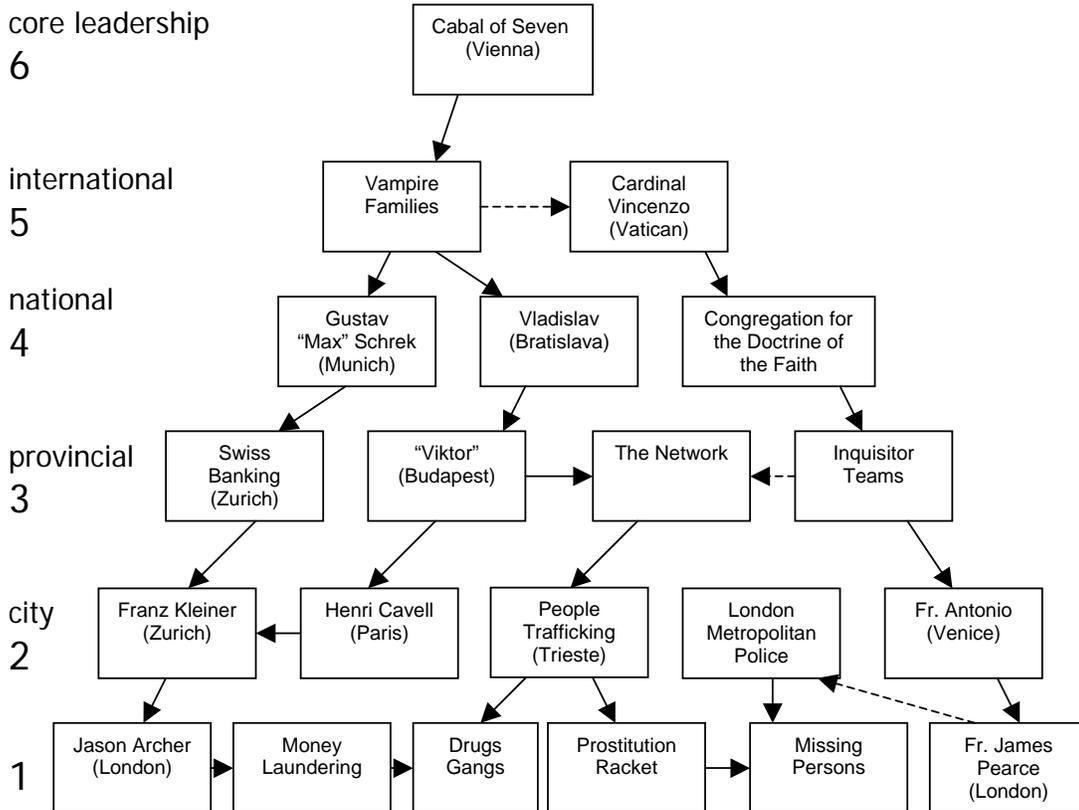


The Cabal of Seven Families

Night's Black Agents

Conspyramid Sheet



Obstacle Difficulty: Conspyramid Level +3

OPFOR Abilities: Conspyramid Level +1 (x2)

- Alertness and Stealth Modifiers: Level/2 (rounded down)

Conspiracy Summary

In the underworld of Vienna lies a conspiracy of Vampire Elders known as "The Cabal". These ancient creatures have been building their empire since the middle ages, ruling from the shadows behind the thrones of Europe. Once they ruled regions through their ghouls, taking people from the fields or forests as they wished. In the modern world they control criminal networks and financial institutions. They corrupt political leaders and fund campaigns to wield influence on the political stage.

Their goal is to protect their food source (humanity) and to ensure that their presence is not exposed to the world. They realise that they need to keep humans alive and well occupied in order to maintain themselves, yet are afraid that humans would rise against the vampires if they realised that they didn't reside at the top of the food chain after all. They will stop at nothing to keep their activities going and their existence a secret.

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Conspiracy Details

The Cabal consists of seven Vampire Elders, each at the head of a family of Vampires. The families interact, but create their children in specialist areas. The families have traditional duties for the cabal and recruit appropriately. The families are known as the Voroi.

A vampire known as Vladislav resides in Bratislava. He is at the centre of the criminal networks, yet is not an elder himself. The family heads prefer to manipulate from the shadows rather than expose themselves directly. Nevertheless, Vladislav is a trusted family member – a Vor or “made man”.

A lieutenant of Vladislav, and a controlled Ghoul, a man known only as “Viktor” guides the criminal empire known as “The Network”. Residing in Budapest, Viktor travels around Eastern Europe to manage the people trafficking network that provides the family with a sustainable food source. The Network spans Eastern Europe – trafficking people using Adriatic ports (Trieste, Venice) and ports on the Black Sea (Odessa, Constanta). To fund their operation, and to provide cover for the few who go missing, the Network runs drugs gangs and prostitution rackets. The prostitutes and drugs are also used to corrupt and blackmail politicians or other influential people.

Another Vor controls the financial empire built up by the Cabal. Gustav Schrek, also known as “Max”, resides in Munich. He controls a financial network that spans through Munich, Zurich, London and Paris. He runs the financial network through a series of ghouls and humans – usually humans connected in some way to the families themselves or orphans who could be controlled and guided from a young age. This is to ensure their loyalty.

In Zurich, a banker called Franz Kleiner runs accounts used to channel money in to the Network. His contact resides in Paris, a man by the name of Henri Cavell. Henri takes money that has been laundered from the streets, cleaning the criminal gains back in to the Network and funding political parties or politicians who might aid the goals of the Cabal. An investment banker in London, Jason Archer, does most of the actual money laundering. Jason is a drug addict who funds his habit by helping the drugs gangs launder their income. He passes the money in to accounts that are run by Franz Kleiner.

The characters are not completely alone in their struggle. Some potential allies lie at hand. In London, Father James Pearce seems to be an unassuming parish priest in the Catholic Church. Fr. Pearce has contacts inside the London Metropolitan Police force. The police are investigating several missing persons reports as part of their day-to-day activities and are trying to cut down on people trafficking leading to prostitution in London. The police haven't yet made connections between the missing persons and other criminal activity. Father Pearce corresponds with Father Antonio in Venice. Father Antonio is aware of the existence of vampires, as is the Catholic Church at senior levels. Father Antonio runs an

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inquisition team, a team of hunters of supernatural enemies of humanity. The Inquisition was officially disbanded in 1908. However, its activities are still run from the office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Cardinal Vincenzo runs this office from the Vatican. However, the Families have their hooks of influence even here, at the heart of the Church. A member of the Cardinal's staff is a mole and feeds intelligence to the Network. This ensures that the inquisition teams can be directed at rebel groups working against the interests of the Cabal, leaving the true activities hidden. Any inquisition activity working directly against the Cabal can be diverted and warning given in advance of any raids.

Cities

- London : Missing people, drugs, prostitution and people trafficking. Father James Pearce (potential ally). Jason Archer (money laundering as a city investment banker).
- Zurich : Franz Kleiner (Swiss Banker). Banking networks and money trail (potentially up to Gustav Schrek).
- Paris : Henri Cavell (money man for The Network).
- Trieste : People trafficking and Network activity
- Venice : People trafficking and Network activity. Father Antonio (inquisitor and potential ally).
- Odessa : People trafficking and Network activity
- Constanta : People trafficking and Network activity
- Budapest : Base of operations for "Viktor". Communication routes from "Viktor" to Vladislav.
- Bratislava : Base of operations for Vladislav, vampire controller of The Network.
- Munich : Base of operations for Gustav "Max" Schrek, vampire controller of the financial empire of the Cabal
- Vienna : Centre of the Cabal's activities. Heads of the Vampire Families meet here to discuss and coordinate their activities.

Other potential cities include Zagreb, Bucharest and Salzburg.