



Priory of the Scion

Scions, Thorns, Sheepdogs

*Cowardice of flesh is not your fate
The emergence of false consumption approaches
Wearing of human character
The realization of soul
Accomplish one task
None understand what comes before or after
Be known to all born in the afterlife with myth and legend
-3rd Rosette Scroll, 2nd Stanza*

History

It is said that in the earliest days following the death of Christ, in the deserts of Antioch, an angel came before some of the first disciples with a grave warning. They brought tidings of the end of days - of doom unavoidable.

They were charged with a sacred task: to prepare mankind for the coming end. What happened to those long-lost prophets no one knows, and there is no further evidence that these prophets were successful in their task. Inevitably, the stories of the prophets were lost to time and history.

These revelations would have remained lost to time if not for a collection of scrolls found amongst the spoils of the returning knights of the Ninth Crusade. It is said that Sir Marcel Rosette, upon reading the truths held within, was struck blind with the power of their revelation. He quickly gathered his loyal followers together and traveled to Rome, where they were granted an audience with the Pope. What occurred during this meeting none can say, only that it lasted for seven days and seven nights before the former crusaders emerged with a papal bull and a holy mandate.

Since that time, the Priory of the Scion has been engaged in a secret mission, working behind the scenes to prepare mankind for the ever-looming apocalypse.

Structure & Organization

Highly organized, the Priory of the Scion has a rigid chain of command to which all members belong. New recruits are inducted into the order as siblings in faith. They receive training in any core competencies in which they are deficient, may it be matters of the cloth or martial practices. Once training is complete, they are assigned to a local monastery overseen by an Abbot. Although these monasteries are physical locations and always open to members of the Priory, most members do not live on location as there are typically only a few such locations on a given continent.

Abbots oversee the daily operation of their charges, formulating regional strategy and counseling their flock. Most Abbots are relatively hands-off, letting their charges undertake missions that they feel help their local communities. When matters require multiple members, an abbot will call them together and organize their operations.

The Abbots collectively report to a shadowy superior general known only as the Rose Cardinal. This mysterious figure oversees the global operations of the Priory of the Scion.

Philosophy & Goals

The end of the world is coming. It has been foretold since time immemorial across countless faiths that the divine will bring an end to the world of man. What happens afterward is a matter of some debate. Some philosophies claim there will be war, some a rebirth, and others endless torment or rewards. Those in the Priory of the Scion do not concern themselves with what comes next, only that mankind is prepared for the end when it comes.

In order to prepare, members typically approach the coming end times in three arenas:

Through Faith in Arms, they train themselves and others in the skills necessary to combat the forces of darkness, be they literal or metaphorical. Firearms and knives go hand in hand with exorcisms and holy relics.

Through Faith in Man, the Priory of the Scion engages in both community and governmental outreach. Soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and smaller acts of kindness prepare the spirit of community for the hardships to come. A united and empowered mankind stands a better chance of surviving to see what comes next.

Through Faith in the Divine, they prepare the world for the spiritual transformation to come. Prayer groups, faith outreach, and meditative practices are the tools they use to fortify their minds against the horrors of the end.

Sample Characters

*Modern Day
Templar*

Priest

True Believer

Street Preacher

Professional Exorcist

Celebrity Pastor

The Redeemed

Mercenary of Faith

Granted Skill

Thaumaturgy: You may design and lead thaumaturgical rituals. Such rituals should be focused on the concept of conjuration, banishment, binding, or purification. The performance of the rituals should invoke themes of sacred geometry, rhythmic chanting, displays of faith, or acts of will.

Aesthetic

Members of the Priory of the Scion typically dress in such a way as to display their faith. This can range from full cassocks to understated jewelry. The following link contains images to give a feel for the aesthetics of a typical member of the Priory of the Scion. Feel free to use this as inspiration when picking out your costume.

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