



The Other Side is a new miniatures wargame with epic battles taking part on Earth in a fight for survival. Players take control of Allegiances in an attempt to defeat their foes.

The World is Burning

How Did We Get Here? An Understanding of the World on Fire

All is Beautiful in the Fire

A Modern History: an Opening Lecture for the New Semester

Welcome the new students. Act pleasant. Happy. Stable. You are fine. You are stable. Provide syllabus. Perform lecture on timeline to current day. Do not bring in the book. Do not talk about the book. Do not bring in the book.

1642 - The Beginning, or When We First Discovered Soulstones

Abyssinia, a country separated by secrets for centuries, forced to share their knowledge with their allies to prevent overwhelming losses in the battles to come. It has recently been discovered that Abyssinia was the first recorded power to obtain Soulstones after an isolated Breach (which has since closed) opened in their country's borders. It would be another hundred and forty five years before the rest of the world was introduced to their magical energy.

1787 - 1798 - A Blink unto the Beautiful

A bright - if brief - time in our world's history, a time that most scholars still believe was Earth's first gaze upon the new world - *wrong*. The Council opened the portal Breach to Malifaux, walked its city's streets... but little did they know that the Breach was an open window, and not a one way street. We all know of the events that occurred, but as to how and why the Breach had closed a decade later remains a mystery. *Keep it together. You can make it through this.*

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EXHIBIT A

Missing person(s): Professor Franklin Brandstatter. Male. Last seen at Oxford University, June 2nd, 1906. Early 50s. Salt and pepper hair/beard. Average height and build. Reported "wild eyed" and "manic."

Found at the premises: At Professor's personal library: One book (Contiones de Rege Flammae), four wickerfixes in the shape of a man - two partially burnt, one letter to the ECB - illegible, and hundreds of notes scattered throughout. Small animal bones. Scorch marks across floor. All other books burned to ash.

Included are the texts deciphered from one such note that survived the fire.

Unknown Symbol?

1803 – 1814 - the Black Powder Wars, or the Rise of a New World Power

After the Breach closes, the world bites at the necks of allies and enemies for control over Soulstones. Allegiances form while others are torn, leaving a gap for Guild of Mercantilers to establish itself as a world power in London – thanks to obtaining the majority of the world's Soulstones in a very short amount of time. *A stepping stone for the good and beautiful, born in fire for worldwide civility.*

1853 – 1857 - A Stranglehold over the Peace in the East

The Guild opens the Three Kingdoms' ports for trade. Over the next few years, the Guild's influence over Vietnam, Japan, and China help bring peace over the war-torn countries in a recovery effort after the Black Powder Wars. *Why are you lying to them? This isn't you. Speak the truth, of the wrongdoings, of the police states. Wake up. Don't think about the man before the Burning Man. He is not worth protecting.*

1897 - The Breach Reopens

Without rhyme or reason, the Breach *bright and blue and shimmering* reopens. The Guild seizes control over Malifaux City, and their Soulstone mining continues. A Governor-General is appointed, a Herbert Kitchener, who sought for greatness, and found it in fire. ~~Somewhere in Windsor, a man has visions of a~~ being robed in magma and crowned in flame. *Think of something else. Anything else. Fight these thoughts, these bright and beautiful dreams.*

1900 - The Sermon at the Cathedral

A king god man named Ephraim Wade performs a sermon at the Cathedral of St. Mary-le Bow, and speaks *the truth* a fearmongering sermon, of an apocalypse wrought in hellfire, and of the Burning Man, *who would cleanse the unfaithful and bring about a new order from their ashes* an entity who would later become the focus of his book *THE BOOK*, the *Contiones de Rege Flammae*, and the words that would form and spark the creation of the Church of the Burning Man.

1902 - The New Year's Massacre and the Wade Trial

Did you take your medicine? Ephraim Wade and over three thousand of his devout followers march to the Thames River in repentance, not celebration. Assaults begin, riots form. Families there in celebration of the New Year are trampled to death. Wade and his inner circle are arrested and put on trial, sentenced to a lifetime of solitary confinement for manslaughter. *But ignorance cannot keep the good, the bright, the beautiful, in the dark for long.*

1904 - 1905 - The Guild Loses its Footing

Breathe. You need to breathe. These dreams, these premonitions... they're... England announces its independence from the Guild, forcing the Guild's headquarters to be relocated in Vienna. India, the Three Kingdoms, Russia, and the Ottoman Empire soon make demands of the Guild. *ALL FOR NAUGHT. - IT SHALL BE BROUGHT TO ASH.*

April, 1906 - ~~THE ARRIVAL~~ The Earthquake

The Governor-General goes missing ~~BUT THOSE WHO LISTEN KNOW WHERE HE IS~~, causing more disarray for the Guild. Shortly thereafter, a body of burning flame in the shape of a man, later coined the Burning Man, appears above San Francisco. A week after ~~its his~~ arrival, an enormous earthquake destroys the city, and ~~terrible monsters the devout~~ are released upon the city, and into the world. *Can't... fight... so bright...*

May, 1906 - Arrival in London

The Burning Man arrives in London, ~~sending a wave of panic through the King's Empire and the world~~ bringing with it the ~~Gibbering Hordes~~ truth in its fiery wake. ~~The madman Ephraim Wade escapes prison.~~ Reaper, sower, borne from the depths of the cosmos in the belly of fire and ash, wreathed in the light of a thousand suns. Let the Earth burn with righteous fire beneath his every step. He brings the good and the beautiful end, and we shall bathe and dance in his bright and beautiful fire. ~~Stop. You should have never read that book. Your curiosity has ruined you.~~ Ruin is a virtue. Pain is the path. The future is forged in fire. You carry the torch. Burn it all.

June, 1906 - The Battle of London

~~The Burning Man's presence begins to warp and transform those who feel close to the flame, forcing Londoners to turn their guns on their fellows.~~ The great and beautiful and bright fire shall engulf the flesh that resists and the flesh that refuses but those that listen and hear and see the radiance in the flame shall find a retribution in the light. The portals are eyes and mouths and see and speak of the Burning Man's will and we owe it to the great flame to listen for we too will be bathed in the light and in the flame like silk robes carrying us to a new world, beautiful and bright. It begins. It begins. It begins. It begins. It begins. It begins.

