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◊ "AND THE SUN SHINES ON THE BA-AY." -JOURNEY

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LATEST NEWS

◊ <122877> Politics and extortion are similar, but extortion is more honest. —Slamm-0!

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- ◊ Ms. Mulligan has requested another late evening appointment, do you wish to respond?

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THE INNER CIRCLE

- ◊ You are visible to your closest 2 levels of contacts.
- ◊ Your Eyes Only posts have been viewed 10 times
- ◊ **Current Time:** 28 Dec 2077, 1136 hours

WELCOME BACK TO JACKPOINT, OMAE:

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INCOMING

- ◊ The Neo-Anarchists aren't the only ones who gather in tribes. [[Tag: Virtual Tribes](#)]
- ◊ All stories have a beginning. [[Tag: Another Rainy Night](#)]

TOP NEWS ITEMS

- ◊ Polish authorities have located VX nerve gas stored in an abandoned industrial area. Warsaw residents are warned to utilize all possible precautions. [Link](#)
- ◊ Three Knight Errant officers were attacked while patrolling White Center last night. The spat of gang violence appears to have no relation to the recent serial killings. [Link](#)
- ◊ Shiawase has requested the return of three security officers arrested by Lone Star outside of Shiawase's Charlotte facility. The detained personnel left Shiawase's property without the appropriate local licenses. [Link](#)

SHADOWS IN THE FOG

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HISTORY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Known for the fog rolling in off the water, cool nights even in the summer, and cable cars, San Francisco is much more than just a city by a bay. Since California became its own country in 2036 and promptly lost territory to both Tír Tairngire and Aztlan, San Francisco has become a more important focal point of the country, especially once Los Angeles became a free city. When the Japanese Imperial Marines landed at the Alameda Naval Air Station, California hailed them as saviors. With strong armies to the north and south, they needed a friend with military might, and the UCAS had kicked them out while the CAS wasn't interested. The Imperial Marines quickly started transforming the city into the Japanese ideal. On the surface this went well, but the mass exodus of meta-humanity told a different story. Most of the displaced ended up in Oakland and the rest of the east bay. They held their protests, but no one in San Francisco cared. Life was good. Crime was down, business was booming. In the view of most citizens, it was a small price to pay to preserve corporate life and freedom (such as it is under corp domination) from the invading armies poised on the borders.

Then the infamous orders came to pull the troops out after the Pacific quakes of 2061. The city that had been supported by the Japanese all of a sudden saw the rug being pulled out from underneath it in a time of need. San Francisco itself was basically undamaged by the quakes; much of the workforce, especially those in menial jobs, commuted in from the more heavily damaged east bay and surrounding regions. The city wondered how it was going to cope with the problems from the quake; instead of following orders, Saito and about half of the occupation force went rogue. Not only did they not leave, but they moved to acquire more territory. Instead of the rug of support being pulled, it became a smothering blanket of oppression. Saito's forces imposed martial law and started rounding up metahumans, placing them in internment camps. Saito subsequently named himself Protectorate-General. The prize Saito was after was Silicon Valley. Ares, reading the writing on the wall, mobilized troops and fortified Silicon Valley just in time. The dwarf enclave in Halferville threatened the destruction of the Caldecott Tunnel if Japanese forces threatened them. General Saito and his troops decided neither fight made sense at the time. These were two small victories, as the Japanese forces seized most of the San Francisco bay area and moved east into the central valley. During that time, the damage from the earthquakes wasn't repaired, except those necessitated by Japanese interests.

The people of the bay didn't meekly accept the suppression; instead they formed several resistance movements. Some

were peaceful, but most met the Japanese with violence. These hostilities intensified until a counterattack arrived, spearheaded by Ares and the California Rangers. The resistance quickly turned into all-out war. Area politicians have tried to spin it, using their most Orwellian language to make the conflict seem like something it was not, but it was a war, plain and simple. It devastated the already-damaged sprawl of the bay area. When the war ended with the eviction of the oppressors, most of the sprawl was in shambles. The Japanese megacorporations were seen as having turned a blind eye to the atrocities at the very least, and perhaps being willing participants in the destruction. Ares, having helped liberate the area, could have seized control, but they didn't want the job of rebuilding and governing the remaining mess.

Ares instead propped up new governments in the cities, knowing that there was a tremendous amount of work to be done. As California's already-strapped coffers sagged under the weight of reconstruction, it became apparent that the plan wasn't going to work. California knew it couldn't just declare the area a free city like it had with Los Angeles. The PCC had taken over Los Angeles and was making inroads in the central valley. If California cut the Bay Area loose, the California Free State wouldn't be much more than the Free City of Sacramento. San Francisco's mayor, Nicole Fernandez, managed to convince the Japanese corporations to pay for the first phase of reconstruction of the city by reminding them that over forty percent of the area's population were their employees.

- Convince? No, she out-and-out blackmailed them. No one knows what dirt she used to gain leverage, but she told them that they either needed to pay for the rebuilding or she would expose their funding of Protectorate-General Saito's reign of terror.
- Sunshine
- Convince? Blackmail? Two sides of the same coin. It all depends on your point of view.
- Kay St. Irregular

Her plan was to use the money to rebuild and expand San Francisco. She knew that just rebuilding San Francisco wasn't the answer. If the rest of the Bay Area wasn't restored, San Francisco would never flourish, and the surrounding area would become a hotbed for radicals. She had a plan. She now had funds. All she had to do was somehow pull it off. She announced a five-year plan to restore San Francisco and the Bay Area to the prosperity it had previously enjoyed. When pressed for details, she said that forthcoming press releases would spell out everything in the weeks to come.

The San Francisco airport had been badly damaged in the fighting and needed repairs. Added to that was the Winternight attack with the nuke on November 2, 2064. The EMP burst destroyed the Matrix in the area, including all of the electronics in the airport. The nearly insolvent city of South San Francisco lacked the means to pay for the necessary repairs, so Fernandez offered to incorporate it into San Francisco and foot the repair bill. Seeing no choice, they



SHADOWRUN: SHADOWS IN FOCUS CITY BY SHADOW: SAN FRANCISCO METROPLEX

agreed and became the South City section of San Francisco. Immediately thereafter, Fernandez reached out to the East Bay, especially the metahumans that had been mistreated and shunned by Saito and his forces. She offered an exchange. San Francisco needed workers to rebuild and the broken East Bay communities needed money to do the same. She would help fund their rebuilding if they would help her rebuild. What her plan was from there will never be known, as an assassin's bullet killed Fernandez a week later.

- Nicole Fernandez was dying. She had a rare form of cancer that was going to kill her within the year. She knew she would never see the end of her five-year plan. I have heard it said that she didn't have anything beyond those first days planned. She knew that when she died, things would either come together or completely fall apart. In an effort to make it work, she martyred herself to consolidate the cause.
- Plan 9
- She had herself killed? Really? This must be Plan 9 "Classic" posting, as it has the swaggering ignorance of facts and reality that he had back in his prime.
- Snopes
- Your prime may have passed, but mine is now.
- Plan 9
- Actually if she were dying, which I have heard from other sources, it is possible that she sacrifices herself in order to further the cause. She was driven to rebuild San Francisco and willing to give everything
- Dr. Spin

It almost tore the coalition she was forming apart. The metahuman groups accused the Humanis Policlub or another hate group of the attack. Conservatives accused the radical metahuman groups of the crime. Her second in command Greg Capito stepped up, making her memory the rallying cry for restoring the city and the spirit of co-operation in the rebuilding effort. He promised to find the killer, but emphasized it was more important that her death did not derail her dream.

- Ironically the one thing in that original speech that hasn't come true is finding this killer. Capito's commitment to that cause may not have been as great as he let on.
- Plan 9

By continuing on they could make her dream a reality. In a special election, Greg Capito was elected on a platform of continuing Fernandez's work. Over the next two years, both San Francisco and the East Bay rebuilt and put on their feet again. Outside, the Ares facilities in Silicon Valley were struggling to survive. While it hadn't directly been damaged by the fighting the drain on the local economy by the rebuilding effort caused a localized recession. Mayor Capito used a carrot and stick approach to pull Silicon Valley into the growing San Francisco.

He knew where Ares went, the area would follow. He offered the Matrix rebuilding contract of South San Francisco and the electronics of the airport otherwise the bid would go to MCT. At the same time he inferred that if they didn't join the new San Francisco, he wouldn't be able to protect the small companies from being gobbled up by the strong Japanacorps that had been looking to expand into Silicon Valley for years. Ares gave its approval with the condition that it kept a twenty-square block area around the Ares CFS headquarters, which became known as the Orchard.

- I know there were different farms in the area back in the day, but this seems like an odd name for a megacorporation's high-tech headquarters.
- /dev/grrl
- It has to do with the fact that the Stanford campus is nicknamed the Farm. The Ares CFS president when it was named was a Stanford graduate.
- Traveler Jones

Mayor Capito immediately agreed. San Francisco now spread from the Golden Gate all the way to the southern end of Silicon Valley. The people of East Bay suddenly feared they were being pushed out of the picture again, and dissidents used these fears to sow discord. The next year saw an increase in protests and violence. Metahumans, who still lived mainly in the East Bay, saw themselves on the outside looking in once more. Mayor Capito saw things were about to spin out of control and knew what to do. He extended the invitation to Oakland to become part of the greater San Francisco. Oakland refused in a narrow vote in 2068. The Japanese megacorp breathed a sigh of relief. The same year, a Humanis-backed candidate, Jane Wu, was elected to the city council of San Francisco. The metahuman divide was alive and well.

2069 brought another major quake to California, the second-largest in North America's recorded history. Los Angeles sank into the sea, and buildings throughout the bay area shook. Previously undamaged buildings fell and communities once again crumbled. The Caldecott tunnel was badly damaged. California tried to push the cost off to the East Bay dwarf community, since they were in charge of maintenance of the tunnel. The dwarfs, though, protested, saying that since the damage was caused by an earthquake, the repairs fell outside the scope of their responsibilities. Unrest throughout the East Bay increased, especially after a couple of protests devolved into riots and were met with swift and brutal force.

- I watched trideo footage of some of the conflicts, and Knight Errant initially responded very moderately. When things started escalating, they broke out the harsh measures.
- Hard Exit
- Another interesting thing in the footage I saw is that it looked like someone outside the protest started the escalation of violence.
- Plan 9

Sample file



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Oakland mayor, a Hispanic ork named Jack Horn, saw that the city was on the brink of collapse and made an impassioned speech asking cooler heads to prevail. Unfortunately as he finished his speech, he was assassinated. The shot came from amid the security detail, and it initially looked like it was a Knight Errant officer who shot him. Oakland erupted in riots, and much of the city burned within hours. Knight Errant tried to take control, but it seemed like their actions only aggravated the situation. The CFS president saw the situation could destabilize the whole area and ordered Knight Errant to stand down, ordering the California Rangers to step in and restore peace. In the following days order was slowly restored. It was discovered that the assassin, while wearing a Knight Errant uniform, wasn't actually a Knight Errant officer, but rather a radical from Alamos 20,000.

- Yes the assassin was a radical, but there is evidence that he was also a Knight Errant officer. Really if you were on a security detail like that wouldn't you notice if you hadn't ever seen the guy next to you? Knight Errant erased his personnel file and covered up his employment.
- Plan 9
- Even if Knight Errant had erased his personnel files, someone would have come forward by now having remembered him on a job somewhere. No one has come forward. As far as the "not knowing the guy next to you" thing, Knight Errant was moving people from other districts into the area because of the riots. So half the people at any location probably didn't know each other.
- Snopes

Although Knight Errant was cleared of being involved in the murder of Mayor Horn, the damage was done to the race relations. As protests started throughout the Bay Area it quickly became apparent to Mayor Capito and Ares that Knight Errant wasn't going to be able to keep the peace. Not wanting to expend all of the political capital they had amassed with the CFS government to keep Knight Errant in place, Ares agreed finding a new provider might be the best course of action. The reformed SFPD had been working as private security, won the contract. The SFPD took over relatively quickly and has actually been able to reduce its overhead now that it isn't constantly training new cops. In the first days of the SFPD contract they pulled discretely from the ranks of Knight Errant and the California Rangers, as well as civilian sources. They did do a relatively good job at screening the recruits, but rumors of corruption and bigotry still linger to this day.

- Don't buy this megacorp bullshit. They are looking to make a profit just like any other corporation. SFPD is a shell company and nothing more. They are owned by Lone Star.
- Hard Exit
- Wait, they are owned by Lone Star yet they took on Knight Errant employees?
- Turbo Bunny

- No different than when Knight Errant took over the Seattle contract and some officers just changed uniforms.
- Kay St. Irregular
- Actually it is quite different really. In Seattle, those officers had years of experience, knew the streets, and the people; where these were newer officers who didn't know the area or the people. The other thing is that many felt that after the occupation it needed to at least feel like a local company was in charge of security. This is ultimately why Knight Errant didn't keep the contract. Lone Star created SFPD as a figurehead for their bid and won. I suspect the Knight Errant officers who joined did so according to orders and are reporting back to Knight Errant or even Ares what is going on.
- Hard Exit

The next problem was what to do with what remained of Oakland. Much of the city had been destroyed either in the earthquake or the riots. It wasn't just some residential or commercial sites that were damaged, but rather most of the infrastructure. The CFS government stepped in and forced San Francisco to take over the city and nearby Berkeley, which used infrastructure from Oakland.

- Even today most of Oakland's residential neighborhoods haven't had much in the way of repairs done. Berkeley and the university have been completely repaired, and the port and airport have received major renovations. The money is going to what makes the megacorporations money, like usual.
- Sunshine

The residents of Oakland felt like they now were being governed without representation. Mayor Capito came up with a solution that he hoped would make the best of the situation for everyone. He invited Fremont, the only city in the bay area still not part of San Francisco, to join the city. Fremont was up in the air on what to do. It looked like the stumbling block was going to be Fremont not having representation in San Francisco. Mayor Capito was ready for this obstacle and his plan would also help ease the tensions in Oakland. He offered a two part plan to correct this. The east bay's city councils would be joined into the San Francisco council with an equal number of seats, and a special election for the new mayor of the whole area would be set immediately. This would allow the hard-hit areas to be repaired with the funds that San Francisco had managed to acquire and unify the area under one government to make it stronger and more efficient.

- It also fulfilled Nicole Fernandez's plan. It didn't quite make the five-year goal she had stated, but it still succeeded in bringing together several different areas in harmony.
- Dr. Spin

The campaign for mayor started with three prominent candidates. They were Greg Capito, Jane Wu, and John Marshall, leader of Halferville. Mrs. Wu was looking like the favorite with about two months left until the election. Mayor



Capito was afraid that if a Humanis-backed candidate won the election that metahuman rights would be set back decades in the area. He and John Marshall were splitting the vote too much which meant Wu would win. Mayor Capito dropped out of the race and threw his support behind the dwarf Marshall. As the election approached it became apparent that the election would come down to who won the highly pro-Ares Silicon Valley. A week before the election Ares announced its backing of Marshall. This was the push he needed and he was elected as the first mayor of the united San Francisco.

Since Los Angeles was declared a free city by the California Free State in 2046, San Francisco has been the largest city in California. Even before the growth to include all of the Bay Area it had become a much more diverse population after the Japanese Imperial Marines and General Saito were gone. The roots of diversity in San Francisco are old, evidenced by the oldest Chinatown in North America and the largest outside of Asia to this day. The city is once again embracing this diversity, accepting metahumans back with open arms—for the most part. Metahumans are slowly moving back into the downtown neighborhoods, but there are still pockets of hatred. Just like the hatred against the Chinese back in the early 1900s, there are those who see diversity as encroachment and resist the influx of orks and trolls. The Humanis Policlub has a downtown chapter and organizes protests on a regular basis. Silicon Valley is more diverse and in Oakland, metahumans actually outnumber humans in most neighborhoods.

- These are the poorest neighborhoods in the poorest district of San Francisco.
- Cosmo

SAN FRANCISCO CENSUS NUMBERS

Population: 10,000,000+

Human: 53%

Elf: 8%

Dwarf: 12%

Ork: 21%

Troll: 5%

Other: 1%

Population Density: 600 per square kilometer

Per capita Income: 45,000¥

Corporate-Affiliated Population: 62%

Hospitals: 111

DocWagon Clinics: 30

Education:

Less than 12 years: 45%

High School or Equivalency: 33%

College Equivalency: 16%

Advanced Degrees and Certificates: 6%

Felonious Crime Rate: 19 per 1,000 per annum

WEATHER AND GEOGRAPHY

While California is known for its sunny weather, San Francisco, with its ever-present fog, stays more moderate. Year round the average highs are around 15 to 20 degrees Celsius downtown, while the lows rarely fall below freezing even in the winter. When you travel south into Silicon Valley, the highs rise to around 38 degrees in the summer. Most of the rain occurs during the winter months, with fall and spring storms not uncommon; summers, however, are dry. Unlike the Midwest and eastern seaboard, thunderstorms are nonexistent. The acid content of the rain varies with upper-atmospheric conditions.

No matter what time of year it is, there are several unique features to the area to keep in mind. Not only is San Francisco a corporate hub, it's also a tourist destination. Downtown has attractions like the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Chinatown, and Union Station. This means the local police are vigilant about keeping the peace by checking licenses and identification on a regular basis. While they don't require the broadcasting of your SIN nor a pass to move around the city like Manhattan, they will stop anyone who looks out of place or is openly carrying weapons. As time has passed since the Japanese occupation, open harassment of metahumans has decreased, but in Fisherman's Wharf and around the Presidio, it isn't uncommon.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) reformed as a private security firm after the Imperial Marines' removal. Their initial bid for the contract was rejected in favor of the experienced Knight Errant. With Ares spearheading the counterstrike, it was the logical choice. They already had the manpower to move in and the experience in running a metro police department. Because of Knight Errant's reputation of being militaristic in their enforcement methods, Mothers of Metahumans and other metahuman rights groups voiced their concerns that San Francisco was trading one outside oppressor for another. To help alleviate people's fears, clauses were put into the contract setting up checks to police powers. The most notable was the formation of public review committees with non-Knight Errant representatives.

In 2070, increasing numbers of reports for excessive police force and brutality were filed. These centered in Oakland and areas of higher metahuman population. The unrest especially increased in Oakland, where the protests started becoming more violent.

- Much of this was orchestrated by MCT and Shiawase, who both wanted to see Knight Errant lose the contract to eliminate some of Ares' power base in the area.
- Thorn

Then the assassination of Mayor Horn happened, and Knight Errant lost the contract in the subsequent fallout. With



Knight Errant no longer able to keep the peace, the contract was put up for bid. SFPD once again bid on the contract, and this time they won. With San Francisco now stretching all the way to the south end of Silicon Valley and including all of the East Bay, SFPD had to quadruple in size to fulfill the contract. A two-year conversion plan was drawn up. The California Rangers stepped in, taking over police activities in Oakland and the parts of the East Bay that had the greatest unrest. SFPD bought the Knight Errant training academy in South City and started recruiting. While they were diligent in which candidates they accepted, there are still reports of bigotry and discrimination. At this point, SFPD has taken over all of the police activities throughout the San Francisco area, and unrest has declined. Most crime statistics have held steady and they should see improvement as SFPD can devote resources to the issues instead of having to recruit and train as many new officers.

- And all that would matter more if police statistics had any degree of accuracy or integrity. Crimes that corps don't want counted are not counted, and crimes against SINless individuals are ignored. The numbers any police department releases are for public relations, nothing more.
- Aufheben

SAN FRANCISCO CITY SERVICES

Service	Provider
Fire Safety	Ares Fire and Safety
GridGuide	NeoNET
Healthcare	Bay Area Healthcare
Matrix Services	Ares Macrotechnology
Police	San Francisco Police Department (SFPD)
Power	Evo Electrical
Prisons	Knight Errant
Public Works	Evo Utilities
Sanitation	Dragon Sanitation

Both Knight Errant and Lone Star, along with several smaller California companies, provide private security throughout San Francisco. The San Francisco Police Department doesn't currently have any private contracts. Now that they have sufficient manpower, they are about ready to get back into the private security market. With the improving economy, the private security sector is expecting rapid expansion.

