

The Arachne crush the Dracul-sponsored White Lotus Society, but the Society becomes martyr's to the people. This weakens the Arachne's hold on China and allows for Europeans to enter in greater numbers, most notably both the Magdalen and Apocrypha.

1839 AD

The Arachne lose more control as the Apocrypha introduce Opium to China, leading to open warfare between the followers of the Magdalen and the Apocrypha. The Dracul attempt to help the Arachne maintain control rather than see China torn apart but are unable to be effective.

1900 AD

A rogue faction of the Dracul, led by the Slayer Lin Do, form the Righteous Harmony Fist and incite the Boxer Rebellion, consigning Arachne, Magdalen and Eremites to the Blue Air all around the areas of China. The Arachne's inability to stop them would spell the beginning of the end for the Qing Dynasty. A decade later they completely lose control of the Chinese Government to a new kind of Dracul, adapting Western thought into their traditional ways. A short time later they are completely purged from China and regroup in India.

1950 AD

The Arachne establish "nests" in Amsterdam and Finland, notably Helsinki. They also establish several nests throughout the United States, the largest in the Everglades of Florida. Its size rivals the main stronghold in India. The swarm orders the Arachne to move the Delirium Stone from Mount Girnar to the Everglades Nest.

1963 AD

The Vietnam War against the Tengu takes a drastic turn, several Prides are affected including the Tuatha in the region who are targeted in the "free fire" zones and exposed to napalm and other deadly gases. The Anopheles are targeted when the Harlequin Marilyn Monroe is consigned to the Blue Air. Mounting pressures from the Tengu had convinced then US president JFK to start pulling out of Vietnam. If this occurs, the Tengu Ho Chi Minh would lead his Drove to an unprecedented level of power in Asia, greatly hampering the Arachne in India. An Arachne nest in Dallas orchestrates the assassination of JFK to stop the immediate withdrawal from Vietnam.

1969 AD

Inspired by Arachne Dictums, the Multics system is rewritten into Unics and then finally UNIX by 1970.

1980 AD

The Arachne establish a nest in Seattle, Washington. They go on to heavily influence the gothic movement, grunge music and several quickly growing companies in the food, technology and service industries.

1987 AD

The Arachne in Helsinki inspire the development of the Linux Kernel from UNIX. Not long after, the Femme Darkle is stolen and the Arachne immediately boost their efforts to find components to the Hourglass; one of the key parts of Samiel's prophecy has come to pass.

1995 AD

An Outlander known only as Suurade causes an outbreak of pneumonic plague in India that begins to reach out to other nearby areas. Magdalen, Anopheles and Arachne Probes and Mystics are called on to determine the cause of the disease, which spreads while its victims sleep. It is determined Solitaires are using the plague to find immortals in lethe.

2000 AD

The Drone begins contacting the Arachne, they are led to the "Web", a vast electronic mantle attached to the Gremlin Grid, abandoned by the Solas after they are almost all destroyed by the forces of the Doves. The mantle is later moved to match the location of Mount Girnar in India, where the Delirium Stone is also returned to, thus creating the Web of Girnar. The Arachne escape most of the Great Betrayal by figuratively "rebooting" the mantle, causing its ties to the rest of the mantles of Sanctuary to continually change. This taxes much of the Arachne's energies, but keeps them relatively safe during the near-slaughter of the other Prides.

2001 AD

The Arachne are already prepared for the arrival of the Jury, having brought in immortals from other fallen Prides. The Court of Fate is formed as members of the Jury join with the Swarm.

2003 AD

Just prior to the final battle in Nivalea, members of the Court of Fate are ordered by the Swarm to reassume their role as "Arachne" and travel to the Valley of Gynnah as they will not be needed in the final battle. As the Arachne have correctly deduced, the Dracul (now the Tribe of Sharakai) arrive to bolster the numbers of the various Courts. The Arachne at the Valley of Gynnah are approached by the Cerulean Order and the Blue Emerald. They are taken to the location of New Atlantis and begin construction on the island city immediately.

2004 AD

The Atlantean Pact is formed, the Pride Arachne is now known as the Tribe Arachne. Their work over the last century with technological advances makes them well-suited to maintaining their primary stronghold. The Arachne focus more on their work with aspects of time than on their insect and arachnid himsati. They are not, however, able to rid themselves of various curses and dependencies they gained as the Arachne over time (example: the frenzied himsati).