

Kain

Cunning and relentless, the vampire Kain battles the oppressive agents of Fate that seek to destroy him. For centuries, he has ruthlessly pursued a singular ambition – to take his rightful place as Balance Guardian, thus returning Nosgoth to vampire rule. And Raziel, he believes, is the key to fulfilling this goal. Armed with the legendary Reaver blade – the weapon fated to become Raziel's eternal prison – Kain seeks to reclaim their true destinies from the wreckage of history.

Raziel

Once the greatest of Kain's vampire lieutenants, Raziel is now only a ruined vision of his former glory. Armed with the wraith-blade of the Soul Reaver, he strives to unravel the truth behind his enigmatic fate, a destiny apparently foretold in the earliest centuries of Nosgoth's history. Raziel seeks only to escape the bonds of his one-time benefactor, now turned adversary – the mysterious Elder God that resurrected him as a reaper of souls – and to somehow avert the terrible destiny appointed for him when the Reaver was forged.

Moebius

Moebius is one of the most ancient members of the Circle of Nine, the council of sorcerers sworn to serve and protect the Pillars of Nosgoth. Moebius – also known as the Time Streamer – serves as Guardian of the Pillar of Time, a role which grants him the power to bend time and manipulate history.

Vorador

The most ancient and powerful of Nosgoth's surviving vampires, Vorador has witnessed the near-extinction of his race at the hands of Moebius' mercenary army of vampire hunters.

In the era of the Sarafan crusade, Vorador took his revenge upon the Circle for their sponsorship of the vampire purge, and for the murder of his sire, the infamous Janos Audron. Since that time, he has retreated from the world in disgust, renouncing the affairs of mankind, whom he regards as little more than brutish cattle.

Ariel

Once a powerful sorceress, Ariel governed the Circle of Nine as Guardian of Balance. But the Circle was corrupted from within by an insidious enemy, and Ariel was assassinated by a fellow Guardian – the necromancer Mortanius, possessed by a dark entity bent on the destruction of the Pillars.

The repercussions had been expertly calculated. Ariel's murder drove her beloved Nupraptor, Guardian of the Mind, insane with grief. In his madness, he unleashed a telepathic shockwave throughout the Circle, and tainted the remaining Guardians with his derangement. Corrupted, the sorcerers turned their powers to dark purposes, abandoning their guardianship of the Pillars. Symbiotically bound to the Guardians who served them, the Pillars absorbed the sorcerers' corruption and fell into decay.

Into this poisoned world, Kain was born – Ariel's destined successor as Balance Guardian, rendered incapable of fulfilling his destiny as long as he, too, is infected by the spiritual poison that has corrupted the Circle. Now a disembodied specter, Ariel is cursed to haunt

the Pillars until Balance is once more restored – her fate, and the fate of all Nosgoth, lies in Kain's hands.

Mortanius

One of the most ancient members of the Guardian Circle, the necromancer Mortanius represents the Pillar of Death. Seduced by dark influences, Mortanius became possessed by a sinister entity bent on overthrowing the Circle and toppling the Pillars. While in the thrall of this dark entity, Mortanius murdered the Balance Guardian, Ariel – an event calculated to become the catalyst of the Pillars' destruction.

Struggling to exert his own shattered will, Mortanius used his powers to create a champion capable of defeating the Circle's dark enemy. He tracked down the nobleman Kain, still ignorant of his pivotal destiny, and had him cruelly assassinated. With an offer of vengeance, Mortanius then liberated Kain from the purgatorial agony of the underworld – resurrecting him as a vampire; Mortanius unleashed Kain upon the corrupted Circle in a last desperate bid to restore the Pillars.

Revenants

The Vampires' ancient enemies, banished into another dimension by the Pillars' sorcery, have devised other means to influence events within Nosgoth. As the Pillars decay, the Binding weakens – the membrane between the dimensions grows thin, enabling these entities to possess both human hosts and the moldering flesh of corpses. They may enter the physical world in this form, rising from the grave to assail Kain and Raziel.

Vampire Hunters

In the era of Moebius' genocidal vampire purge, these hunters serve as soldiers in his mercenary army. Unlike the Sarafan who preceded them, the vampire hunters are more a cutthroat militia than an orderly army – but what they lack in organization they more than make up for in zealous brutality.

Sarafan Warriors

A monastic sect of warrior-priests, the Sarafan waged a holy war against the vampire menace in Nosgoth's early history. They are formidable enemies, renowned both for their ruthlessness and a fanatical devotion to their crusade. The Sarafan are often accompanied by sorcerers who aid them in combat.