

Setting

NeoFēngcháo is essentially Kowloon Walled City but populated by mutants and intelligent creatures. Humanity as we know it either doesn't exist or was killed off long ago, being replaced by the current denizens.

Characters and relationships

Cole still has a tentatively friendly relationship with some of the other members of the family, mostly some of the straw sandals who he interacted with (*Like Alistair Rees who still occasionally hires Cole for mundane information gathering assignments.*) and some of the 49ers (*Such as Conor Barret who Cole had worked with before moving up through the ranks.*)

Sia Huan Hoa is the owner of the Flaming Magnolia cafe. He is a reserved individual and is polite to his customers. He rents his back room to Cole, and is constantly threatening to evict him if he misses his payments.

Cai Zexian was previously a Vanguard in the Jiātíng. After the previous Mountain and Deputy were assassinated by an opposing triad during a territory negotiation, he murdered their entire leadership, absorbed their assets and bolstered the Families own ranks with their lanterns, he was made the new Mountain of the Family.

Eden Steele is Cai's Deputy and second hand woman, she handles any business Cai cannot, and in his absence her word is law. She was Cai's most trusted confidant when they both were vanguards and he brought her up with him when he was made the leader of the Family

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Marquse Magsino is the Family's Incense Master, and oversees all inductions and other ceremonies within the Jiāting. He has a very close relationship with both Cai and Eden, and has been around for as long as anyone can remember. He is the one who inducted both Cole into the Family almost 20 years ago, and Cai over 35 years ago.

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The Apothecary, actual name unknown, is one of Cai's new Vanguard, he previously served as a doctor and torturer for the Family, and continues to serve those roles but now with the added responsibilities of managing operations within the organization.

Adin Knova is one of the Vanguard within the family, he has connections outside of NeoFēngcháo and is responsible for importing most if not all of the weapons that the Jiāting doesn't manufacture itself.

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Zhao Xuengang is the Family's Red Pole, and their main military coordinator for the Family. He tends to be laid back and has an aloofness to him that causes many to underestimate his skill and resolve.

Connor Barret is a 49er in the family

Major plot points *spoilers*

Arc 1:

Cole is harassed by Sai to take on a new case so he can pay rent.

Cole is hired to investigate a potentially cheating husband who turns out to be a blue lantern trying to get initiated in the Family putting him back in their crosshairs after trying to lay low for years.

Cal's office is visited by Zhao Zuegang, the oyabun of the Yakuza operating in NeoFēngcháo. Zuegangh needs Cole to find one of his shategeshira's, while he offers his high ranking members the benefit of privacy, she has not checked in in several days and he is growing worried. Zuegang doesn't want anyone actually in his employ getting involved in the search because he does not want to appear to be playing favorites

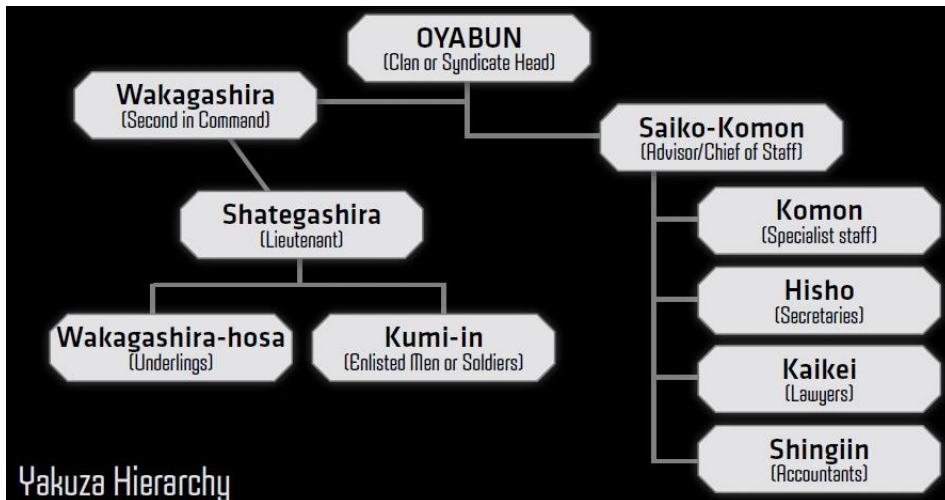
Rinko has been kidnapped by eden steele and is being tortured for information on the yakuza's operation.

Cole sneaks around through the city trying to keep a low profile and finds rinko's high end apartment sacked. Finding an orphan living in the vents Cole eventually gets a description of Eden who he knew quite well while working for the Family, but is confused as to why she would be doing a snatch and grab herself.

As Cole goes to leave he is seen by Majtek who is in the middle of robbing someone at knifepoint, he then runs to a payphone and calls Allistair.

Final scene of chapter 1, Cole is shot in the stomach after a shootout in the dockyard and is seen bleeding out for the final panel

If chapter 2 is written Cole is saved by The Apothecary, one of Cai's new Vanguard, He will then be indebted to the Family once again



Zhao Xuegang - Yakuza Oyabun

Sai Huan Hoa - Komon

