

## **Black Fury Genre Packet**

Objective – The purpose of this packet is to create a baseline for the One World by Night Community and the Garou Genre. While some of the information found within will be summarized from Garou resources, our purpose is to apply that information to the larger organization as a whole. This packet is not intended to serve as house rules for gifts, rites, or chronicle oriented story. Instead, it is to define and provide a consistent environment for the Garou Nation.

### **RECENT HISTORY / TRIBAL HISTORY**

We have called the Mediterranean lands our home for as far back as most can remember. Back in the times of the bible, we were living there. We have a long diverse history far too complicated and eventful to cover here, so we'll just talk about the basics - those things that define us as a tribe.

Let's start with Pegasus. Medusa was the last of the Gorgons to fall to old age, and yes she was thousands of years old. No, I don't know how she managed that. Maybe you can take it up with her if you really want to know. When Medusa fell, Artemis could no longer spend all the time and devotion she had before tending to our tribe, instead she coaxed forth Pegasus from medusa's body. Athena, envious of Medusa, sent Bellapheron to familiarize Pegasus with the realm and he took a dominant position over her. An adult would never have allowed it, but Pegasus was still young. Bellapheron rode Pegasus through the skies for days at a time and his war with the Red Talons brought Pegasus against Chimera and Fury against Talon in support.

Over time Pegasus began to rebel against Bellapheron and attempted to throw him from the saddle. Bellapheron took this as an insult and decided that the best way to solve this was to geld the beautiful animal. After the wound had healed, Pegasus threw Bellapheron his death and declared that never again would -any- of our tribe ever bend a knee in submission to a male - ever.

Pegasus also declared that we would stop slaughtering Black Fury male Metis, and instead give them a place amongst our tribe. This is probably the most significant event in the history of our tribe.

### **TRIBAL STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP**

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Members of the tribe are split into three distinct parts. Maidens, mothers and crones and are defined as follows.

**Maiden:** Any Black Fury who has the ability to have children, but as of yet has not had any.

**Mother:** Any Fury who has had a child that has survived past birth. A Fury who miscarries is still considered a Maiden.

**Crone:** Any Fury who has lost the ability to have children. They must have had the ability to have children at one time.

**Note:** Metis do not fit into any of these categories. As such, metis may never learn any age group specific rite or gift.

### TRIBAL LEADERSHIP

**Inner Calyx** – The Inner Calyx are the definitive leadership within the Black Furies. The most secretive of organizations, the inner Calyx is comprised of five women – one for each auspice. Members are always female, and never metis. Membership into the Inner Calyx is couched in mystery, though rumor has it that Artemis herself selects the members.

The Inner Calyx are all tribal NPCs with the Garou Coordinator. Due to the nature of the Inner Calyx, NPC or PCs should not claim knowledge / relationship with any members of the Inner Calyx.

**The Outer Calyx** – The outer Calyx dictates tribal policy. It is their job to decide what the tribe should focus on, plan gatherings and, if needed, arbitrate between serious disputes. There are thirteen members of the Outer Calyx; each member watches over a designated territory. Members of the Outer Calyx usually take on a Sept role in the area they are to watch over.

The Outer Calyx is decided every three years. At this time, Furies from all over the world gather to participate in the festivities and the prescribed games. During these games and festivities, politicking also goes on. In theory, the games and festivities are to prove who's best, but the Outer Calyx is selected by lot – and Iona Kinslayer has been a member of the Outer Calyx for several cycles now.

Although metis of both genders have attempted to join the Calyx, none have ever made it.

### **The Outer Calyx – 13 regions PC/NPC**

- a> North East America (As defined by OWbN)
- b> South East America (As defined by OWbN)
- c> Midwest America (As define by OWbN)
- d> Western America (As defined by OWbN)
- e> Canada
- f> South America
- g> Central America
- h> Russia / India
- i> Greece
- j> Western Europe
- k> Eastern Europe
- l> Australia

m> Africa

## **TRIBAL KUKLOS**

*Kuklos* are the break down of different ideologies within the Black Fury tribe. While many of the ideologies conflict, they respect each other (for the most part). The Black Fury's point of view is that there is enough infighting within the tribe to bring the kuklos into the argument.

*Amazons of Diana* – The largest of faction of Black Furies, most members don't even acknowledge they are in a Kuklos. Members of this camp consider their primary role to be warrior women, and often strive to be equals of male warriors of the Get of Fenris or Shadow Lords. The major key to this camp is that that whenever a choice is available the Amazons pick open battle every time.

This camp is appropriate for PCs of all ranks and breeds.

*The Bacchantes* - "A Bacchante fulfills her destiny by destroying the holdings and livelihoods of the worst violators of Gaia's laws. Not every Fury is cut out to avenge the mother, the bacchantes tell you, but those who join the camp are vicious whirlwinds of destruction." (Black Fury Tribebook pg.47)

This camp, Headed by Cilla Yannaroudis "Mother's Keeper," a homid ragabash Elder from the Sept of the Finger Lakes in New York, is home to those Furies who punish the worst violators of Gaia's Laws. They actively seek to punish the Rapists, serial killers, wife beaters/murderers, those who pollute heavily and even those who perform human cloning experiments. They believe that success over the wyrm comes not from destroying its physical manifestations but from destroying its hold on humanity. Their larger acts have often been mistaken for natural disasters. Notable PC Members include Varia "Shadows of the Mind" Metis Athro Ahroun from the Sept of the Silver Tear in Tampa and Athena Nike, Homid Adren Galliard from Iowa.

This camp is appropriate for PCs of all ranks and breeds.

*The Freebooters* - Easily the second smallest camp among the Furies and the fastest shrinking, the freebooters overriding mission is to find new wyld places that can be made into caerns. Sadly in this age there are fewer and fewer places for them to find, a sure sign of unhappy times ahead. A small faction of these Furies believe that it is their duty to find a new place for Gaia to live in the umbra, some place safe the wyrm has not yet infected. This camp also has their members err procure fetishes from those who are tainting them to be destroyed, or better yet, cleansed.

This camp is appropriate for PCs of all ranks and breeds. Consideration should be taken, however, due to the transient nature of this kuklos. Freebooters rarely stay in one place for any length of time. This camp might be perfect for those with PCs who need a reason to miss a few months of game.

*The Moon Daughters* - The fastest growing camp among the Furies, the Moon Daughters practices echo modern day new age paganism. They push themselves to keep Gaia alive through change. They also think the traditionalism of the Temple of Artemis is due to the influence of the weaver trying to reach into the tribe. They are not trapped by the weaver or in any way focused on it, but they do adapt seamlessly into the modern world.

This camp is appropriate for PCs of all ranks and breeds.

*The Order of our Merciful Mother* – This Kuklos is most commonly referred to as “The Order” and believes in working to subvert the patriarchal society, and reform human society through subtle means and societies tools. The Order works via politics, popular arts and culture, and even religion. Many of the Order actively join a religion order, and most agree with what the religious order espouses. Due to their cross-secular beliefs, this is often the most derided camp within the Black Furies. A Fury need not join a religious order to be in this camp but merely associated with the religion.

This camp is appropriate for PCs of all ranks and breeds.

*The Sisterhood* - The sisterhood is responsible for managing a network of contacts and information that might even rival that of the bone gnawers. They always seem to know where to find the right piece of information or how to scrounge up the exact thing that someone needs. Younger members can find easy things while experienced members can find extra-ordinarily rare things. A lot of ragabash are in this camp as procurers of information and tools. This camp is one of the few that will accept kinfolk members. This camp is also not known for its tolerance of the Order of the Merciful Mother.

This camp is appropriate for PCs of all ranks and breeds.

*The Temple of Artemis* – This camp is the most conservative of all the Kuklos, believes in the ideals of the Bacchantes, and urges the tribe as a whole to move away from the war they cannot hope to win.

Choosing its members of its ranks from the eldest and oldest garou in the tribe, its influence among the outer calyx is disproportionate to its size. Believing that the tribe must act as a whole cohesive unit to survive the upcoming battle, they tend to not even tolerate mixed tribe packs.

This camp is not suitable for starting PC's and any PC members must be at LEAST Adren in rank in order to be accepted. To gain entrance they must be -invited- by its leaders or an elder member. This invitation can be on a ST or TN level, as long as the PC is of Adren rank.

#### **OTHER THINGS OF NOTE**

*Male Black Fury Garou* - Male Black furies do not exist, save in Metis form. Males are given away at birth, predominantly to the Children of Gaia, but of late almost every other

tribe has adopted a male Black Fury.

***Male Black Fury Kinfolk*** – By the definition of Mother Nature, a male AND female are needed in order for a baby to be made – unless you're trying artificially. Thus, Black Fury kinfolk males DO exist. Most are, by the tribe book, the sensitive, strong type – which makes sense, considering they need to put up with such forceful women. The tribe does NOT take out anti-male aggression on their on kin.

***Male Black Fury Metis*** – Like most tribes, Metis are treated as second class citizens. There are some camps that are extremely hard for them to enter, and no metis has ever been a member of the Outer Calyx. That said, male Black Fury metis are the only males allowed in the tribe. The reasons why the tribe keeps their male metis are as diverse as the members of the tribe, but it boils down to the following: The parents are ultimately responsible – and if the metis is Black Fury, their mother was Black Fury. Giving the metis away to someone else is shirking your responsibility.

## **FAMOUS GAROU**

The following information is what your average player would know about these people.

### **1. Mari Cabrah (Coord NPC)**

Younger than most of her Rank Mari is perhaps one of the most famous of her Tribe. A member of Jonas Albrecht's pack with Evan heals the past of the Wendigo, she is famed for having accomplished much though is often misunderstood by many both of her tribe and others. A famous hardass, she tolerates weakness from no-one, though for some reason has avoided the political leadership of the tribe.

### **2. Helena "Pulls the Thorns" (TNPC)**

Head of the outer calyx Little is known about this enigmatic Fury. Young in age compared to others of her rank and stature Helena is more conservative than a lot of the more modern day furies, although recently she has taken a far more active role in tribal politics. Known to many in the tribe as fair-minded she is also known for her strict adherence to tradition. Not fond of either males or Metis in the tribe, she is at least tolerant of them though tends to give them far less stretch than she would a female tribe mate.

### **3. Alex No Moon**

Alex No-Moon "Purity of Rage", (Male) Metis, eldest Ragabash in South East. Alex No-Moon was a member of the Silver Pack. It should also be noted that he took his Elder test 3 times after being given one impossible task after another. He has held numerous positions mostly in the Tampa Area including Sept Alpha, Rites-master, Gatekeeper, and is now serving as the Den Grandparent, a title he created due to a string of inept Den Parents. He now supervises the area's Den Parents and ensures they are teaching the proper curriculum. He is also the proud father of Taylor No-Moon, Uktena Ragabash Homid (Rite of the Pregnant Mule). He came into a large sum of money and proceeded to buy the rights to a Wyld Island refuge. He has porcupine quills, and white fur. To the nation, he is an Elder. To other Black Furies, he is seen as at least one rank

less. (He is Male and He has the Flaw Social Outcast). He is known as “Dead man walking” by the Get.

#### **4. Varia**

Varia “Shadows of the Mind” Metis, Ahroun. Varia was a member of the Silver Pack. She held numerous Sept positions including Master of the Challenge and Sept Alpha of Silver Tear. It should be noted that she earned Sept Alphaship through a highly contested period with many challengers. She has proven herself very capable as a warrior and a leader and is respected by those inside her tribe as well as outside it. She ages as a wolf does and has no visible Metis deformity. She successfully led her Caern defenders against an attacking Zmie and numerous other threats. She is currently in challenge for Elder.