

## THE MORRIGAN HISTORY

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### 50M BC

Various ancient bird species, that have ingested shards and survived the bonding process, are captured and enslaved by the Abzulim along with various creatures of land and sea as well. Most are simply hunted for sport or food, their voxes implanted into another creature. A few are chosen to hunt and scout for their masters.

### 6.5M BC

The Primal war begins, the avians are used as scouts against advancing Primals, but take heavy losses whenever Air Primals are near. The Shadowen begin teaching these slaves the power of serenades and foment a rebellion. When the Abzulim flee Earth, the Primals attempt to attack the slaves. The avian slaves follow the large group of land-bound slaves to Babel and hide their in its tower until the Trine Eidolon drive away the Primals. The avians and several of the land-bound mammals flee North from Babel into what eventually becomes present-day Scandinavian Peninsula.

### 5M BC

The Avians remain in the coldest parts of the world, forming a clan-like structure they are known as the Aesir; their land-locked allies become known as the Vanir. During their time and explorations the Morrigan travel to Greenland and encounter an intelligent living glacier known as the Rime. The Rime was one of the Primals not cleansed by the Bloom over a million years prior and had become a thrall of the Sanguinary, whose conscious still sat in a ruby red shard buried beneath the sands of Sheol. The Rime enthralled the Aesir and detached herself from her glacier, following them to the Vanir who she also enthralled. She sent the Aesir to scout for Sunedrion Wealds and then the Vanir to destroy them. She gathered the shard, flesh and bone of those that fell and the travelers carried the remains with them.

### 1M BC

The travelers have finished scouring most of Europe and Asia and finally slip into Sheol, unnoticed by the Anopheles of Mesopotamia. There the Rime creates the Ark of Conundrum and places the shards into it. The Malice Shard begins to form as she takes the physical remains of her fallen followers and begins to craft a basic flesh and bone structure the Sanguinary can morph around itself. All this is built over the spot where the Red Shard is buried. The flesh and bone meld together forming an organic temple after a fashion.

### 500,000 BC

One of the Aesir, Loki, sees the monstrous temple and realizes what is being made; he breaks free of his enthrallment. When he attempts to warn the other Aesir they chained him to the ground in a remote part of Sheol and blinded him.

### 400,000 BC

Another of the Aesir, Thor, witnesses the Rime purposely destroying Vanir servants in order to gain more shards for the growing Malice Shard; he follows her and also sees the organic temple destined to become the Sanguinary's new body. Thor would rush to tell others, and being powerful enough, forced them to listen. Loki was freed and the Aesir attempted to rebel. The Rime exerted control over them to quiet them, but in the midst of this rebellion the Anopheles arrived, chasing the Eidolon Sharakai. Using the ancient darkle-encrusted head of Samiel, the Anopheles eventually overcame the Vanir and Aesir, shattering the Malice Shard. This breaks the hold the Rime has on the Vanir and they flee Sheol with a handful of proto-humans.

### 320,000 BC

After eons of scattered fighting, the proto-humans unearth the Red Shard and destroy it. The Rime deserts her enthralled Aesir and this breaks the hold the Rime had on the Aesir they flee Sheol. Loki, still seething at what was done to him, follows the Rime deeper into Sheol. The rest of the Aesir take the Ark of Conundrum and flee with it along with a handful of the proto-human followers of the Anopheles.

300,000 BC

Loki sires three monstrous children with his bride, the Rime: Fenris, Hela and Jormundgard. His raven wings are turned to the same bitter frost as his mistress. Eventually he sets out to find his former bretheren and seduce them back into slavery at the hands of his mistress the Rime.

200,000 BC

Loki returns to the Aesir in the guise of helping them. He discovers they have the Ark of Condundrum and convinces them that it should be hidden. The Aesir choose four of their numbers to do so, Loki is unable to get himself chosen as one of the four since he is still not fully trusted.

175,000 BC

The four chosen Aesir spend several millennia seeking a way to hide the ark until they come across a proto-human descended of those scant few exposed to the first Bloom, she is the last of their line. They mate with her and produce the first trysts, the proto-human dies in childbirth. It is believed her essence broke up into the trysts. Eventually these four "Mentors" decide the Ark is too powerful and dangerous for anyone to have and bind it to one of the trysts, creating the first Maker, named Ife. The proto-human hybrid child quickly develops a reality around him (the first mantle) and vanishes with the ark. The other trysts are bonded with lesser shards and also vanish into their own reality to create a false trail. As punishment for their treason against the others, Loki convinces the Aesir to bury them alive; he can always come back for them later. He then convinces the Aesir that they need to find the Vanir to heal their shared spiritual wounds gained at the hands of the Rime. Their guilt still somewhat fresh over having chained and blinded him, they agree and set out in search of the elusive Vanir.

174,000 BC

The Aesir come across a powerful fire primal in a hidden valley within northern Africa and manage to subdue it at great cost. The creature only gives token resistance to Loki's Rime-bestowed powers. The creature refused to impart any of its primal fire abilities to Loki, instead taunting him with silence. In a blind rage, Loki lopped off its head, but the resulting spill broke the last of the Rime's charms on both Loki and those he passed on to the Aesir. Now shamed by what he had done, and with his bretheren aware of his plans, the Aesir considered themselves even for what they had done to him long ago. They return to unbury the Mentors of Ife but are unable to find where they buried them. Loki was permitted to remain with them and the Aesir continued their search for the Vanir.

150,000 BC

The Aesir come to Eire (what is present-day Ireland) and find the Vanir. They are unable to restore a true friendship with the Vanir (now following Danu and known as her people or "Tuatha de Danu") as they once had, but a large group of powerful avian warriors led by Morrigan were fascinated by the now nomadic Aesir. They join together and leave Eire.

144,000 BC

The Aesir and the followers of Morrigan travel back to the hidden valley in Africa after sensing a powerful welling up of power. There they encounter an air primal of incredible power, Namergon the Lightning Man. Finding him irresistible, they follow him and he slowly begins to teach them. Taking a fancy to Morrigan, he teaches her far more than the others, securing her place as the new leader of the two assembled groups. The unified group takes her name as their own. Namergon teaches the Morrigan Pride how to use shards for armor and in weapons, to use the crude tools of a nascent humanity and make them better. This is necessary for the children of Loki have fostered followers of their own, the first Droves. He bid them to build a mantle that could potentially one day encompass the world to protect it from the Sanguinary if final battles ever came.

125,000 BC

Namergon and Morrigan herself sire a number of daughters together, not only to keep his teachings alive, but to gather the voxes of the slain and take them to Valhalla for safe keeping. These daughters, known as the Valkyrie, inherit the powers of lightning in their himsati form, just as their father. They vow to support the only son borne of the union: Odin.

119,000 BC

Unknown to the Anopheles, Morrigan or Tuatha, the Rime had stolen the vox of Samiel from his decapitated head during the battles over the Malice Shard. She used it to animate a Zuzog tree deep within Sheol, carving it into a humanoid appearance. The Incubus (aka the Barbed Man) is born.

110,000 BC

The Morrigan begin their first real battles against the Droves of Loki's children. Loki still remains with them, diverting them often so that his children continue to thrive. Odin takes command of the Aesir while Morrigan takes command of her own people and they drive the Droves into the Underworld, but cannot follow them for they would easily be destroyed in the cramped quarters where flying is not an option.

100,000 BC

The Morrigan return to the original home of the Aesir in the Scandinavian Peninsula and discover a new group of Droves, the Fear of Ulag (known as Trolls to the people of Scandinavia and Fir Bolg to the people of Eire) who literally consume the flesh of the small but burgeoning human population.

90,000 BC

The Morrigan briefly encounter the Peri, who have begun exploring the upper world.

71,000 BC

Namergon confronts Anath and the Incubus outside of Sheol in Mesopotamia. The Rime had somehow possessed Anath and taken over his body. The Morrigan werew held off by Incubus, helpless to assist Namergon as he and Anath destroyed one another. A huge mega-storm developed from the resulting spill of life force of Namergon and Anath, which immediately began to flood the region and quickly spread out over most of Europe and Asia, killing almost all the tribes of proto-humans in the area. The Peri, who had come up and were fighting remaining Terat still loyal to the Incubus, dug a deep shaft into the Underworld to allow the water to drain off. This water would eventually come to rest in the area known as Undersky. During the chaos of stopping the flood, the few Terat left grabbed the Incubus's "heart" and fled. The Peri and Morrigan form an alliance after mourning the passing of Namergon. Loki becomes ambassador to the Peri since he has no qualms about navigating the Underworld. Morrigan steps down as leader and her son Odin becomes the leader of the Morrigan clans; they still keep the name of Morrigan for their assembled people however.

66,000 BC

Loki begins to court a Peri named Sif. Sif, however, chooses to become consort to Thor. This triggers ages old anger and hatred to boil up within Loki and he begins to plot his revenge over several thousand years.

64,000 BC

Loki engineers a contest between the Peri leaders that results in a civil war. When it is over, the Morrigan have one of the Peri Kin (Ivaldi) as slaves and their warship Skidbladnr is renamed Magonia and serves as a mobile entrance to the mantle of Valhalla.

60,000 BC

The enslaved Ivaldi are corrupted by Loki, break free of their slavery and become Drove Azhoth. The alliance with the Peri is almost crushed, but no one suspects Loki of the treachery or misdeeds, yet. First word of the Shouting War arrives to Earth, the Morrigan prepare for battle.

50,000 BC

The Morrigan ally with the Eremites against the Anopheles and Arachne; they the use the enslaved Ivalde as formidable weapons as well as the Sindren who are effectively leaderless now. Throughout Africa the Morrigan cause small deluges over thousands of years, thus marking the Mousterian Pluvials in Africa.

48,000 BC

The Terat are brought into the conflict on the side of the Anopheles and Arachne due to Morrigan incursions into their territories in Africa.

42,000 BC

The Tuatha are drawn into the Shouting War as the Anopheles push into their territories around the area of Eire and present-day Britain.

40,000 BC

Odin and the Valkryies lock themselves in Valhalla, allowing no one else entry. The Ivaldi begin their final descent into the darkness to become the Azhoth Drove. Loki's treachery is discovered, he and his followers are exiled from the Morrigan. Many Morrigan are partially cursed or wounded from wielding the now vampiric weapons against their enemies among the Anopheles and Eremites.

30,000 BC

The Morrigan are repulsed from Germany by a pride of Anopheles leopards who take up residence as mythical deities there, remains of worship items (the Lowenfrau) are found near the start of World War II.

24,000 BC

The Morrigan cause the start of another Mousterian Pluvial in Africa to keep the Terat from gaining a larger foothold in Europe and Asia.

10,000 BC

The Morrigan fall to the appearance of the Nimrod and the Femme Darkle, wielded by Semiramis and the very same Primal they beheaded in 174,000 BC.

8,000 BC

Their arrogance crushed, the Morrigan nested in the Zuzog trees in suicidal despair. Loki, who had also been imprisoned by the Nimrod, convinced the tree to poison the Morrigan to the ground. The Morrigan, realizing they could no longer alight upon the ground as normal creatures, chained Loki to the tree. Being the only living thing the tree could touch after having feasted so long, it slowly consumed him.

6,000 BC

Those who took a leadership role in the Morrigan during the Shouting War are approached by their former war generals now in the Banjax. Along with other leaders, the Stratagem begins to form.

5,900 BC

The Morrigan fly to Atlantis in Magonia and hover above it during a time of relative peace between the Prides. Shade of the Nimrod gains access to Valhalla via Morrigan, who she found some years prior (Morrigan also did not enter the Shouting War as she had been in seclusion for tens of thousands of years). After speaking with him, Odin and the Valkryie's uplift her into the Morrigan as Morgana.

4,735 BC

Atlantis is destroyed and the Prides are brought to North America before dispersing. As the Morrigan attempt to re-enter the human world they find it increasingly difficult due to Loki's curse. Many purposely enter ennui. They rarely travel outside of their Scandanavian holdings, only occasionally interacting with humanity and dropping bits and pieces of tools and culture from the Southeast towards where most of the other Prides have settled. They have limited contact with the Tuatha and Peri during this time.

3720 BC

The Morrigan become increasingly enraged at their inability to ply the Stratagem or interact with humanity as the other Prides can. Morgan Le Fay argues on behalf of a still-secluded Odin against their final chosen reaction but fails; the Morrigan attempt to destroy humanity in a great flood similar to the one from 71,000 BC. The Roane manipulate the waters and free the Leviathan, an act that makes the Roane the leaders of the Stratagem and the Morrigan scorned by all. The Morrigan attempt no revenge due to the Leviathan siding with the Roane after they effectively released it from its dry salty prison.

776 BC

The Morrigan accept invitation from the Magdalen to attend the first Olympic games. They tentatively begin interacting with humanity among the Celtic tribes of mainland Europe.

536 BC – During the festivities after Morrigan-sponsored athlete Milo of Crotona took the laurel for the sixth consecutive time, they reveal that Dagon, the Roane Paragon is an active follower of Sanation. This condemns the entire Pride as a Drove. The Morrigan become the leaders of the Stratagem and expel the Roane shortly thereafter. The Morrigan would begin to push the Germanic tribes further outwards until they encountered the Tuatha Gauls and the Eremite Roman Empire.

100 BC

The Morrigan are pushed back away from what little mortal territories they hold by the beginnings of the Eremite Roman Empire.

68 BC

The Morrigan lose their status as the leaders of the Stratagem after the Eremites steal Julius Ceaser from the Magdalen, resulting in Zeus being ousted from the leadership of the Magdalen. Zeus would flee to the North and capture the Paragon's seat within the Morrigan.

50 AD

Morgana leads a renaissance within the Morrigan, calling for them to harken back to the path laid out by Namergon the Lightning Man. Gaining quick support within the Raven and Crow flocks, she is able to arrange a challenge for the right to try and again re-enter Valhalla. Zeus pits her against the mightiest of Valkyries guarding the entrance, Brunhilda. In personal combat she is able to overcome Brunhilda and gains entry. Odin returns to the Morrigan with the Valkryie

150 AD

Odin retakes the Paragon seat from Zeus after personal combat (engineered using the same trickery Zeus had plied on Morgana). The two hatch a plan to return Zeus to the Magdalen and the Morrigan to leadership of the Stratagem.

251 AD

The Morrigan began an invasion into the territories of the Roman Empire, eventually taking over the human tribes known as the Franks and Goths to further push into Roman territory. Their decisive victory in July of that year proves the turning point in the empire's fall (along with a plague caused by the Dust in their southern territories) allows Zeus to return to Magdalen control and thus propels the Morrigan back into the leadership position of the Stratagem. During this time, a group of followers assails a temple dedicated to Aphrodite, not knowing that one of the hand maidens is actually a weakened Aphrodite convalescing from recent failed attempts to route Eremite dominance within Greece. Aphrodite, severely weakened and powerless due to an infusion of faith from devout followers of the Roman Empire, is unable to stop the pillaging of her temple, her maidens, or herself. Once able to regain some small measure of her power, she uses the faith resident inside her to curse the followers of the Morrigan.

258 AD

The Tuatha-Morrigan alliance breaks away Western Europe and forms the Gallic Empire.

350 AD

After consolidating power and alliance with the Tuatha through most of Western Europe, various prophecies begin to foretell the rise of a powerful Bright Blood within the lands the two Prides control. Morgana begins to push for heavy Morrigan involvement in the affairs of humans. Odin is busy to the Eastern part of the Morrigan controlled territories, fighting a losing battle over the Huns who drive the Visigoths back into the central part of the Roman Empire. The Huns are fleeing massive battles between the Prides and the Hive and Tengu in Asia. In addition, Eremite-sponsored Constantine begins converting the Roman empire to Christianity, pushing them back to take their wayward Western territories in Europe.

410 AD

Arthur is crowned King of Britain, for her interference in affairs, Morgana (Morgan Le Fay) is chased through Britain until she takes refuge in Avalon, with the Peri. Still feeling guilty for their treatment of the Ivaldi and the effective creation of a Drove from them, the Morrigan do not pursue her. The Tuatha continue to work closely with the affairs of Camelot and Arthur's Court. Weakened politically because of their inability to assist in affairs and retain control of one of their own, the Morrigan retreat back again to Scandanavia.

768 AD

Charlemagne is named King of the Franks and establishes an empire with Morrigan influence to rival the Eremite Byzantine Empire.

787 AD

Determined to establish a stronger presence within Western Europe and turn back Christianity, the Morrigan-sponsored Vikings begin to raid into England and Europe, eventually settling into areas of Iceland and Europe. They also attack those territories belonging to the Magadlen-led King of Franks, Charlemagne.

1000 AD

The Morrigan Raijin (Raiden) and his contingent of Hawk and Falcon flocks begin moving away from their Viking peoples that have made it towards Western Asia (where the Nimrod make further expansion past Russia inviable) and fly to the very edge of the Asian continent, coming to rest in Japan.

1003 AD

Escaping the coming Religarum storm brewing in Europe and the forcing of Christianity upon many of their Viking peoples, the Morrigan concentrated their own forces along with those Vikings in Iceland, Greenland and Scandanavia. A small contingent travels to North America, with the Morrigan hoping to establish new bases of power there and raise a new group of humans in seclusion from the warring Prides and growing power of the Apocrypha in Europe. Instead they land in what is now New Foundland and find Terat-sponsored populations. Their forays into the lands of North America are short and unproductive as the Terat's complete domination of the natural landscape both earth and air is more than the small contingent of Morrigan can handle.

1005 AD

Secreted among the Vikings that reached North America was Morgana, who travels with her own group of people into present-day Utah and creates a mantle in what is now Bryce Canyon.

1200 AD

The Morrigan lose control over the Vikings as they become diluted and part of the various cultures they set out to conquer. The curse of Loki makes it impossible for them maintain a strong hold on such a spread out people.

1220 AD

Odin abstains from voting at the annual Paragon meeting over the matter of the Peri coming into the Stratagem Pact, thus ensuring no ties to be broken. This allows the Peri to become formal members of the Stratagem, reducing some of the tension that is beginning to build in Japan between the Morrigan and Peri there.

1281 AD

The Drove Roane begin to make incursions upon Japan and the Morrigan seek to keep them out. During their battles, the Arachne-sponsored Kublai Khan attempts to sail to conquer Japan as well, but is caught in the ensuing immortal battle and loses his fleet.

1333 AD

The Morrigan sponsored Ashikaga Takauji, a vassal of the Hojo family of Shoguns, betrays the Peri and allows Emperor Go-Daigo to crush them. Go-Daigo uses the gained power to personally rule over Japan for the next three years until deposed by the Dracul. The Morrigan then put the Ashikaga family in the Shogunate prompting a civil war in 1336.

1392 AD

The Morrigan Ashikagas end the civil war in Japan and take control, curbing Peri and Dracul influence there.

1453 AD

The Morrigan vote in favor of removing the Anopheles and Dracul from the Stratagem. Prides Nimrod, Magdalen and Eremite also vote in favor.

1500 AD

As the Stratagem dissolves, the Morrigan are forced into battle against the Peri again and again, destroying what few shreds of alliance they almost recouped during the time of Arthur and Camelot.

1568 AD

The Dracul depose the Morrigan Shoguns in Japan.

1665 AD

Morrigan in Great Britain are caught up in the Religarum of John Milton, trapped in the semblance of demons and angels for days.

1666 AD

The Morrigan of Scandinavia travel in large masses to join the other Prides who have cornered the Dark Lady and the Dust in London.

1667 AD

The Morrigan join in reinstating the Stratagem Pact.

1842 AD

The Morrigan regain control of Japan when the Dracul begin to inexplicably leave for their mantles and go into hiding. Feeling the Dracul have abandoned them, the Peri ally with the Morrigan and cast the remaining Dracul out of Japan.

1876 AD

The Morrigan are able to enact a law that bans the wearing of swords by those not in the Imperial Army. This brings them full hold over Japan for some years as they turn on the Peri politically.

1894 AD

Raijin convinces a number of Shadow Warriors to defect from the Dracul.

1925 AD

The corrupted Bright Blood Hitler communes with the Silhouette for the first time, causing it to manifest on Earth on March 18<sup>th</sup> of that year in the middle of the United States.

1937 AD

The Morrigan raise an army to conquer China and Korea, but are repulsed by a Dracul-Nimrod alliance. The Morrigan advance is an all-out war against the Tengu through all of Southeast Asia; they start neutralizing anyone bringing any kind of aid into the region; this results in the sinking of a US gunboat by Japan, in Chinese waters.

1941 AD

World War II begins. The Prides polarize with the Banjax and Eremites leading the Allies and the Morrigan and the fallen Eremite House Aryan leading the other. Raijin ascends to the Paragon seat of the Morrigan. He begins all-out assaults against the Silhouette, leaving most of the Morrigan's mortal followers in the grip of Aryan-supported Hitler.

1945 AD

The Morrigan are devastated when the atomic bombs are dropped, ending the war. They completely lose control over Japan and nearly lose their status as leaders of the Stratagem. The Morrigan still continue to pursue the Silhouette with reckless abandon. They focus a great deal of their energy in the United States as the Silhouette has continued to strike there where the forces of the Axis seem unable to.

1970 AD

The Morrigan are unable to stop the Silhouette from manifesting the Bhola Cyclone that kills over 500,000 in Bangladesh. This begins an ongoing guerilla battle between the Silhouette -- with the Drove Roane aiding it to crossing the oceans -- against the Morrigan. It consumes almost all the Morrigan's resources to wage war against the creature.

1977 AD

A massive battle between the Morrigan and the Silhouette causes massive rolling blackouts through New York City in the United States.

1990 AD

The Femme Darkle is stolen and the Invisible War begins.

1994 AD

Peri Sleepers actively search through the Morpheum to find lost Peri that may have returned as Ingenue.

1997 AD

For noted aid against their own brethren lost to the Leviathan, the remaining uncorrupted Roane are allowed back into the Stratagem. The Morrigan had voted against it and provided the strongest opposition, but the Terat argued back strongly enough to get the majority vote to allow them to return.

1999 AD

The Morrigan are assaulted from within Valhalla as Zuzog roots reach across the Oblivion Void and tear through the mantle's barriers. Being that the Morrigan have very few mantles of any real power beyond Valhalla, they are tossed out into the mortal world still suffering from Loki's curse. Later that year, Thor and Mjolnir rejoin forces (the first time since the Shouting War, and retake Valhalla. The Peri rally behind them and the Court of War is formed. Other Morrigan assist Tuatha allies in the Court of Life.

2004 AD

The War and Life Courts disband and the Morrigan are left without purpose. They find renewed resistance from the Drowes, but now operating in different methods and sometimes even against one another. The Cerulean Order approaches the Morrigan and they travel to Atlantis to work with the others to come up with a new pact. Having proven itself, they agree to the Blue Emerald's terms and join the Atlantean Pact, new leaders step up in the form of the Raven Queens, believed to be the latest incarnation of Morrigan and two of her sisters, or at least carrying a Transcendent spark from the original Morrigan.