







# GATES OF CHAOS

The night air was crisp in the Western Wastes. It was ironic, given the sweltering heat that was still present even in the middle of the night only a short distance to the south. Doubtless the hopelessly primitive Rokugani would ascribe it to the spirits or some such, but Legulus, once of the Yodotai, once of the Destroyer Horde, knew that here in the Wastes, the ground simply could not retain the heat of the day, ensuring the evenings were cool and pleasant. The samurai were a hopelessly backwards, superstitious people. Even if vengeance did not burn at the center of his being, even if it did not consume his every waking moment, he would still consider it his duty to see them scourged from the face of the world. It was the responsibility of reasoned, learned men to ensure that ignorance did not prevail.

"Praefectus."

"Legulus turned toward his subordinate. "Yes?"

"The ritual has been completed, my lord. You bade me seek you out when it had been done?"

"Yes," Legulus replied. "If all appears to have been successful, have the cultists executed immediately."

The man hesitated for only a moment. "Yes, praefectus." He turned to leave.

"Aulus," Legulus called after him. "You have doubts?"

"Never," the other man replied at once. "Your order was... unexpected. But it shall be done."

"See it so," Legulus nodded, and the other man retreated. What seemed like a lifetime ago, after the Cult of Ruhmal had

enacted their ritual binding his allegiance to their dark goddess, Legulus had assisted in the devastation of the Ivory Kingdoms. He had seen the many terrible beasts the cult had locked away with wards and rituals, intending to use them later as weapons. Now they would all be freed, and the Rokugani would suffer for their temerity. Legulus may not have chosen to serve Kali-Ma of his own free will, but that did not lessen his rage over her death. So few men were privileged to serve a goddess, and the Rokugani had taken that away from him.

With the beasts and demons freed, the Colonies would be in turmoil. And if the Colonies were in turmoil, then Legulus would have greater freedom to strike. He would teach the samurai what it meant to know fear. He would kill a Clan Champion. The first of many.

Legulus tossed the scroll into the fire. On it, the image sketched by his scouts in the south began to blacken and burn. The image was that of the personal mon of the Lion Clan Champion. He tightened his grip on his gladius as the screams of the cultists sounded through the camp.

"Vengeance," he whispered under his breath.

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Yoritomo Hiromi stepped off of the deck of his personal flagship and marched toward the governor's office, his mood dark. There had been a number of attendants waiting to speak to him upon his disembarking, but they all fell silently into his wake, fearful of attracting his attention when his irritation was so manifest.

They waited outside, hesitant, as the Mantis Clan Champion entered the governor's office without preamble. "Kanahashi!" he demanded.

Yoritomo Kanahashi, the governor of Kalani's Landing, stood where she had been working at a desk. She seemed strangely unperturbed. "My lord," she said, bowing. "Your ship is fleetier than I recall. I did not expect you for two more days at the earliest."

"And I did not expect to find the Colonies in such a state upon my arrival!" Hiromi said. "What precisely is taking place here?"

"You know about the battle at Twin Forks," Kanahashi replied, utterly calm. "You know the losses that we and the Crane both sustained there. Given the revelations that we have experienced since that time, we can only assume that the machinations of P'an Ku were somehow involved, not to mention the interference from the Fudo cult. We were manipulated, my lord. And it cost us dearly."

"The Crane," Hiromi said pointedly. "What about the Crane?"

"There have been no further engagements since the battle," Kanahashi said. "Like us, they lost too many men. They are hesitant to draw the conflict out any further. I believe we could come to an equitable agreement, if you wish to see the conflict ended."

"I do wish to see it ended, but not with mewing in court. That is how the Crane wish it. The Mantis will not accommodate them."

Kanahashi nodded. "What would you command, my lord?"

Hiromi spread his hands on the surface of the desk and stared into her eyes. "Where is the Crane general?" he demanded.

## — New Rules and Notes on Specific Cards —

In Ivory Edition, events will work differently, and the Events in *Gates of Chaos* and the previous expansion, *Coils of Madness*, are worded that way. Until the next base set becomes legal, all Events in these two expansions do not have the Limited: designator; the text is a trait with normal resolution effects.

Additionally, in order to work properly under Emperor Edition rules, the Event, **A Fever in the Blood** has a temporary technical Most Recent Printing to read: Put this Event into play. Discard it after your next turn begins. While it is in play, Personalities and Followers have -1F while attacking. The card's official text will revert to its printed text with the legality of the next base set.

In the coming Edition, all cards with a Gold cost will enter play using actions, and the Gold cost will always be paid using a variable cost (♠) of the action, that looks to the card's Gold Cost stat. Until the next base set becomes legal, for cards printed with or after *Coils of Madness*, ignore the variable Gold cost icon on any action that brings a non-created card into play using the terms "equip" or "recruit".

**Recruit:** The card Yoritomo Mikaru in *Gates of Chaos* uses the term "recruit"

which refers to bringing a Dynasty card into play. This is tied to the change in rules referred to above.

### New Rules

**Destined:** The meaning of this new keyword is simple. After your Destined card enters play, draw a Fate card. The draw is not optional.

**Fortifications:** Veteran players may remember the Fortification type of Holdings from early editions of the game. Now, the Fortification keyword is back, and it works much the same as it used to.

When brought into play, Fortification Holdings are attached to the Province they entered play from, or to any of your Provinces if they were not brought in from a Province. Fortifications enter play paying costs as normal, but enter play unbowed (straightened). They are still located in your home, but are discarded if the Province is destroyed; this discarding will not be prevented.

**Invest** (♠): This is a new special trait containing a Gold icon. The icon and colon do not mean that the trait itself has a cost, but describe the amount of an additional cost that can optionally be paid after

bringing the card into play. The additional cost must be paid separately from the cost of playing the card, and only once each time the card enters play.

If you pay the extra cost, apply the effect described in the Invest trait.

Cards that produce Gold for special purposes treat the Invest cost as a cost of the card itself. For example, a card that only produces Gold to pay for a Follower will produce Gold for a Follower's additional Invest cost as well. However, cost reductions do not apply to Invest unless they specifically mention it (as Daigotsu Kikumura's first trait does, for example).

### Notes on Specific Cards

**The Lost Colossus:** Players other than its controller may target the Colossus with Political actions.

**Ikoma Ayumu:** Until the legality date of the next base set, Ikoma Ayumu's trait reads: "The rulebook Tactical Advantage is an Open action for you if you choose Ayumu to perform it." This makes the card work properly under Emperor Edition rules.

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