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Notes from the Desk of the Lodge Chairperson

Golden Comeback, Chapter One

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ELCOME TO THE FIRST ISSUE of Kiiii-Yaaah!, the Secret War Society newsletter! I really want to thank all the people who helped bring Shadowfist back. It was truly the Shadowfist community who helped make this dream come alive and I could not have done it without you all.

Many people ask me how in the world I got the rights to bring this game back. Funny thing is, getting the rights was the easiest step: actually getting the game out was the hard part. But first, let me give you the backstory of my motivation for staging Shadowfist's Golden Comeback. You can skip this part if you've heard it or don't care and read on. We've got articles on killer decks, card strategies, Power for Promos goodies, checklists, tournament ranking information, etc.

I've been playing Fist since Origins '95. My friends and I got hooked immediately upon seeing this game. I was taught by Rob Heinsoo and had a blast. After winning the Gencon '95 Australian tournament, I became a playtester for Shadowfist and also ran many events. And life was good.

Then I saw the decline of support for Shadowfist, and things got worse each month. Soon after Flashpoint arrived, late 1996, Shadowfist was declared dead.

But I still played. I go to a lot of conventions. My friends do too. We did volunteer work for other companies, but after hours we always whipped out our Shadowfist decks and played. It was at these sessions that I discovered the viability of reviving Shadowfist. You see, every time we would play, people would come by, slap their foreheads and say, "If I knew Shadowfist was going to be played, I would have brought my deck!"

This got me thinking about the possibility of bringing the game back. Now, every time we would see people at a convention that obviously loved the game, I would talk about bringing it back. The answer to this was always, "I'd like to help". Whether it was money, time, skills, etc., people were willing to help. This led me to seriously pursue the idea and at Gencon '98 I spoke with Robin Laws about it. He was a little against bringing back a dead game, but he was willing to let me if I got permission from Jose, who still owned the rights.

And the rest, as they say, is history. Well, there's a lot more to it and perhaps I'll finish the story in another issue. But for now, keep the Shadowfist dream alive!





CRITICAL SHIFT

The Evolution of the Thunder Lance

Designer Notes from Netherworld 2: The process of creating, playtesting and finalizing a card

by Julian Lighton

NE OF THE DESIGN GOALS for Netherworld 2: Back Through the Portals was to beef up the Monarch faction. We thought the addition of a cool weapon would work towards that goal. Hence, the Thunder Lance was born.

The Thunder Lance started as a name to go with Huan Ken's medieval fetish. Ambush is the obvious ability to give a lance, as its length lets you strike before your enemy can hurt you. (What's that? Guns? Shush.) Of course, Ambush is a very nasty ability to be able to drop by surprise - not to mention that this is the faction of Spirit Pole - so a limitation was required. Attacking alone seemed like a good match; you're hard to stop with characters, but you're extremely vulnerable to other denial. My devious little mind also constructed it so that other players could turn it off by joining your attack, which can give them an interesting little dilemma.

And so, I quickly sketched out a first draft of the idea:

Thunder Lance State Cost: **3**1

Weapon. Subject Character has Ambush and +3 damage while attacking if no other Characters are attacking.



Needless to say, this first draft never got into playtest; the designers took a stab at it and before it was submitted to the gentle mercies of the playtesters, the damage bonus was reduced to a more sensible 1.

The Lance's big problem was revealed fairly quickly in playtest. It had the potential to be very strong in two-player games, where there was nobody to turn it off.

To attempt to weaken it in dueling, we next removed the damage bonus entirely. When that proved inadequate, the cost was raised to 2 power, and the +1 damage restored to compensate.

That achieved the goal. It was no longer a problem card in dueling. This was because it stank on ice (or perhaps on thunder.)

We now had the task of making it good again. The first thing we did was to make it always somewhat useful; no matter what, you'd have the damage bonus.

Still, it wasn't enough. We couldn't really go back down to a cost of 1; even if we increased the resource requirements that would be pretty brutal. The only way to go was up. Another point of damage, along with another resource condition to slow it down a bit more, and we have decent card. It's not as good as it was, but it's playable, and unlikely to be overwhelming. So we end up with:

Thunder Lance State

Cost: 🍪 🗘 2

Weapon. Subject Character inflicts +2 damage. While subject is the only attacking Character, it gains Ambush.



NETHERWORLD RETURN

Netherworld 2 Accumulated Rulings



Arcanorat If you declare an attack with one Arcanorat, it goes home immediately, before other players can join. However, the game won't check for a lack of attackers until everybody has had a chance to join.

Art of War If you forget to predict, you were automatically wrong.

Atourina Baktiari You must damage either all characters or none; you can't pick and choose.

Big Red Button All damage comes from Big Red Button, not from the **Tech** cards it's smoking. The damage is all from one source, so it can all be redirected in one shot.

Blood Fields 1) If you use Blood Fields to copy something, you have to wait for the copy effect to resolve before you use it. So, you couldn't cancel a Whirlpool of Blood unless you'd already copied it earlier in the turn. 2) If Blood Fields is copying a Feng Shui Site, cards that affect Feng Shui Sites (such as Whirlpool of Blood) still won't affect it.

Blue Senshi Chamber You can't turn Blue Senshi Chamber both to change the designator and to make somebody uninterceptable at the same time.

Bounty If you manage to smoke somebody during combat by some means other than directly due to combat damage, (Nine Cuts for instance.) you do get the Power. However, it has to be the Character's ability that does it. Death Touch wouldn't work.

Brain Fire 1) All the new targets must be different from the originals. If there are not enough new targets available, you can't play Brain Fire. 2) Brain Fire does target the new targets. If you have a Brain Fire of your own, you can Brain Fire the Brain Fire (Even choosing the Event's original targets.)

Conversion Drone 1) The "it" refers to the Character smoked by Conversion Drone, not to the Drone itself. 2) If the Drone is smoked as well, the Character it smoked still returns.

3) The returned Characters do not return to their normal state even if the Drone is not in play. 4) The returned Characters retain their title, subtitle, and limitations, so do, for instance, cause Uniqueness auctions.

Cutting Loose Ends Each player may choose a different player's smoked pile from which to toast cards.

Darkness Falls 1) Yes, this can get awkward when characters have damage or States on them. A die is a useful tool; roll once for each interceptor to assign them to an attacker, then organize the chains. 2) Characters that are not affected by Events may choose which Character they are intercepting normally.

DNA Mage If you manage to give him Butterfly Knight's ability, he may attack.

Dr. Ally Matthews 1) If a card (such as Green Senshi Chamber or Tangram Alley) places a limit on X, the limit still applies. 2) If an ability (such as Green Senshi Chamber's) has a cost of X, she does not affect the amount paid, only the amount the ability actually works with. So, you could turn her to add two to the Green Senshi Chamber's X, then turn the Chamber, inflicting zero damage on it, and give somebody Toughness: 2.

Duodenum of Yang Luo Once the Duodenum is attacking, it doesn't care about the status of the Sites at the location. If you declare an attack at an unrevealed Site, it's too late to reveal it.

Expendable Unit Expendable Unit can not be used to absorb a Final Brawl; it would be redirecting damage to the card the damage was being inflicted on in the first place, which is not allowed.

Feeding the Fires 1) You may not save the extra pseudo-power you get from this. If you use a counter to play a 1-cost card, the other point of "power" you could have had is wasted. 2) You can't play two cards simultaneously and split the "power", either.

Fire Acolytes If two acolytes die simultaneously, they both go off, because each fulfills the condition for the other.

Fist of Shadow There must be an Edge in play to use his ability; you may not sacrifice him for one Power without a target.

Furious George Butterfly Knights may join Furious George if they're attacking without turning.

Going Out in Style This card is played during combat, overriding the general rule that prevents you from using effects during combat. This, in turn, allows effects to be used that say that they are played in response to Events, such as Confucian Stability.

Gorilla Fighter The cost reduction remains even after the Gorilla Fighter is played, making the card easier to affect with cards such as Tranquil Persuader and Die!!!

Hall of Portals 1) If you use Hall of Portals within your own Site structure, the characters moving back and forth do not pass through the intervening columns. 2) If you use Hall of Portals on an opponent's Site, you may still only change location to that Site for the purpose of intercepting an attack there

Helix Scrambler The character need not be damaged by the Scrambler for its rules text to be blanked.

Ice Pagoda Don't forget that, when you attack, none of your attackers are going to be at the location of your Ice Pagoda.

Je Pai Yes, that "even if it is now turned" part is redundant. Not everybody knows the rules as well as you do.:)

Jeroen Becker It is a Dutch name and is pronounced much like "Veroon".

King of the Fire Pagoda You get only one point of damage per attack, no matter how many attackers you declared.

King of the Thunder Pagoda If somebody redirects his damage, the 3 damage effect is triggered when the damage-redirection effect resolves, not when it's generated, or when the damage is actually redirected by the signpost. Lusignan's Tower 1) The discard is not a requirement to be met in order to play an Event; it's a punishment. 2) If they have no cards left, nothing happens to them and the Event resolves normally. 3) They may play more Events in response to the discard, before it resolves. 4) The card to be discarded is not determined until the effect resolves, so they can't wait to see what they're losing, and then play it.

Lusignan the Fool 1) You may draw a card even if your hand is full. 2) If you have a Supercomputer going, you may still draw an extra card. 3) The Events your opponents play are not considered to be toasted for purposes of other game effects.

Maze of Stairs A Character that will inflict no damage (due to Operation Killdeer, damage redirection, or the like) continues attacking unless it fails to overcome an interceptor. It will enter combat with the Maze, allowing another attacker to damage it.

Molotov Cocktail Party 1) The damage to the other Site is not combat damage. 2) If a Gnarled Marauder uses this card, it will inflict 5 combat damage on each Site. Then, Molotov Cocktail Party's effect will trigger, inflicting another 5 damage on each. You would only get to seize or burn the site if either of them had five body or less to start with.

Mr. Red 1) The coin is flipped after combat has begun; it's too late to play effects once you know who he's backstabbing. 2) If, through whatever twisted means, more than one Character with Mr. Red's ability enters combat with a Site, apply the simultaneous play rule: Generate his triggered effects going clockwise around the table from the player whose turn it is, then resolve in reverse order. The final one to resolve that got Heads gets to seize the Site.

Netherworld Portal You must choose which, if any, Character gets the bonus when you declare the attack.

Obsidian Mountain The "Obsidian Mountain" in quotation marks refers to any card with that title, so playing more than one Obsidian Mountain won't lead to the Chain Reaction of Sudden and Complete Site Annihilation.

Ominous Swamp You don't pay the power if the Swamp is not revealed.

Once and Future Champion The +1 Fighting lasts until he leaves play.

Orange Senshi Chamber The -1 cost for Orange Characters is mandatory and cumulative with other cost reductions, unlike other price breaks.

Phlogiston Mine 1) Because the choice is immediate, you may reveal the Mine in response to an Event, choose the appropriate resource, and gain a point of power. 2) Phlogiston is a substance or principle that many early chemists theorized was involved in the process of combustion.

Prisoner of the Monarchs This card will remove an interceptor. Even if the interceptor's controller pays off immediately, the Character has already been removed.

Queen of the Ice Pagoda States already on cards you control remain.

Red Don 1) The "rules text related to an ability" includes preconditions, costs to use, effects, the duration, etc. It does not include other turning abilities on the same card (such as the Man With No Name) or any other rules text. So, if he copied a Swiss Banker, he would not be smoked if you had no power. 2) Abilities that happen when a Character turns to attack may not be copied; turning a card must be part of the cost to generate the effect. 3) If a card turns some other card to generate its effect, (Biomass Reprocessing Center) Red Don may copy that ability. 4) Because he gains the rules text immediately, instead of having to let it resolve, (like Blood Fields does) it would be possible to use him to Whirlpool a Whirlpool. 5) If he copies a State with a turning ability that affects the State's subject, he cannot use the ability, as he has no subject. 6) Abilities that would produce an illegal board position (such as Lily Pond) do nothing if he uses them.

Red Senshi Chamber If a Character is "not affected by Superleap" it may intercept a character with Superleap while turned. The Superleaper has not lost the ability, (it wouldn't lose the bonus from Twin Thunder Kick) it just isn't finding it all that useful right now.

Smart Gun 1) You may pick and choose which Characters get hit; it's not all or nothing. 2) You don't pick a designator; any Character that shares any designator with the guy you fought may be damaged. A card that shares more than one designator can still only be damaged once. (So, if you fought a Student of the Shark (Pledged Hood), you could damage The Pledged and a Kung Fu Student, but another Student of the Shark could only be hit once.)

Supercomputer Even if you would be drawing zero cards, you may still draw three instead.

That Which Does Not Kill Me... Like Going Out in Style, this may be played during combat

The Bound The 1 point of damage happens before combat damage is inflicted. It does not count as combat damage itself.

The Burning King 1) If you're closest to victory, and manage to get him into play through some means where you don't choose the Character (such as In Your Face Again) you get to keep him. 2) If he's healed in response to the discard to take control of him, it doesn't matter; the effect only had to be legal at generation; it doesn't check again at resolution.

The Dis-Timed You only need to be ahead of one opponent.

The Prof She hasn't changed in how she works from the original version. The "that affect cards in play" clause was redundant, since cards not in play don't generally have active abilities.

The Prof's Gambit 1) This card does affect cards like CHAR that can't have their damage prevented. Like damage, it reduces their Fighting directly, so they end up not inflicting as much damage. 2) The first sentence could probably be better-worded. "Who is closer to victory than you" applies both to "being attacked by" and "attacking."

The Twisted Gardens Yes, Temple of the Angry Spirits inflicts +1 damage. At the moment, no other non-Character cards would, because they don't inflict any combat damage, so the damage bonus isn't helpful.

Thunder Pagoda Choose which effect you want when the Pagoda's effect resolves. The single-Character bonus does not change if the number of Thunder attackers does.



MARKED FOR DEAT

Killer Deck: Der Grüne Punkt

by Brian Van Camp

FENG SHUI SITES (15)

- City Park
- 1 Birdhouse Cafe
- City Square
- Rainforest Temple
- Fox Pass
- 2 Whirlpool of Blood
- 2 Turtle Beach

FOUNDATIONS (16)

- **Golden Candle Society**
- Instrument of the Hand
- Plasma Trooper
- 1 Swordsman

UTILITY CHARACTERS / HITTERS (15)

- 1 Shan Tsu
- 2 Lui Man Wai*
- 1 Sun Chen
- 2 Shih Ho Kuai
- Quan Lo
- 1 Hung Hei Kwon*
- 2 Gardeners
- 1 The Iron Monkey

- Vivisector

EVENTS (20)

- 2 Blood of the Valiant
- Confucian Stability
- **Rigorous Discipline**
- Robust Feng Shui
- Wind on the Mountain 2
- Blade Palm
- Heat of Battle
- Iron and Silk

SITES / STATES / EDGES (9)

- 2 The Fox Outfoxed
- Blue Senshi Chamber*
- Green Senshi Chamber
- **Orange Senshi Chamber**
- Yellow Senshi Chamber
- 3 White Senshi Chamber

(75 Cards: for Multi-player games)

* new cards from Netherworld 2



ER GRÜNE PUNKT is German for 'The Green Point' - Europe's 'recycling' symbol. The theme of this deck is to re-use, re-duce and re-cycle: effects, cards, damage, you name it. I should add re-direct to this list as well.

SITES

The Feng Shui Sites and Senshi Chambers do most of the work for you with this deck. If on turn 2, you have a White Senshi Chamber hiding behind either a Rainforest Temple, or City Square, you are well on your way to a good performance. Make sure that your Senshi Chambers are in the second row and protected. The damage movement and redirection in the deck makes it very difficult for opponents to take your sites.

If an attack on a Site is bound to succeed, dump all of the damage you can from other Sites onto it, and then redirect as much damage as you can onto it to make sure it smokes before your opponent gets it. The Senshi Chambers are in the deck to take a beating. The White Senshi Chamber can be played into a Front Row if you must. Opponents rarely seize the White when you still have two or three others in play.

CHARACTERS

There are nine Unique Characters in the deck, but they are all important. With the hitters it isn't the size that matters, but the ability.

PLASMA TROOPERS are there not only to provide Architect resources, but also so you can RIGOROUS DISCIPLINE their ability onto other characters.

VIVISECTORS are good for playing characters and then recycling them to play more characters. It can be effectively used as Power Generation.

OTHER

BLADE PALM is very offensively, but usually better in a defensive role for failing attacks.

HEAT OF BATTLE is best in dueling games. If your opponent is aggressive, do not play a Site on your first turn (especially if you go first), and just drop a small Character. Most people will take the bait and kill him. Heat of Battle is a great first-turn boost.

SHORTCOMINGS

ALTERNATIVE POWER GENERATION is occasionally a problem. When I tinker with the deck I always add a few Violet Meditations, but they never make the final cut.

SPEED DECKS if very fast are occasionally a problem. This deck takes some time to go on the offensive, but can usually frustrate most attacks until then.

POSSIBLE CARD SWAPS

TRANQUIL PERSUADER is great with Vivisectors, but expensive to use.

You can use this deck idea in a duel by dropping down to 60 cards. Remove: City Park, 1 City Square, 1 Whirlpool, 1 Instrument of the Hand, 1 Plasma Trooper, Swordsman, 1 Shih Ho Kuai, Sun Chen, Gardener, 1 Confucian, Iron and Silk, Orange Senshi Chamber. Replace the 2 Fox Outfoxed with Fortune of the Turtle.



OPERATION KILLDEER

Top 10 Mistakes in Shadowfist Play, pt. 1 of 3

THERE ARE FEW ABSOLUTES IN SHADOWFIST.
The best deck, card, or play depends on where, when, and against whom it's used.
The worst card in your deck may turn out to be the one that wins you the game. A sure-fire technique might lose it for you.

Although there are few absolutes in the game, this doesn't mean every strategy is equally good. In general circumstances, some plays and techniques are better, some simply worse. The following are the most common mistakes I've noticed in my years of playing.

10. Keeping Your Initial Hand Quick quiz: You're playing a basic Architect deck. Your first draw contains one Arcanotechnician (of two in your deck), two Neutron Bombs (of three), one Nerve Gas (of three), one Imprison (of three), and one Sergeant Blightman (out of ten hitters). Because it's the first turn, with no Power generation, you can discard as many of these as you like. Which ones do you keep?

Answer: Trick question – keep nothing.

Yes, you'll dump some of the best cards in your deck. Guess what? At this point in the game, all that's important is that your opening hand contains zero Feng Shui Sites and zero foundation Characters. You have plenty of good resource cards in your deck – but until you draw and play a Foundation Character they're all useless. And if the cards you draw next don't include at least one Feng Shui Site, you're in Trouble.

If you don't have a Feng Shui Site to play on your first or second turn, you'll be behind on building your site structure – and behind on Power generation. If you don't play a Feng Shui Site by turn 3-4, you'll be playing the rest of the game at a severe disadvantage. You'll need superior strategic ability or outstanding diplomatic skills just to hold your own. While cards like Pocket Demon and Scrounging can ease the pain of slow site development, they are usually better used to recover from mid-game Power problems (like losing a Site or two.)

Note that in a duel, this mistake is even worse – missing even a single turn's development can easily result in a game loss.

9. Holding Good Cards This mistake is similar to #10 – you should consider #9 as the general case of which #10 is a specific instance. I treat this as a separate error because many people who have absolutely no problem throwing away a mediocre starting hand still find it difficult to dump a Thing with a 1000 Tongues or Neutron Bomb in the early game.

It's not uncommon to draw a strong, expensive card early, long before you have the Power or resources to use it. Similarly, players often draw a card with high opportunity cost (like Bite of the Jellyfish or Claw of the Dragon) when a chance to use it soon is unlikely.

Generally speaking, if you likely won't use a card in the next 2-3 turns, you should toss it — it's just clogging up your hand. While you build Power / resources / opportunity to use that card, your opponents are discarding what they can't use, drawing and playing cards they can, and smacking you around NOW. By the time you can play your killer card (if ever), it's often too little too late.

Note that this advice applies to all cards, even Character removal (Die!!!, Nerve Gas) and denial (Confucian Stability, Brain Fire). In a duel, it is sometimes important to hang on to these even if an opportunity to use them seems a long way off. But in multiplayer, avoid holding on too long to any card. In fact in some playgroups consistently hoarding denial or Character removal is especially bad, as your opponents can force you to use such cards to their advantage. Don't be someone else's stopper!

- **8. Missing the Obvious** This common error can take many forms:
- One of your big hitters gets Nerve Gassed. Later, you realize your unrevealed front-row Site was a Festival Circle.
- You Shadowy Mentor an opponent's Thing with a 1000 Tongues, ignoring the puny Fighting 2 Character he brought out last turn. Too bad the puny guy was Wu Ta-Hsi.

by Max "Doc Coyote" Hufnagel

 You're about to lose a site to a Kun Kan, so your Arcanotechnician grabs a Nerve Gas from your smoked pile. 4 Underworld Trackers in opponents' smoked piles pop out with nasty grins.

To avoid these mistakes you have to keep track of what's on the table. Unfortunately, that's usually easier than it sounds. Multiplayer games get complicated, each player with a dozen cards in play plus a packed smoked pile. Add in the players themselves, who (in my experience) are usually a bunch of good-natured wise-crackers who incessantly throw around advice (some good, some bad), and friendly harassment to and at everyone present, and it's easy lose track of things. The solution seems paradoxical, but isn't:

1. Pay attention.

2. Ignore what's going on.

Pay close attention to table situation – the cards in play and in smoked piles, how much Power people have and, just as important, how much Power they'll have on their turn. If someone has played a card that you don't know by heart, take the time to read and absorb it. It's usually worth the effort.

Ignore everything else. Don't let your opponents distract you. Have fun and banter with them as you wish, but keep focussed on the game. In general, it is best to ignore their suggestions. Regardless of how good their advice may seem, realize that in the long run you need to rely on your own assessment of the game state – there's only one winner in a Shadowfist game, and no one wants that to be you except you.



REGISTRY OF THE DAMNED

Card Checklist: Netherworld 2 to Throne War

Eunuch Underling

Evil Twin

Explosives

Final Brawl

Fox Pass

Gardener

Hacker

Family Estate

Festival Circle

Field of Tentacles

Floating Restaurant

Friends of the Dragon

Glimpse of the Abyss

Golden Comeback

Helix Chewer

Helix Rethread

Homo Omega

House on the Hill

Infernal Temple

Inner Sanctum

Iron and Silk

Jade Valley

Golden Candle Society

Hands Without Shadow

Inexorable Corruption

Four Burning Fists

Gambling House



NETHERWORLD 2

COMMON **Arcanorat Back For Seconds** Blood and Thunder **Brain Fire Butterfly Knight** Claws of Darkness Cloud Walking **Darkness Warriors DNA Mage** Dallas Rocket Expendable Unit Fire Acolytes Fire Sled Fire Warriors Fist of Shadow Gorilla Encampment Hall of Portals Ice Commandos Ice Healer Ice Shield Ice Warriors **Imprisoned** In Your Face Again Inauspicious Reburial **Junkyard Crawler** Low-Rent Cyborg Mark of Fire Maze of Doors Midnight Whisperer Netherworld Portal Netherworld Return Ninja Interior Decorators Obsidian Mountain **Ominous Swamp** Palm of Darkness **Playing Both Ends** Portal Jockey Prisoner of the Monarchs **Ravenous Devourer** Ring of Gates Skin and Darkness Ravagers

UNCOMMON Adrenaline Junkie Arcanotechnician Art of War Avenging Fire Avenging Thunder Big Red Switch Bite of the Jellyfish Blood Fields

Swiss Banker

The Displaced

The Dis-Timed

Thunder Initiate

Thunder Lance

Thunder Squire

Waterfall Sanctuary

Thunder Knights

Me...

That Which Does Not Kill

Blue Senshi Chamber **Bounty Conversion Drone Cutting Loose Ends Darkness Falls Entropy is Your Friend Fanaticism** Feeding the Fires Fire Constructs **Fusion Rifle** Going Out in Style Gorilla Fighter Green Senshi Chamber Helix Scrambler Military Comandant Molotov Cocktail Party Monkey Boy **Monkey House** Orange Senshi Chamber **Phlogiston Mine Proving Ground Pulling Strings Purist Sorcerer** Red Senshi Chamber Scroll of Incantation Smart Gun Spirit Pole Storm Riders Sunless Sea Ruins Supercomputer Swarm of Teeth Tangram Alley The New Heroes The Prof's Gambit The Twisted Gardens Thunder Champion Thunder on Thunder Thunder Valkyries Violet Senshi Chamber White Senshi Chamber Wind on the Mountain Yellow Senshi Chamber

RARE Atourina Baktiari **Biomass Reprocessing** Center Chiu Fa **Colonel Griffith** Colonel Richtmeyer Darkness Pagoda Dr. Ally Matthews Dr. Curtis Boatman Duodenum of Yuang Lo Fire Pagoda Furious George General Fung Genocide Lounge Golden Gunman Hiro Asataka Hung Hei Kwon Ice Pagoda Je Pai Jeroen Becker King of the Fire Pagoda

King of the Thunder Pagoda **Lucius Centares** Lui Man Wai Lusignan the Fool Lusignan's Automaton Lusignan's Tower Man With No Name Mr. Red Once and Future Champion Paradox Beast Queen of the Darkness Pagoda Queen of the Ice Pagoda Raven Li Red Don Simon Draskovic Suong Xa Temple of Boundless Meditation The Baron The Bound The Burning King The Hub The Prof The Strangled Scream Thunder Pagoda Wu Ming Yi

PROMO Nine Cuts The Duodenum of Yang Luo The Eastern King The Junkyard

YR OF THE DRAGON

FIXED RARITY Abominable Lab **Abysmal Absorber Amulet of the Turtle** Arcanowave Reinforcer Birdhouse Cafe **Blade Palm** Blessed Orchard Blood of the Valiant Blue Monk **Bronze Sentinel Bull Market Buro Godhammer** Cave Network **CDCA Scientist** CHAR City Park City Square Claw of the Dragon Confucian Stability **Covert Operation Curio Shop** Dangerous Experiment Dirk Wisely's Gambit **Discerning Fire** Draco

Jagged Cliffs lane Q. Public Kinoshita House Kun Kan Kung Fu Student Little Jim Maverick Cop Mole Network Nerve Gas Netherworld Vet **Neutron Bomb** Nine Dragon Temple **Operation Killdeer** Paper Trail Perpetual Motion Machine Plasma Trooper **Pocket Demon** Prototype X PubOrd Officer **Pump-Action Shotgun** Rat Fink Red Monk Redeemed Gunman Righteous Fist Rigorous Discipline Robot Arm Sacred Heart Hospital Sam Mallory Satellite Intelligence Secret Headquarters Shadowfist Shadowy Mentor Shan Tsu **Shaolin Sanctuary** Shattering Fire Shield of Pure Soul Sinister Priest Sting of the Scorpion

Stone Garden Student of the Bear Student of the Shark Suicide Mission Surprise, Surprise **Test Subjects** The Hungry The Iron Monkey The Pledged Thing with a 1000 **Tongues** Ting Ting **Tortured Memories** Tricia Kwok **Turtle Beach** Vassals of the Lotus Violet Meditation Vivisector Walking Corpses White Disciple Wong Fei Hong

THRONE WAR

COMMON **Black Flag Rebels** Competitive Intelligence **Darkness Priestess** Discerning Fire Eagle Mountain **Earth Poisoner** Elite Guards Farseeing Rice Grains Festival of Giants **Final Sacrifice** Flying Sleeves Flying Sword Stance **Grizzly Pass** Hsiung-nu Mercenaries Inauspicious Return lust Another Consumer Möbius Gardens Palace Guards **Peasant Uprising** Petroglyphs **Pocket Demon** Puzzle Garden Resistance Squad **Righteous Protector** Scrounging Shattering Fire Smiling Heaven Lake **Ulterior Motives** Violet Meditation Whirlpool of Blood

UNCOMMON Apes of Wrath Bandit Chief Bandit Hideout Blade of Darkness Blue Monk Cave of a Thousand Banners **Darkness Adept** Desolate Ridge Die!!! **Eater of Fortune Evil Twin** For China! Infernal Pact Napalm Addict Obsidian Eye Payback Time Rebel Camp Sinister Accusations Sword of the Dragon King Temple of the Angry Spirits The Blue Cardinal's Guards The Dragon Throne **Time Bandits Twin Thunder Kick** Two Hundred Knives of Pain **Underworld Tracker Wandering Teacher** Weird Science Who Wants Some? Who's the Monkey

RARF Andrea Van de Graaf Ba-BOOM! **Demon Emperor** Dr. Celeste Carter Dr. John Haynes Gao Zhang Hall of Brilliance Imperial Palace lui Szu Kar Fai Leung Mui Mad Monk Oliver Chen Seven Evils Shi Zi Hui The Emperor The Monkey Who Would Be King Titanium Johnson True Son of Heaven Xin Kai Sheng

Now?

PROMO Once and Future Champion Open a Can of Whupass White Ninja



REGISTRY OF THE DAMNE

Card Checklist: Flashpoint to Limited

FLASHPOINT

COMMON Alchemist's Lair Birdhouse Cafe Blood of the Valiant Bloody Horde Both Guns Blazing **Buro GodHammer BuroMil Flite** BuroMil Grunt BuroMil Ninja Carnival of Carnage Cheap Punks Chimpanzer City Park Claw of Fury Claw of the Dragon Comrades in Arms Crèche of the New Flesh Curio Shop Dallas Rocket Dirk Wisely's Gambit Drunken Stance **Encephalon Screamer** Ex-Commando Fighting Spirit Fire Sled Flying Windmill Kick Fortuitous Chi Gonzo Journalist Hacker Heart of the Rainforest Hidden Sanctuary Homemade Tank Hover Tank In Your Face Again Jane Q. Public Just Another Consumer Killing Ground Kung Fu Student Lodge Politics Monkeywrenching Mountain Warrior Napalm Sunrise Night Market Nuked Old Hermit's Gambit Orange Meditation Peacock Summit Plasma Trooper Pod Trooper Portal Jockey Pump-Action Shotgun Rainforest Grove Rainforest Temple Redeemed Gunman Righteous Fist Rocket Scientist Sampan Village Shaolin Surprise Slo Mo Vengeance Smart Missile Sniper Nest Stolen Police Car Student of the Shark Stunt Man Ting Ting's Gambit Too Much Monkey Business Trust Me, I've Got a Plan Turtle Island Vile Prodigy

Art of War **Bad Colonel** Bzzzzzt! CAT Tactics Coffee-Stained Cop Cop on Vacation Cyclone of Knives Dark's Soft Whisper Destroyer Disinformation Packet Doomsday Device **Drop Troopers** Forty-Story Inferno Gibbering Horror Glimpse of the Abyss Gorilla Fighter Grease Monkey Hosed Invincible Chi lust a Rat Laughter of the Wind Leatherback Let's Book! MegaTank Memory Reprocessing Mirror Dancer Open Season Portal in Tower Square Purist **Purist Sorcerer** Rain of Fury Rainforest River Red Monk Registry of the Damned Resistance is Futile Satellite Intelligence Scorched Earth Scrappy Kid Spawn of the New Flesh Spirit Pole Supercomputer Tank Warfare The Home Front The Underground
Thunder Champion Total War Underworld Presence Virtuous Hood Wandering Monk We Know Where You Live Wing of the Crane Year of the Rat

Arcanotank

Arcanoworms

Arcanotower 2056 Arcanotower Now Colonel Griffith Dunwa Saleem Genghis X Joey Paz Johnny Badhair Kar Fai's Crib Little lim Melissa Aguelera Mr. Big Rhys Engel Sam Mallory Shan Tsu Silver let Xiaoyang Yun

PROMO White Ninia

Who's the Big Man Now?!

Yakuza Enforcer

UNCOMMON

Anomaly Spirit

Arcanoseed

Arcanostriker

NETHERWORLD

COMMON **Brain Sucker Bronze Sentinel** Butterfly Knight Chi Sucker Chimp Shack Dark Traveler Darkness Priestess Death-O-Rama **Demolitions Expert** Discerning Fire Doomed Lackey Festival Circle Field of Tentacles Fire Warriors Flying Kick Fortress of Shadow Foul Hatchling Garden of Bronze Grenade Posse Heat of Battle House of Mirrors Ice Falcons Ice Healer lce Tiger Kiii-YAAAH! Mad Bomber Mark of Fire Netherworld Vet New Manifesto Perpetual Motion Machine Pocket Demon Resistance Squad Ring of Gates Rust Garden Soul Diver Storm of the Just Surprise, Surprise The Displaced The Faceless The Losers Thunder Squire Tunnel Ganger Undercover Agent Violet Meditation Wall of a Thousand Eves Whirlpool of Blood

Abysmal Absorber Abysmal Deceiver Abysmal Prince Agony Grenade Ancestral Sanctuary Avenging Thunder Biomass Reprocessing Center Blade Freak Burn, Baby, Burn! Capture Squad CHAR Claws of Darkness Desire Manipulator Enchanted Sword Entropy Is Your Friend Fire Assassin Fire Martyr Flying Bladder Flying Crescent Ghost Assassin Gunrunner Ice Courtier Ice Diadem IKTV Rebroadcast Link Monkey House

UNCOMMON

Necromantic Conspiracy Netherworld Return **Operation Green Strike** Repulsor Beams Shield of Pure Soul Shields of Darkness Sibling Rivalry Soul of the Dragon Sucker Rounds The Fox Outfoxed Tick... Tick... Tick... Triumvirate Dealmaker Yellow Monk

RARF

Bao Chou

Blanket of Darkness Counterfeit Heart Darkness Pagoda Death Shadow Elevator to the Netherworld Eugene Fo Fire and Darkness Pavillion Fire Pagoda Furious George **Gnarled Attuner** Gorilla Warfare Green Senshi Chamber Guivu Zui Ice Pagoda Ice Shards Jamal Hopkins lason X immy Wai Jueding Bao-Fude King of the Fire Pagoda Locksley Station Lord Shi Marisol Molten Heart Orange Senshi Chamber Orango Tank Queen of the Darkness Pagoda Rah Rah Rasputine RedGlare Chapel Reverend RedGlare Serena Ku Sergeant Blightman Shinobu Yashida Sung Hi Tanbi Guiawu The Golden Gunman The Prof Thunder Pagoda Thunder Sword Ting Ting White Senshi Chamber Wu Ta-Hsi Xiu Xie Jiang Yellow Senshi Chamber

LIMITED/STANDARD

Ze Botelho

VERY COMMON Ancestral Tomb **Ancient Temple** Auspicious Termites Average Joe Blessed Orchard Cave Network **Eunuch Underling** Everyday Hero Family Home **Family Restaurant**

Friends of the Dragon Motorcycle Mysterious Return Golden Candle Society Grove of Willows Hallowed Earth Nerve Gas Inner Sanctum Instrument of the Hand Jagged Cliffs Lily Pond Liquidators Marsh Mooks Realpolitik Mountain Retreat PubOrd Officer PubOrd Squad Security Ring Fighter Sacred Ground Shadowy Horror Shaolin Monk Sinister Priest Stone Garden Student of the Bear Speed Boat Swat Team Sports Car Swordsman Test Subjects The Pledged Thorns of the Lotus Vassals of the Lotus COMMON

Abominable Lab

Abominable Wave

Abvsmal Horror Whirlwind Strike Alchemist's Lair Alpha Beast White Disciple Ancient Grove UNCOMMON Armored in Life **Back for Seconds** \$10,000 Man Beneficial Realignment Abysmal Spirit Alabaster Javelin Booby Trap Amulet of the Turtle Buro Assassin Cabinet Minister Arcanotechnician Chinese Doctor Arcanowave Pulse Code Red Confucian Stability Covert Operation Array of Stunts Dance of the Centipede Attack Helicopter Bag Full of Guns Dawn of the Righteous Deathtrap Big Bruiser DNA Mage Dragon Fighter Bite of the Jellyfish Blade Palm Dump Warrior Brain Eater Buro Official Edge Warrior Expendable Unit Faked Death Chains of Bone Family Estate Final Brawl Charmed Life Church Official Gadgeteer Gardener Claw of the Tiger Golden Comeback Combat Aircar Gruff Lieutenant Confucian Sage Hands Without Shadow Contract of the Fox Havoc Suit Cry of the Forgotten Healing Earth Helix Chewer Ancestor Curtain of Fullness Helix Rethread Hill of the Turtle Disintegrator Ray Hopping Vampires House on the Hill Dragon Adept Explosives Ice Warriors Fire in the Lake Illusory Bridge Fist of the Bear Imprisoned Inauspicious Reburial Inexorable Corruption Fortune of the Turtle Infernal Temple Fusion Rifle Iron and Silk Fusion Tank **Gnarled Horror** Killing Rain Gnarled Marauder Last Ŏutpost Marked For Death Green Monk Midnight Whisperer

Natural Order Netherworld Passageway Operation Killdeer Orbital Laser Strike **PubOrd Sniper** Really Big Gun Righteous One Rigorous Discipline Secret Laboratory Shadow Creener Shadowy Mentor Shaolin Šanctuary Shaolin Warrior **Shattering Fire** Superior Technology Swiss Banker Sword of Biting The Demon Within Thunder Knights Tortured Memories Trade Center Training Sequence Victory for the Underdog Walking Corpses

Arcanowave Reinforcer Arcanowave Researcher Cellular Reinvigoration Chromosome Screamer Difficulty at the Beginning Dim Mak Flood on the Mountain Grenade Launcher Heroic Conversion

Into the Light Kun Kan Larcenous Mist Masked Avenger Maverick Cop Might of the Elephant Military Commandant Monkey King Monster Hunter Muckraking Journalist Mutoid Mysterious Stranger Neutron Bomb Now You've Made Us Mad Old Hermit One Hundred Names Onslaught of the Turtle Orange Monk Paper Trail Poison Needles Police State Political Lock Positive Ch Progress of the Mouse Proving Ground Reinvigoration Process Return to the Center Robot Arm Robust Feng Shui Salvage Satellite Surveillance Scroll of Incantation Seed of the New Flesh Shaolin Master Shattering Jade Shifting Tao Silver Band Soul of the Shark Sphere of Defilement State of Emergency Sting of the Scorpion Subterfuce Super Soldier The General The Hungry The Rackets The Reconstructed Throwing Star Thunder on the Mountain Thunder on Thunder Tomb of the Beast Tooth of the Snake Undercover Undercover Cop Vampiric Touch Veiling of the Light Vivisector Walker of the Purple Wind Across Heaven Wind on the Mountain RARE

Imperial Guard

Abysmal Daughter Adrienne Hart Assassins in Love Ranish Baptism of Fire Battlechimp Potemkin Big Brother Tsien Brain Bug EQ3200 Bull Market Capoeira Master Chin Ken City Square Dangerous Experiment Death Touch Desdemona Deathangel Dr. April Mucosa

Draco **Dragon Mountain** Drug Lab Elderly Monk Evil Twin Feast of Souls Fists of Legend Floating Fortress Flying Guillotine Fong Sai Yuk Fox Pass Gao Zhang Ghostly Seducer Homo Ómega l Ching lala Mane Imperial Boon lack Donovan lohann Bonengel ohnny Tso Jueding Shelun Kan Li Kar Fai King of the Thunder Pagoda Kinoshita House Last Stand Luis Camacho Mad Dog McCroun Mother of Corruption Mourning Tree Mr. X Nine Cuts Nirmal Yadav Old Master Oscar Balbuena Philippe Renoit Police Station Power of the Great **Probability Manipulator** Prototype X Quai Li Quan Lo Queen of the Ice Pagoda Redeemed Assassin Roar of the Beast Sacred Heart Hospital Safehouse Seal of the Wheel Secret Headquarters Shadowfist Shamanistic Lieutenant Shell of the Tortoise Shifting Loyalties Shih Ho Kuai Silver Fist Snake Man Soul Maze Spirit Frenzy Strike Force Suicide Mission Sun Chen **Tactical Team** Tatsuya Yanai The Crucible The Hanging Coffins
The Red Lantern Tavern The Unspoken Name Theft of Fortune Thing With a 1000 Tongues Tomb Spirit Tranquil Persuader Turtle Beach Ultimate Mastery Vladimir Kovalov Water Sword Web of the Spider White Ninja Wong Fei Hong Zheng Yi Quan

Hostile Takeover

Mole Network

TRAINING SEQUENCE

Secret War Society Ranking and How It Works

NE OF THE BIG REASONS for joining up with the Secret War Society is to gain rank in your chosen faction through tournament play. Here's a quick summary of how it works. You get 1 rank point for playing in any sanctioned tournament, with additional points determined by your win/loss record in that tournament. Full details on earning rank points are on the Z-Man website (www.shadowfist.com).

THE PATHS

Each name on the facing page corresponds to a rank. There are 8 ranks per path. You start out as a Mook when you first join the Society, but when you enter your first tournament, you gain 1 point and start your way on your chosen path. The rest of the point spread breaks down as follows:

Level / Pts	Level / Pts
2/20	6/225
3 / 45	7/375
4/90	8/600
5/150	

Upon achieving certain ranks you get rewarded:

LEVEL 4: common uncut sheet

LEVEL 6: uncommon uncut sheet **LEVEL 8:** rare uncut sheet

Also:

LEVEL 6: alternate art Com. card LEVEL 7: alternate art Unc. card LEVEL 8: alternate art Rare card

There is a special 9th level rank conferred upon reaching 1000 points. When that happens you retire as a Grandmaster of that path and you may choose to start a new path. You will also help design your own card and get your face in the art!

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Secret Warrior Feedback Survey

YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND.

Secret War Society members like you will drive the next Critical Shift in this newsletter's evolution, so speak up and let us know what you want to see!

Please copy or clip this half sheet, fill the survey out as completely as possible, and send it to us at **Z-Man Games**, **PO Box 98, Eastchester, NY 10709-0098**.

If there's something you really want to see in future issues that we haven't though of yet, make a note. We'll do our best to honor your suggestions in future issues of Kiii-YAAH! NAME:

RANK:

SERIAL NO.

(from your SWS member card):

Please rate your interest in seeing the following topics covered in future issues of the newsletter. A 1 implies, "No Interest = Uggggh," while a 5 means, "I would gnaw off a limb if necessary for this information." So choose carefully,

Other:



Paths of the Secret Warrior EACH FACTION'S PATH AND RANK TITLES



ARCHI	TECTS	ASCENDED		GUIDING HAND	
THE BURO BuroMil Grunt BuroMil Ninja Buro Assassin Buro Official BuroMil Elite Supersoldier BuroMil Mastermind Buropresident	CDCA CREATION Foul Hatchling Test Subject Alpha Beast Chi Sucker Brain Eater Mutoid CHAR HomoOmega / Desdemona Deathangel	LODGE Just a Rat Might of the Elephant Soul of the Shark Tooth of the Snake Sting of the Scorpion Fist of the Bear Web of the Spider Lodge Chairperson	PLEDGED The Pledged/ Loyal Initiate Mercenary Liquidator Gruff Lieutenant Bad Colonel Military Commandant Commando Adrienne Hart/ Shinobu Yashida	MARTIAL ARTIST Kung Fu Student Instrument of the Hand Shaolin Warrior Righteous Fist Righteous Protector Old Master Shaolin Master Wong Fei Hong/ Leung Mui	MONK Shaolin Monk Violet Monk Yellow Monk Red Monk Blue Monk Green Monk Orange Monk The Perfect Master

LOT	OTUS JAMMERS		LOTUS JAMMERS DRAGON		ONS
DEMON Vile Prodigy Eater of Fortune Gnarled Marauder 200 Knives of Pain Abysmal Prince Kun Kan Destroyer The Burning King/ Mother of Corruption	IMPERIAL Doomed Lackey Imperial Guard Elite Guard Sinister Priest Earth Poisoner White Disciple Walker of the Purple Twilight Center of the Lotus	CONSUMER Just Another Consumer Dump Warrior Portal Jockey Gearhead Rocket Scientist Adrenaline Junkie Napalm Addict Titanium Johnson/ Major Hottie	MONKEY Monkey Boy Chimpanzer Ape of Wrath Flying Monkey Gorilla Fighter Orango Tank Gorilla Guerilla BattleChimp Potemkin	HERO Scrappy Kid Everyday Hero Average Joe Jane Q. Public Masked Avenger Maverick Cop Big Bruiser Jack Donovan/ Tricia Kwok	MARTIAL ARTIST Friends of the Dragon Ring Fighter Dragon Fighter Dragon Adept Fu Fighter Capoeira Master Karate Cop Kar Fai / Ting Ting

FOUR MONARCHS				
ICE PAGODA Ice Healer Ice Warrior Ice Sorceress Ice Courtier Ice Falcon Ice Tiger Ice Commando Queen of the Ice Pagoda	THUNDER PAGODA Thunder Squire Thunder Knight Thunder Initiate Thunder Valkyrie Butterfly Knight Thunder Champion Storm Rider King of the Thunder Pagoda	DARKNESS PAGODA Darkness Priestess Darkness Warrior Darkness Sorceress Darkness Adept Skin and Darkness Ravager Blade of Darkness Darkness General Queen of the Darkness Pagoda	FIRE PAGODA Fire Acolyte Fire Warrior Fire Sorcerer Fire Martyr Fire Assassin Fire Construct Fire Mastermind King of the Fire Pagoda	



SCROUNGING

The Power for Promos Program

Did you notice the Year of the Dragon and Throne War packaging has numbers in the diamonds that look like the Power Generation stats from Feng Shui Sites? Well, they are, sort of. Each starter package or booster wrapper has a number printed on it; that's the amount of "Powe" that wrapper is worth. You can spend this Power at our website in the "Power for Promos" program, getting nifty promo stuff (while supplies last, of course).

Each Throne War booster is worth 2 Power (clip the **2** in the diamond on the back of the wrapper) and each Year of the Dragon starter is worth 5 Power (clip the **5** in the diamond on the box flap). Send your Power along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope (for players outside the U.S., please send the appropriate number of International Reply Coupons for airmail) and anything you'd like to protect your item to:

Power for Promos, Z-Man Games, Inc., PO Box 98, Eastchester, NY 10709



The stuff we offer for redemption will change over time. We'll keep a current list on our website (shadowfist.com/buy) and we'll update the list in this FAQ whenever we update the FAQ. At the moment, you can get a White Ninja promo card, an Open a Can of Whupass promo card, or the nifty faction-specific power counters made by Flying Tricycle.

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White Ninja 90 Power for

general public. 80 Power for SWS members.

Quantity: ____

La Carte Car

Open a Can of Whupass

90 Power for general public.

80 Power for SWS members.

70 Power for SWS registered Dragons.

Quantity: ___

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Equal Opportunity Buttkicking TShirt (L or XL, Blk only)

350 Power for general public.
250 Power for

SWS members.

Qty/Size:

Power Points:

Power Points: ____ Power Points: ____

The cool guys at Flying Tricycle have made plastic tokens in the shape and

color of the faction symbols to be used for damage, Power, etc. They come in packages of 25 tokens of a single faction. Secret War Society members may redeem their Power for unlimited bags, but non-SWS members are limited to one bag per faction. Our supplies are limited, but if you want more, you can buy them direct from **Flying Tricycle**. Please specify quantity AND faction (3xASC, 1xDRA, 2xJAM, etc.)



Faction tokens, per bag of 25, single faction

100 Power for general public.

80 Power for SWS members.

70 Power for tokens of your registered faction (i.e. 70/bag of ASC tokens for Ascended members)

Quantity:

All items are subject to availability. Allow 2-6 weeks for delivery.

Power Points: