



CHRONICLE BOOKLET



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The Society of Leopold

*Audi, vide, tace  
si tu vis vivere*

This package provides a truly alarming overview of our subjects [REDACTED] and surrounding events. Sources draw heavily from discredited archives (the so-called Index Librorum Daemonicum) and do not reflect current orthodoxy.

However, I believe my research speaks for itself.

The earliest records are from the late 13<sup>th</sup> century, not long after the Society itself emerged. Wandering scribes were dispatched to collect the folklore and myths of common people.

Most stories were just that ... but not always.

In a region east of [REDACTED] peasants complained about a 'manor of ill-feeling' with 'strange persons' visible each night. The contemporary report is filled with wild speculation. However, using modern methods and a better understanding of infernal forces, we can understand the situation more clearly.

A powerful vampire had indeed occupied the manor, along with her brood, for at least a century. While the exact phenotype of the elder subject cannot be determined, local legends of plague, mysterious visions, and deaths by 'ghost fire' attest to her potency.

Vampire physiognomy is such that:

- New generations are progressively weaker
- Great animosity exists between younger and elder
- Violence is never far from their minds

Each of these elements come together in the Winter of 1301.

For reasons still unclear, the 'younger' (I use this term comparatively) Vampires set aside mutual animosities to overthrow the existing order.

On the evening of November 29th, they put their plans into action, triggering a great battle and eventually burning down the manor with the elder inside.

This is a practice known among the Damned as 'diablerie'.

With the spectre of the ancient one removed, the subjects immediately fell into conflict between each other. It is my belief that this petty rivalry – played out over the following centuries – has shaped much of the world as we know it.

It may be difficult to comprehend and painful to acknowledge, but the historical record is clear: we are playthings.

Let me explain ...

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CHAPTER 2: LONDON

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CHAPTER 3: ROTTERDAM

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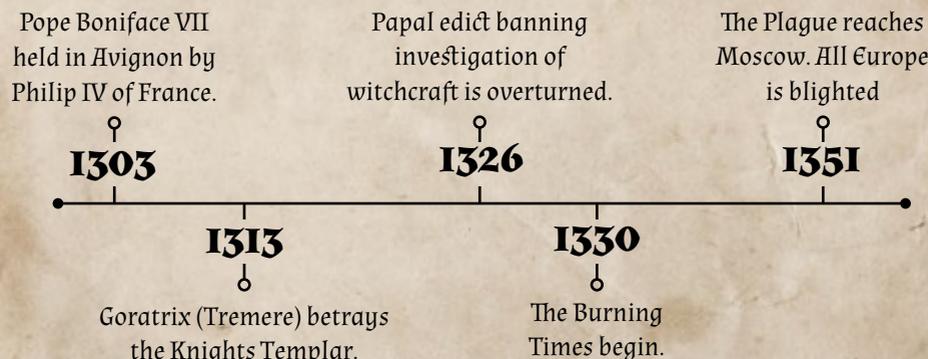
In the early 14<sup>th</sup> century, our subjects naturally faced off across the important matters of the day (so to speak).

Firstly: breeds of Nosferats and Malkavs sought equal footing with breeds of Ventrue and ██████████. Status is everything for their kind.

Secondly: territorial disputes arose as powerful factions divided Europe into fiefdoms à la their medieval contemporaries. Research suggests the Castle of Deutz was of central importance.

Thirdly: then as now, the Damned are caught in constant spiritual struggle with 'the beasts'. A treatise discovered beneath the Vatican stresses the importance of a consistent worldview ... no matter how twisted!

An important and shocking addendum is necessary here. The subjects were potent and cunning enough to manipulate entire bloodlines to their bidding. In this manner they waged secret war through history.



OF CLANS  
HIGH AND LOW

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CHAPTER 4: SIBIU

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CHAPTER 5: AMSTERDAM

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CHAPTER 6: KIEV

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Our zealous brothers and sisters make a rather inglorious appearance at this stage.

With tensions between clans bubbling into outright conflict, tales of witchcraft and necromancy trickled into Rome. The church could no longer turn a blind eye!

Of course, launching the Holy Inquisition Against the Devil and Other Demons also gave ample excuse to persecute mortal enemies of the church. Many innocent souls perished at the stake, condemned by nothing more than village gossip.

But a number of authentic cases are documented – I refer here to [redacted] or [redacted] (1420) – and constitute our first strikes against the forces of darkness. Or so we’ve been taught ...

What if these ‘victories’ were orchestrated by vampires themselves? I suggest just that: the total infiltration of our medieval church. The Shadow Inquisition was simply a weapon for our subjects to wield.

A horizontal timeline on a parchment background with a central line and vertical tick marks. Above the line are three events: Tyler (Brujah) embraced in English dungeon (1381), Hardestadt (Ventrue) killed during First Anarch Revolt. (1395), and Father Albion Greagoire leads pilgrimage of the damned. (1434). Below the line are two events: Peasants' Revolt crushed after breaching Tower of London. (1381) and Joan of Arc turns the tide of the Hundred Years' War. (1429).

**THE WAR OF THE PRINCES** Resolved by

**CHAPTER 7: TÂRGOVISTE**

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**CHAPTER 8: CONSTANTINOPE**

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**CHAPTER 9: MOSCOW**

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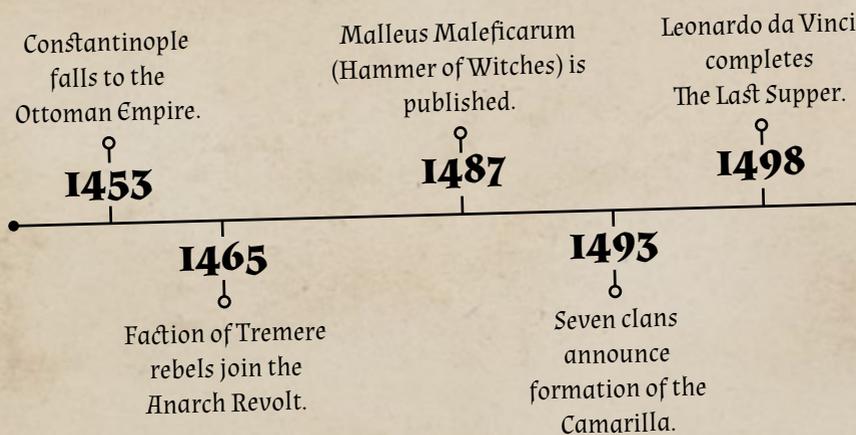
There can be no doubt many genuine infernals perished under the Inquisition. My question is: cui bono? Who benefits when a monster meets final death?

I argue it is their bitter rivals – including ██████████ and our subjects – orchestrating events to exactly this end.

And who suffers? Research shows the Inquisition overwhelmingly targeted younger, less powerful vampires. Our enemies have no compulsion sacrificing their progeny.

Things predictably exploded into violence when a creature only known as Tyler launched a failed attack on a rival, a vampire aristocrat of the Hardestadt family. The established order faced desperate vampire whelps calling for vengeance after being thrown to the Inquisition for decades.

It is my belief this revolution nearly brought the society of the night crumbling down. Perhaps that was our last chance ...



**THE ANARCH REVOLT**

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CHAPTER 10: MALTA

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CHAPTER 11: NAPLES

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CHAPTER 12: GRANADA

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One curious detail from historical records is just how poorly the damned hid their activities.

Despite some exaggeration, ignorance and dubious claims, it seems medieval Inquisitors found devils across Europe. How things have changed!

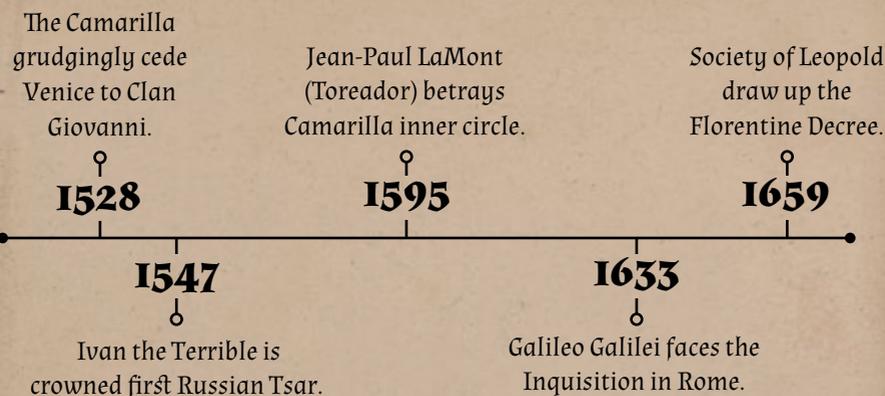
Where are the heaped skulls? Why has evidence consistently skirted the growing investigative powers of science and ██████████? Who, in short, is keeping these monsters in check?

Research points towards a political union established in 1493 at the 'Thorn Convention'. Entrenched powers came together to crush wide-scale revolt and bring stability with a number of edicts.

The most important edict is the conspiracy of silence. All Vampires are obligated to obscure their true nature from mortal eyes – with violations punishable by true death.

I believe our subjects can be directly linked to a number of deaths, disappearances and destroyed artefacts within the Society of Leopold.

We are blind because we are hunted.



**THE INQUISITION**

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CHAPTER 13: VIENNA

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CHAPTER 14: BAGHDAD

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CHAPTER 15: BIRMINGHAM

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With all evidence of the supernatural ruthlessly eradicated, European society fell into complacency and 'rationalism'.

The Inquisition withered and faded beneath the scrutiny of an increasingly modern world. Eventually, we became the heretics ourselves – surrounded by doubt and disbelief within the church.

By hiding in shadows, the infernal were able to build a flourishing order at the heart of our cities. By this, I mean the court structures discovered while investigating ██████████ (1756) and ██████████ (1930) represent a consistent political form.

A 'Prince' (the term is gender-neutral) rules the entire city through a distinctly fuedal cabal of advisers. We are not dealing with chaos, but order. I assure you the evidence is clear for these unorthodox views.

And if such a proposition fills you with dread ...

Consider that our subjects may be powerful enough and ancient enough to orchestrate multiple courts – a symphony of the night.

Timeline of events:

- 1709: Great Frost marks the coldest winter in 500 years.
- 1718: Camarilla blood hunt destroys last of Lamia Bloodline.
- 1742: First water-powered cotton mill begins operation.
- 1761: The Samedi Bloodline is founded.
- 1789: French revolutionaries capture the Bastille.

**THE BEAST WITHIN** Resolved by

CHAPTER 16: MADRID

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CHAPTER 17: ST PETERSBURG

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CHAPTER 18: HAVANA

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The infernal are locked in a cruel dance with mortals.

We represent, of course, a source of sustenance. But we also fascinate and repulse the dead, who are drawn moth-like to our society. Call it nostalgia (from the Greek nostos 'return home' + algos 'pain').

So they remain among us due to a psychological compulsion ... but also out of practical necessity.

Immortality naturally generates a stultifying fear of change, as betrayal means the difference between having everything and being nothing. Over time this fear can be their undoing (see Anatole at [redacted]).

My research suggests a gradual drift or 'lag' emerges between vampires and the world of the living. Electricity, radio, photography, and more – each represents a profound liability for the damned.

One mistake with technology, language, and above all shifting moral concepts can reveal their alien nature. Change becomes crucial.

Even our subjects, despite all their power, were forced to adapt to this modern world.

A horizontal timeline on a light green background with a black line and tick marks. Events are marked with vertical lines and circles above or below the line.

- 1802**: Michael Unther (Toreador) embraced in Napoleonic Wars.
- 1837**: The telegraph is patented.
- 1848**: Prince Breidenstein (Ventrué) forced to flee Berlin.
- 1861**: Emperor Alexander II abolishes serfdom in Russia.
- 1889**: Tremere elders create a disease to mimic vampirism.

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CHAPTER 19: PARIS

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CHAPTER 20: BARCELONA

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CHAPTER 21: ANKARA

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Consider the 'Civil War' hypothesis. The basic premise is that vampiric society is divided into three factions.

The devil we know: an entrenched orthodoxy who wish to maintain a status quo enforced since 1493.

The devil we fear: a rival and disturbing power base. I personally believe they seek to dismantle the conspiracy of silence and rule openly.

The devil quoting scripture: a broad coalition of younger vampires with nothing to lose, who wish to reshape the entire order of the night.

Increased attacks and breaches of the conspiracy all suggest that war is reaching a conclusion. As expected, our subjects are enthusiastic participants, seeing just another opportunity to dominate their rivals.

So the vital question becomes: which faction will triumph? And how can the Society possibly face adversaries such as these?

I fear the truth may be revealed all too soon.

Yours in humble service,



Timeline of key events:

- 1914: Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.
- 1924: Camarilla orchestrate the rise of Joseph Stalin.
- 1948: "Trinity" test marks dawn of the atomic age.
- 1990: Methuselah Helena (Toreador) rises from torpor.
- 1991: Soviet Union formally ceases to exist.

**THE SABBAT WARS** Resolved by

# CHRONICLE SCORING

## RESOURCES

0-3 CP

Kindred

Mortals

Wealth

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## PSYCHE

0-3 CP

Cruelty

Mercy

Detachment

1 2 3

## ABILITIES

0-3 CP

Subterfuge

Warfare

Occult

1 2 3

## ALLEGIANCE

-1/+1 CP

Camarilla

Anarchs

Sabbat

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## DISCIPLINE MASTERY

1 CP

## TITLES

1 CP

## NOTES

# OF CLANS HIGH AND LOW

Dark Aristocracy



Equal in Death



# THE WAR OF THE PRINCES

Paris



Berlin



Warsaw



Rome



# THE ANARCH REVOLT

Velvet Glove



Iron Fist



# THE INQUISITION

Nights of Vengeance



Into the Shadows



# THE BEAST WITHIN

Road of the Beast



Road of Humanity



# THE MASQUERADE

Dead Silence



Out in the Open



Open Secret



# THE SABBAT WARS

Pax Aeterna



Permanent Revolution



New World Order



