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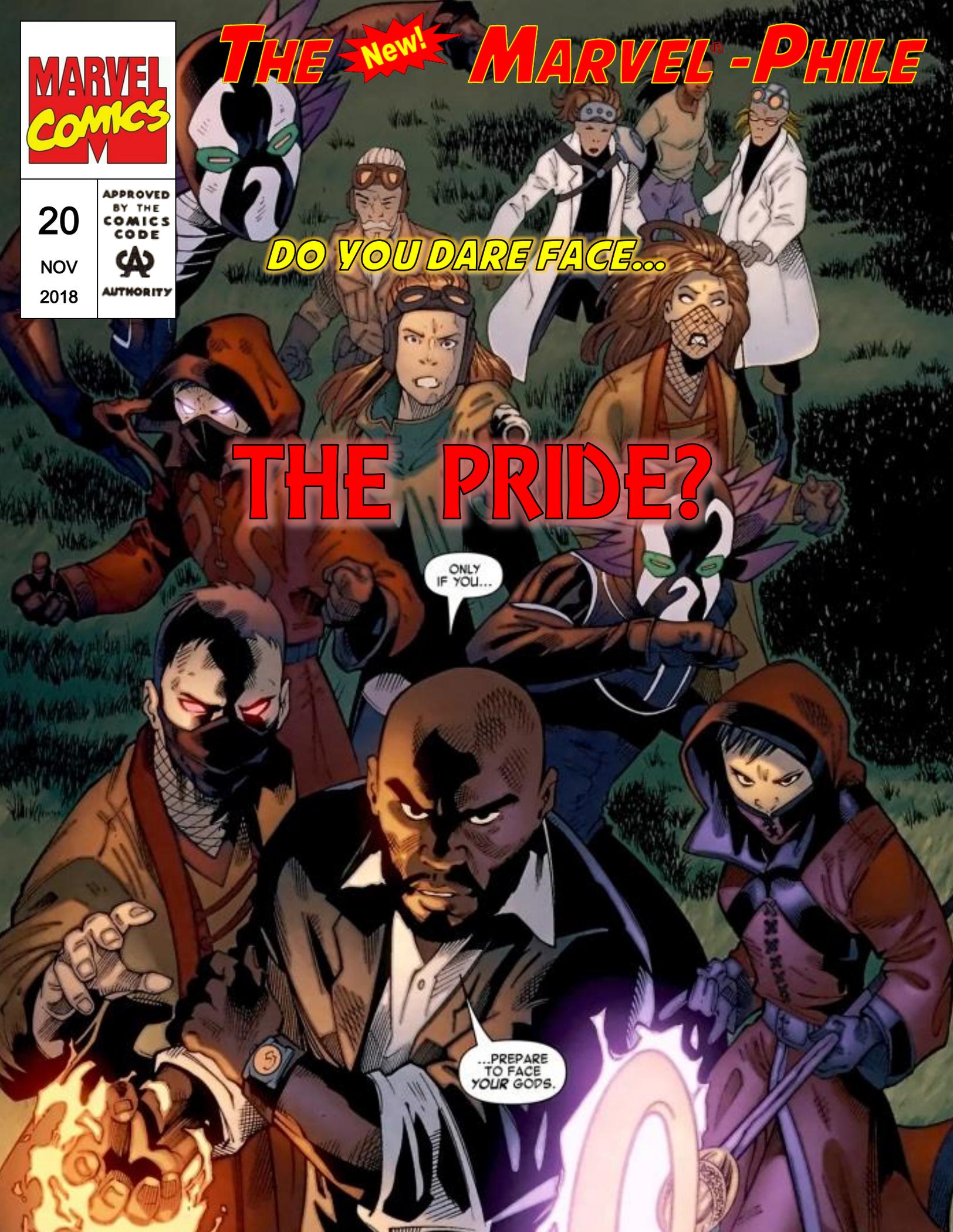
# ***THE <sup>New!</sup> MARVEL<sup>®</sup>-PHILE***

***DO YOU DARE FACE...***

# **THE PRIDE?**

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TO FACE  
YOUR GODS.



# THE PRIDE

This month, the Marvel Superheroes Roleplaying Game Unofficial Canon Project presents the Pride, the main villains of the first story arc of the Runaways, created by Brian K. Vaughan and Adrian Alphona. The premise of the series is an intriguing one: a group of teens discover that their parents have a secret life as a cabal of supervillains.

Originally, the series featured a group of six kids whose parents routinely met every year for a charity event. One year, the kids spy on their parents and learn they are a criminal group of mob bosses, time-travelers, dark wizards, mad scientists, alien invaders and telepathic mutants. The kids steal weapons and resources from their parents, and learn they themselves inherited their parents' powers. The kids band together and defeat their parents, and atone for the sins of their parents by fighting the new threats trying to fill in the Pride's void. Later they are joined by cyborg Victor Mancha, shape-shifting Skrull Xavin, and plant-manipulator Klara Prast.

I originally got the idea to do a Marvel Phile on the Pride after watching the Hulu television adaptation of the comic book series. While this isn't really the space to go into a full review of the series [in a nutshell: I liked it, and I thought the characterization and casting were faithful to the source material, despite the writers taking a number of artistic liberties with the characters and premise] but what I really enjoyed about it is the potential that it showed for the Pride as a good villain team.

For one thing, the very premise lends itself to a lot of flexibility in using the Pride in a Marvel campaign. The villains are initially gathered by the Gibborim, a trio of extradimensional baddies

that requires an assembly of villainous archetypes to do their bidding. Whether you're playing with the likes of Daredevil, Doctor Strange, Cable, or Captain Marvel, the Pride has something for everyone, making them an easy fit with plot hooks galore.

Like any good villains, their motives are believable and their characters are nuanced. The Pride for the most part goes beyond the stereotypical motivation of committing evil deeds for the fun of it: in a twisted way, the villains are together for the sake of their children, feeding on the adult fear of providing for one's offspring, and the age-old teen suspicion that one's parents aren't what they seem to be.

The setting also provides a fresh change from New York City, the center of the Marvel Universe. The Pride is given the believable background that they have long been working behind the scenes of Los Angeles, laying low with the secrecy provided to them their entreaties to the Gibborim. They open up a whole selection of settings for adventuring, from the L.A. criminal underworld to interstellar intrigue between warring aliens with earth caught in the crossfire.

While the Pride themselves are seemingly dead and gone, well -- this is comics, and death is a revolving door. Time travel, magic and super-science all provide the means for bringing back the Pride should you wish to use them, and the Gibborim themselves are officially "not quite dead." The power vacuum left by the Pride's demise presents the opportunity for challenges as well, as their various subordinates, associates, and rivals compete for control of L.A., and beyond.

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It's also worth mentioning that this Pride is the first of three (so far) iterations of the team. Following the apparent demise of Alex Wilder, a group of his friends from his online roleplaying games assembles to form "the New Pride." Later, a revived Alex starts a third incarnation where he teams with Harlem crime lords Black Mariah, Cottonmouth, Dontrell "Cockroach" Hamilton, Gamecock, Scimitar, and several others. Alex later approached Tombstone and Mr. Fish where he tells them about his father's group and his new incarnation of the Pride in Harlem; afterwards, Alex Wilder beats up Tombstone and banishes Mr. Fish to Hell.

In addition to the Pride, we give you the "big bads" behind the team, the Gibborim. Time will tell whether they come back to assemble a new team of Thieves, Travelers, Outcasts, Magicians, Colonists, and Wise Men. Enjoy!





**Official Team Name:** The Pride

**Status:** Defunct

**Identity:** Secret

**Base of Operations:** Formerly Wilder Estate, Malibu, California; Malibu House, Malibu, California; Lair beneath the La Brea Tar Pits, Los Angeles, California; Marine Vivarium, Pacific Ocean; various other locations across southern California

**Contacts (as a group):** Gibborim, Kingpin, Lieutenant Flores, L.A.P.D., Maggia, Marie Laveau, Marcus Roston, Monk Theppie, Oscar, Sinners, Skrull Empire, Serpent Society

## HISTORY:

Requiring mortal acolytes to serve them on Earth, the Gibborim summoned twelve individuals (six married couples) to their Marine Vivarium. In exchange for sacrificing human souls to them, the Gibborim promised wealth, power, and influence to their potential servants during the remainder of their mortal lives. Additionally, the Gibborim promised that the six who served the Gibborim the most faithfully would be rewarded and saved from the Gibborim's scourging of Earth and allowed to rule in paradise, while the remaining six would perish with the rest of humanity. Each couple agreed to the Gibborim's terms, and The Pride was formed.

As promised, the Pride gained wealth and power and became the covert rulers of L.A.'s criminal empire. Every year, the Pride gathered at the Wilder Estate, ostensibly for an annual charity fundraiser, while in reality, they would perform the "Rite of Blood," a ritual sacrifice of an innocent and unwilling human; the spirit of this victim would then be fed to the Gibborim in the subsequent "Rite of Thunder".

Three years after the formation of the Pride, Janet Stein became pregnant. After some discussion, the decision was made that each couple would conceive one child, and those six children would inherit the Gibborim's reward and place in paradise. This agreement also ended the open struggle between the members of the Pride. Working together, the Pride ruled over their criminal empire with vision and efficiency for a quarter of a century with few real challenges to their power.

Six months before their deaths, Gene and Alice Hayes conspired with Frank and Leslie Dean to betray and murder the other Pride members. As mutants and aliens, they had a shared disdain for humans. It was the accidental discovery of this plot that led Alex Wilder to begin scheming to save his parents and the Minoru family that eventually led to his death and the deaths of the Pride.

One year after discovering the Pride and the secret plans of the Hayeses and Deans, Alex Wilder led the Pride's others children to discover their parents murdering Destiny Gonzales during "The Rite of Blood". Terrified by what they discovered, the children decided to run away.

With the help of Lieutenant Flores and the L.A.P.D., the Pride framed their children for the murder of Destiny to force their children out of hiding and prevent them from telling the truth. While searching for the children, the Pride killed vampires, threatened police, and continued to manipulate monitoring systems. After Lieutenant Flores brought Cloak and Dagger to L.A. to search for the kids, Catherine Wilder shot him in his leg and the Hayeses erased Cloak and Dagger's memories preventing them from sharing information with other superheroes. During all this time, the Pride continued to prepare for the upcoming "Rite of Thunder".

On the night of the "Rite of Thunder", the Runaways followed the Pride into the Marine Vivarium. After manipulating his teammates into defeat, Alex Wilder revealed himself as the Pride's mole and shared how he had learned about the Pride and the Hayes' and Deans plot of betrayal. However, before the arrival of the Gibborim, the Runaways were able to defeat Alex and Molly Hayes was able to destroy the device imprisoning Destiny's soul. The Gibborim arrived furious that their sacrifice was not ready and immediately killed Alex while threatening to murder all the Pride and their progeny. While everyone in the Pride was killed, the Runaways were able to narrowly escape the destruction of the Marine Vivarium in the Leapfrog.

## EQUIPMENT:

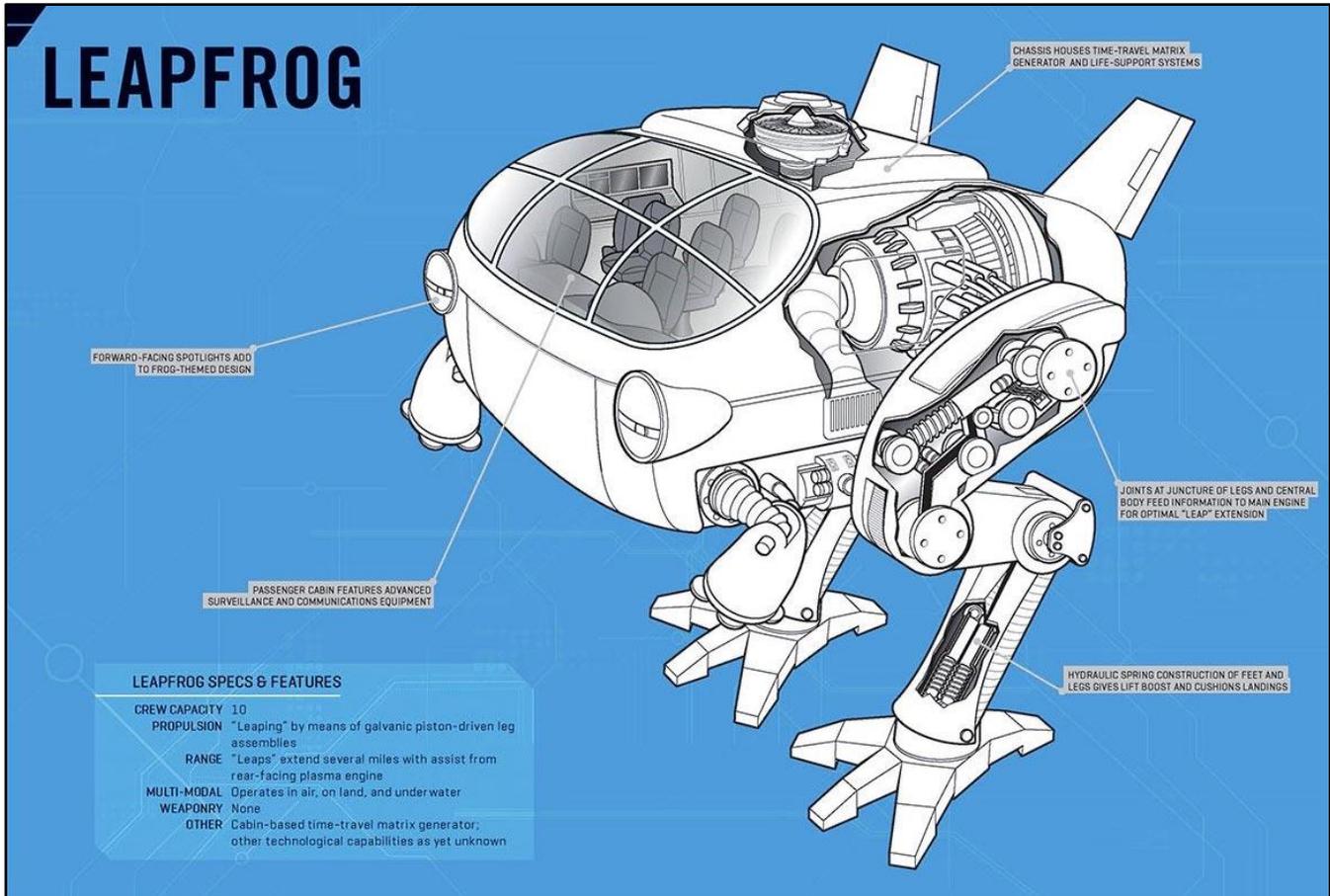
**Abstract:** Each of the couples received a copy of the Abstract, a book providing them black magic spells, information on the Gibborim, and the past and the future of the Pride. Pride members using their copy of the Abstract gain +1CS to all magical ability, the Demonology talent, and Precognition at GD ability concerning matters related to the Pride. Doctor Strange also appears to have a copy of the Abstract or some type of access to the text.

**Leapfrog:** This is a multifunction, AI-driven craft that was the Pride's main source of transportation. The Steins maintained a fleet of several of these vehicles at the Marine Vivarium, but there is only one known Leapfrog remaining, which was stolen by Chase Stein and used by the Runaways. The Leapfrog can accommodate 10 to 12 passengers. The vehicles' capabilities are:

Control: EX      Speed: GD  
Body: EX      Protection: GD

- **Leaping:** The Leapfrogs' main method of locomotion, has Hyper-Leaping at CL1000 rank. It can leap more than 1,000 ft. in the air without using its plasma thrusters.
- **Flight:** GD airspeed.
- **Underwater Travel:** Submersible travel at GD speed.
- **Chronokinesis:** The Leapfrog has an overdrive that can interface with the Yorke's 4-D Time Portico allowing for limited Time Travel, with Feeble ability. The overdrives are able to power the ship with four time-jumps of 50 years each, making them useful for quick getaways. As a safety precaution, the Yorke hid these overdrives in several different locales and in several different eras.
- **Camouflage:** The Leapfrog is capable of creating a near complete camouflage in a variety of surfaces. Treat as Illusory Invisibility limited to the vehicle itself, at IN ability.
- **Cloaking:** In addition to visible camouflage, the Leapfrog is equipped with a cloaking device preventing tracking, at IN ability.
- **Holo-Record:** The Leapfrog records and can project holograms of events that occur around its immediate vicinity, at AM ability.
- **Magical Immunity:** To prevent Tina and Robert Minoru from hijacking the Leapfrog, Victor Stein made it

# LEAPFROG



## LEAPFROG SPECS & FEATURES

CREW CAPACITY	10
PROPULSION	"Leaping" by means of galvanic piston-driven leg assemblies
RANGE	"Leaps" extend several miles with assist from rear-facing plasma engine
MULTI-MODAL	Operates in air, on land, and underwater
WEAPONRY	None
OTHER	Cabin-based time-travel matrix generator, other technological capabilities as yet unknown

impervious to spell-casting. It has RM resistance to all magical attacks, controls, tracking, etc.

### BASES OF OPERATIONS:

**Wilder Estate:** The Wilder Estate was the home of Geoffrey and Catherine Wilder and their son Alex. The Pride used a number of headquarters throughout southern California, but typically used this as their main base of operations. Located above the Marine Vivarium, the mansion is equipped with secret passages leading to a lair where the Pride performs the "Rite of Blood".

**Marine Vivarium:** Far below the beaches of Los Angeles, the undersea Marine Vivarium was used by the Gibborim as a meeting place for the Pride to offer up their annual sacrifices.

The Vivarium was seemingly destroyed by the Gibborim after the Pride's last Rite of Thunder was disrupted by the Runaways. The Runaways narrowly escaped in the Leapfrog.

**The Hostel:** Located beneath the La Brea Tar Pits, this secret lair was guarded by Security Daemons, guardian creatures engineered by the Steins and enchanted by the Minorus. It was discovered and repurposed by the Runaways after the Pride were killed by the Gibborim in the Marine Vivarium. The Runaways used it as their base of operations and living quarters until it was discovered and infiltrated by Iron Man and his Cape-Killers.

**Malibu House:** This large luxury home was the former residence of the Stein family. When Chase was younger the family moved, and the home became a safehouse for The Pride. The house was one of the few properties belonging to the Pride that remained unseized by the F.B.I. When the Runaways left New York City to return to Los Angeles, the Leapfrog directed to the Malibu House. After battling the Security Daemons, the Runaways began using it as their new headquarters. The Malibu House was eventually destroyed by a fire set under the direction of a U.S. Army commander to destroy the evidence of his smuggling. Fortunately, all of the Runaways were able to escape in a new Leapfrog.

## THE THIEVES: THE WILDERS



**Geoffrey Wilder**

**F** EX (20)  
**A** GD (10)  
**S** GD (10)  
**E** EX (20)  
**R** EX (20)  
**I** EX (20)  
**P** EX (20)

**Health:** 60  
**Karma:** 60  
**Resources:** IN  
**Popularity:** -4

### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Geoffrey Wilder  
**Occupation:** Crimelord  
**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record  
**Identity:** No dual identity  
**Other Known Aliases:** Geoff, The Thieves (with his spouse), Thief, Kingpin of the West Coast, Chamber, Jonothon "Jono" Starsmore, Alex Wilder  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Known Relatives:** Catherine Wilder (wife, deceased); Alex Wilder (son); Unnamed father; Unnamed mother-in-law  
**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride; Loners

### KNOWN POWERS

**Energy Projection:** At some point, Geoffrey gained some kind of energy blasting powers. It is unclear if these were mystical or cybernetic enhancements. Treat as a GD rank Force attack.

### EQUIPMENT

**Dagger:** Wilders' dagger is a short, curved, hand-held blade. The dagger used by Geoffrey Wilder and The Pride to murder young women during the "Rite of Blood." While time-displaced, Geoffrey Wilder also used this blade to seemingly kill Gertrude Yorke. The dagger does Good (10) points of Edged damage and is constructed of Remarkable enchanted metal. Its other mystic properties, if any, are unknown.

**Guns:** Geoffrey Wilder also typically carries a common handgun.

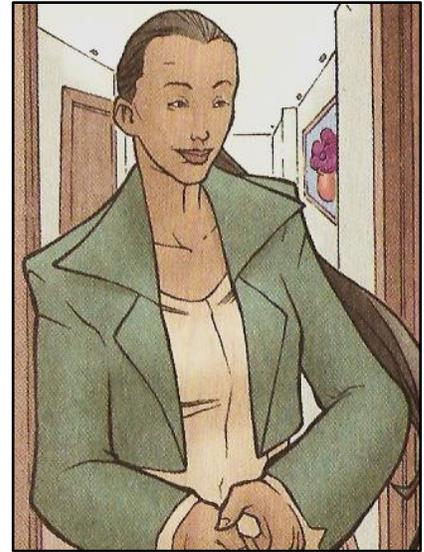
**Talents:** Martial Arts B, Guns, Sharp Weapons, Business/Finance, Leadership, Criminology, Intimidation, Thief

**Contacts:** Pride, Kingpin, various criminal underworld contacts

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Geoffrey was an expert strategist, skilled organizer, and criminal genius able to control and manipulate multiple organizations and individuals. Geoffrey originally appeared as a stern, demeaning man, who had forbidden his son from playing online roleplaying games. Originally appearing as average parents, it is shown the two can also have short tempers.



**Catherine Henderson Wilder**

**F** TY (6)  
**A** TY (6)  
**S** TY (6)  
**E** EX (20)  
**R** RM (30)  
**I** GD (10)  
**P** EX (20)

**Health:** 38  
**Karma:** 60  
**Resources:** IN  
**Popularity:** -2

### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Catherine Wilder  
**Occupation:** Crimelord  
**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record  
**Identity:** No dual identity  
**Other Known Aliases:** The Thieves (with her spouse)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Known Relatives:** Geoffrey Wilder (husband, deceased); Alex Wilder (son); Unnamed mother  
**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

### KNOWN POWERS

None

**Talents:** Guns, Law, Business/Finance, Leadership, Criminology

**Contacts:** Pride, various criminal underworld contacts

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Although Catherine loved and was fiercely protective of her son, she often had difficulty communicating with him. Catherine was a criminal genius and a highly skilled organizer. She was able to maintain a calm head in stressful situations.

### HISTORY

Geoffrey Wilder and Catherine Henderson were small-time thieves living in Los Angeles when they eloped against the wishes of Catherine's mother.

While escaping after a robbery, the couple was summoned by the Gibborim to be the "The Thieves" in the Pride with promises of power, wealth, and eternal life.

As the leaders of the Pride, Geoffrey and Catherine used their influence, wealth, connections, and strategic prowess to rule the Los Angeles underworld, sacrificing to the Gibborim, protecting their turf, and disposing of threats to their power for a quarter of a century.

Depressed after finding out about Alex Wilder's death, his friends from his online MMORPG began planning to bring him back. Together they researched the Pride and used the Abstract to cast a spell to retrieve Alex from the past before he died. During the ceremony, Oscar died and a young Geoffrey Wilder was summoned to the present instead of Alex.

To gather more information about the Runaways, Geoffrey posed as Chamber using the Minorus' Chameleon Glamour Charm and joined a rival group of teen superheroes called Excelsior.

Once the New Pride had gathered enough information, they directly confronted the Runaways and

kidnapped Molly Hayes. Geoffrey offered to sacrifice Molly's soul to the Gibborim if they promised to reunite him with his wife. During the rescue, Geoffrey seemingly murdered Gertrude Yorkes. Furious, the Runaways captured Geoffrey, erased his memory, and sent him back to the past to avoid further impact on the timeline.

After the the children of the Pride witnessed them murder a young woman during the "Rite of Blood", they decided to run away from their parents. With their children on the run, Geoffrey and the Pride used their connection with the L.A.P.D. to find their children. When Lieutenant Flores from the L.A.P.D. told the Pride he that he had recruited Cloak and Dagger to search for their children, Catherine calmly and abruptly shot him in his knee. Geoffrey framed Alex Wilder, Nico Minoru and Gertrude Yorkes for the murder of Destiny Gonzales and kidnapping of Molly Hayes. Karolina Dean and Chase Stein were specifically left out of the frame job to prevent anyone from connecting all the members of the Pride. Geoffrey continued to monitor for new of the children and press contacts for any possible news.

Geoffrey and Catherine died in the Marine Vivarium with the other members of the Pride during the failed Rite of Thunder.

## THE WISE MEN: THE STEINS



### Victor Stein

F	PR (4)
A	PR (4)
S	TY (6)
E	TY (6)
R	IN (40)
I	GD (10)
P	TY (6)

**Health:** 20

**Karma:** 56

**Resources:** EX

**Popularity:** 2

### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Victor Stein

**Occupation:** Scientist

**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record

**Identity:** No dual identity

**Other Known Aliases:** The Wise Men (with spouse)

**Marital Status:** Married

**Known Relatives:** Janet Stein (wife, deceased); Chase Stein (son); Hunter Stein (brother)

**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

### KNOWN POWERS

*Hyper-Invention:* Remarkable ability

**WEAKNESSES:** Victor Stein requires corrective lenses. Without them, his Fighting, Agility and Intuition are reduced by 2CS within a one area

radius, and reduced by 3CS beyond that.

**Talents:** Robotics, Weapons Engineering, Martial Arts B

**Contacts:** Pride, Hunter Stein, Marcus Roston, various members of the scientific community

**ADDITIONAL NOTES**



**Janet Stein**

**ROLE-PLAYING NOTES**

Victor is the one parent often described as being the most abusive, as he first appears punching Chase across the face for getting C's, with Janet scolding slightly. A remark from Chase implies that his father regularly beats him. Chase later quotes his parents often argue. On the night of the Rite of Thunder, Victor tells Geoffrey that he really loves his son, and Janet later admits she doesn't know how her soul is, because of the murders.

**F** PR (4)  
**A** PR (4)  
**S** TY (6)  
**E** TY (6)  
**R** IN (40)  
**I** GD (10)  
**P** TY (6)  
**Health:** 20  
**Karma:** 56  
**Resources:** EX  
**Popularity:** 4

**BACKGROUND**

**Real Name:** Janet Stein  
**Occupation:** Scientist  
**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record  
**Identity:** No dual identity  
**Other Known Aliases:** The Wise Men (with spouse)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Known Relatives:** Victor Stein (husband, deceased); Chase Stein (son); Hunter Stein (brother-in-law)  
**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

**KNOWN POWERS**

*Hyper-Invention:* Remarkable ability

**EQUIPMENT**

Both Victor and Janet Stein are skilled inventors, and have access to the same equipment. Generally, if they are in need of something not already within their arsenal, they will invent it. Some of the devices used by the Steins include:

*Fistigons:* The Fistigons are a pair of powered gauntlets with several capabilities. At least two pairs were produced. The Fistigons have the following abilities:

- **Pyrokinesis:** The Fistigons can shoot out flames and construct the flames into various shapes or patterns such as walls or nets, with RM ability. The Fistigons do not appear to require fuel or power sources.
- **Electrokinesis:** The Fistigons can release electrical blasts at RM intensity.
- **Projectile Launchers:** The Fistigons can launch missiles at EX damage and range.
- **Flight:** When paired with the Footstigons, the Fistigons are capable of flight at EX airspeed.
- **Concussive Blasts:** The Fistigons can emit concussive energy blasts at IN intensity.

*Footstigons:* This is a set of companion footwear to the Fistigons. They are capable of:

- **Pyrokinesis:** The Footstigons can shoot out flames, which may be coupled with a kicking attack for GD intensity fire damage. Like the Fistigons, the Footstigons do not appear to require fuel or power sources.
- **Flight:** When paired with the Fistigons, the Footstigons appear to be capable of flight at EX airspeed. The user must have both boots and gauntlets to use this power.

*X-Ray Specs:* These goggles provided Penetration Vision with Amazing ability; they were stolen by the Steins' son, Chase.

*Universal Weapon:* This weapon is a rifle nearly identical in effects to that of Ronan the Accuser's Cosmi-Rod. It is made of Amazing material, and able to manipulate cosmic energy at Monstrous rank. It is capable of the following power stunts:

- Power blasts of Monstrous force, 4-area range.
- Reconstruct existing matter within 2 areas.
- Force Field of Amazing rank, but the user cannot attack through it.

**Talents:** Robotics, Weapons Engineering, Battlesuit Design

**Contacts:** Pride, various members of the scientific community

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Janet is more whimsical than Victor in her engineering designs. Although Janet was not physically abusive to her son, she was emotionally abusive. At age 10, Chase won a trophy for the little league MVP; Janet made him throw it away, promising that they'd save awards for "important" things. She also was complicit in her husband's physical abuse of Chase. Janet is well-connected in the circles of super-science, but regards herself as a maverick.

#### HISTORY

Victor Stein and his wife Janet were accomplished and well-regarded engineers. The couple made their fortune from inventing a tool that removes stickers from CDs. As world-renowned brilliant scientists and inventors even Tony Stark was once impressed by their work.

The couple was summoned by the Gibborim to be the "The Wise Men" in the Pride with promises of power, wealth, and eternal life.

As members of the Pride, the Steins used their advanced technology and engineering skills to assist in ruling the Los Angeles underworld, sacrificing to the Gibborim, protecting their turf, and disposing of threats to their power for a quarter of a century. Together they created the Fistigons, the Leapfrog, and a device to contain a human soul. They also worked closely with Marcus Roston before falling out with him. Victor eventually had a falling out with his brother over the Pride's criminal activity.

Three years after the founding of the Pride, it was Janet's unexpected pregnancy and decision to give her

chance at eternal life to her unborn child that convinced the other Pride members to do the same. Victor was unhappy with this decision and resented his son for taking away his chance of eternal life. This resentment was worsened when Chase grew up and demonstrated more aptitude for sports and athletics rather than science. As a result, Victor frequently physically abused his son. He was also occasionally physically abusive towards his wife. After their children discovered the Rite of Blood and ran away, Victor even suggested to Geoffrey Wilder that maybe their children don't deserve the Gibborim's reward.

Victor and Janet died in the Marine Vivarium with the other members of the Pride during the failed Rite of Thunder.

## THE MAGICIANS: THE MINORUS



#### Robert Minoru

**F** GD (10)  
**A** GD (10)  
**S** TY (6)  
**E** GD (10)  
**R** EX (20)  
**I** GD (10)  
**P** IN (40)

**Health:** 36  
**Karma:** 70  
**Resources:** GD  
**Popularity:** -2

#### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Robert Minoru  
**Occupation:** Sorcerer  
**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record  
**Identity:** No dual identity  
**Other Known Aliases:** The Magicians (with spouse)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Known Relatives:** Tina Minoru (wife, deceased); Nico Minoru (daughter); Witchbreaker (possible ancestor, deceased); Rei (niece)  
**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

#### KNOWN POWERS

**Blood Magic:** Robert was a dark wizard capable of manipulating magical forces and mystic instruments such as Staff of

One, Spine of Agamotto and the Black Mirror. Allow up to three spells per day from Personal or Universal energies, at RM ability.

**Talents:** Occult Lore, Mystic Background, Demonology, Ritual Magics, Martial Arts A

**Contacts:** Pride, Marie Laveau, various dark sorcerers (unrevealed)

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

The Minorus posed as an average, church-going, middle-class couple. The two are the least-liked by the Pride; in a holograph, it's revealed the Steins and Yorkes consider them unstable because they're magicians; the Deans and Hayes hate them because they're humans; Geoffrey Wilder also criticizes Robert on one occasion. In their first appearance, the two appear as an average couple, where Robert is unwilling to be late, and Tina is an Oprah fan.



#### Tina Minoru

**F** TY (6)  
**A** GD (10)  
**S** PR (4)  
**E** GD (10)  
**R** EX (20)  
**I** GD (10)  
**P** AM (50)

**Health:** 30  
**Karma:** 80  
**Resources:** GD  
**Popularity:** -2

#### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Tina Minoru  
**Occupation:** Sorceress  
**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record  
**Identity:** No dual identity  
**Other Known Aliases:** The Magicians (with spouse)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Known Relatives:** Robert Minoru (husband, deceased); Nico Minoru (daughter); Witchbreaker (possible ancestor, deceased); Rei (niece)  
**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

#### KNOWN POWERS

**Blood Magic:** Tina was a dark wizard capable of manipulating magical forces and mystic instruments such as Staff of One, Spine of Agamotto and the Black

Mirror. Allow up to three spells per day from Personal or Universal energies, at RM ability.

#### EQUIPMENT

Both Minorus have access to a number of powerful magical items. Some of the objects of power they have used include:

**Spine of Agamotto:** Similar to the Eye of Agamotto, the Spine of Agamotto was a magical artifact of unknown origins related to the Vishanti Agamotto. Working as part of the Pride, Robert and Tina Minoru used the Spine of Agamotto to install Arnold Schwarzenegger as the governor of California. The full extent of its powers is unknown, except that it is seemingly very powerful and may have some sort of mind control ability.

**Black Mirror:** The Black Mirror is a mystical mirror of considerable power. Doctor Strange used the Black Mirror to search for Clea and Wong. The Black Mirror eventually came into possession of Marie Laveau. She allowed Captain Marvel to use the Black Mirror to explore the past. At some point, the Black Mirror was taken by Tina and Robert Minoru for use of their search into their heritage. Shocked by what they found, the Minorus sealed the mirror to prevent others from using it. After the Minorus' death, Marie Laveau retook possession of the mirror and tricked Nico Minoru into opening it. Nico inadvertently broke the mirror allowing Laveau to retrieve the Parchment of Power that was hidden behind the mirror. The Black Mirror is capable of the following; for further description see Realms of Magic, p.29:

- **Scrying:** It is able to perform any of the Scrying spells as detailed in Realms of Magic, without the need for a group or ceremony, at UN ability.
- **Teleport:** The spell is able to teleport all beings within a 1-area radius, with CL1000 ability. This effect is able to transcend other dimensions, times, and realities.
- **Size Change:** The user of the mirror is able to alter the mirror's size.

**Eye-Spy Cauldron:** The Eye-Spy Cauldron was owned by Tina and Robert Minoru and used to spy and communicate with others across great distances. It was later used by Lotus and the New Pride to spy on the

Runaways. The cauldron has the spell abilities of Sensing - Clairvoyance and Sensing - Clairaudience at UN ability, with the added ability that the user may make his presence known and communicate with those being viewed.

*Chameleon Glamour Charm:* The Chameleon Glamour Charm is magical object owned by Tina and Robert Minoru. The charm is capable of casting a powerful glamor to change someone's appearance, alter their voice, and even mimic some superhuman powers. The charm was used by Geoffrey Wilder to impersonate Chamber while he infiltrated the hero team Excelsior. Geoffrey also briefly used the charm to pose as Alex Wilder before having its effects canceled by a spell from Nico Minoru's Staff of One. This item grants the user the spell of Alteration - Appearance at UN ability, and is able to replicate the superpower of a single target, which it imitates to a maximum

of GD strength. It may only reproduce one power at a time.

*Minorus' Runestone:* The Runestone was a magical item owned by Tina and Robert Minoru. It was used during the spell the summoned a young Geoffrey Wilder to the present. After the Minorus' Summer Home was blown up, the L.A.P.D. investigated the site. One of the officers found the Runestone and tried to sell it at a local antique store. Unfortunately, the Runestone transformed the antique store owner into a giant monster that rampaged across downtown Los Angeles until the Runaways stopped him. The full extent of the Runestone's power is unknown. It is a necessary component for summoning a person's younger self to the present, and it has the ability to transform one who misuses it, implying that the item may have some sort of sentience. It may be connected to the Staff of One.

*Staff of One:* The Staff of One is a magical object so powerful that, according to Tina Minoru, it made even the likes of Dormammu tremble. Tina Minoru received the Staff of One by unknown means. When attempting to bring their children back, Tina attacked Nico with the Staff, but instead of wounding her, the Staff was absorbed into her body.

- The Staff is powered by blood magic. To conjure and operate the Staff, a blood offering must be made. This bleeding can be from a wound, a small cut, and even from menstruation or bleeding gums. The amount of magic the Staff can perform appears to be tied to the amount of blood offered (i.e. the larger the sacrifice the more potent the spells). In game terms, the ability rank of the spell is equal to the amount of Health lost by the user. Other factors that appear to affect the spell casting is the clarity and/or intent. The Staff is able to replicate



any single-slot power from the *Ultimate Powers Book*.

- To cast spells, the user simply needs to utter a word or simple phrase. However, the Staff of One can only cast a spell once. Attempts to cast a spell a second time result in unpredictable feats of magic or have no resulting effect whatsoever (50/50 chance, roll randomly for Personal spell if a random effect is activated). The Staff recognizes different masters, so the same spell can be cast more than once, as long as it's by different users.
- When the strength of the Staff begins to wane, it is reabsorbed into the wielder's body until they bleed to bring it forth again. This process can often be unpleasant (equal to GD damage).
- Direct contact with the Staff of One appears to make spellcasting easier, but more advanced practitioners are able to cast spells through the Staff of One without direct contact. Subtract 1 CS for the staff's effectiveness if the user attempts to use it without contact; users must have GD Psyche or higher to do this.
- The Staff of One appears to have an affinity for certain individuals, but it appears that the Staff can be wielded by anyone. However, since its power upgrade with the Witchbreaker, the Staff appears to have become more discriminating about who can wield it.
- When the Staff of One is especially powerful and/or closely linked to its bearer, it appears to grant self-propelled flight at GD airspeed without the need of an incantation.

**Talents:** Mystic Background, Demonology, Occult Lore, Ritual Magics, Martial Arts A

**Contacts:** Pride, Marie Laveau, various dark sorcerers (unrevealed)

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Tina Minoru is a ruthless and stern individual. She is frequently dominant over her husband Robert, and is cold towards her own daughter Nico, pushing for Nico's academic success. Her presence and actions make her feared in the Pride. She is also prone to focusing on herself and her emotions.

#### HISTORY

Robert Minoru and his wife Tina were dark wizards from a long lineage of warlocks. One the day of their wedding, the couple was summoned by the Gibborim to be the "The Magicians" in the Pride with promises of power, wealth, and eternal life.

As members of the Pride, the Minorus used their dark arts to assist in ruling the Los Angeles underworld, sacrificing to the Gibborim, protecting their turf, and disposing of threats to their power for a quarter of a century. The Minorus also had several connections within the black magic community.

At some point, the Minorus obtained the Black Mirror from Marie Laveau. Curious about their ancestry, they used the Black Mirror to explore the heritage of clan Minoru. Terrified by what they found, they used blood magic to seal the mirror.

Tina and Robert died in the Marine Vivarium with the other members of the Pride during the failed Rite of Thunder. Their last act was to distract the Gibborim allowing Nico and the others escaped.

## THE TRAVELERS: THE YORKES



#### Dale Yorkes

**F** GD (10)  
**A** EX (20)  
**S** GD (10)  
**E** EX (20)  
**R** RM (30)  
**I** GD (10)  
**P** EX (20)

**Health:** 60

**Karma:** 60

**Resources:** RM

**Popularity:** 0

#### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Dale Yorkes

**Occupation:** Antique dealer

**Legal Status:** Future U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record

**Identity:** No dual identity

**Other Known Aliases:** The Travelers (with spouse)

**Marital Status:** Married

**Known Relatives:** Stacey Yorkes (wife, deceased); Gertrude Yorkes (daughter)

**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride; Sinners

#### KNOWN POWERS

None known; the Yorkes apparently gain all of their powers from their gadgetry and paraphernalia.

**Talents:** History (general), Thief, Repair/Tinkering, Martial Arts A and B, Guns, Sharp Weapons

**Contacts:** Pride, Kang, Sinners

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

It is not known from what century the Yorkes originate. It's been established that they have spent quite a bit of time in the 87th century; they have both been known to use slang identical to characters of the 2099 timeline.

### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Dale Yorkes is a brilliant yet arrogant man, a time traveler who firmly believes in the superiority of his age, and treats with blatant disdain the ones from more "primitive" centuries. Quite a hateful guy, Dale hides behind his hardness an unspeakable pain, as he's forced by destiny to do and say things he already knows will lead to a disastrous path for both him and his entire family.



### Stacey Yorkes

**F** GD (10)  
**A** EX (20)  
**S** GD (10)  
**E** EX (20)  
**R** RM (30)  
**I** GD (10)  
**P** EX (20)

**Health:** 60  
**Karma:** 60  
**Resources:** RM  
**Popularity:** 0

### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Stacey Yorkes  
**Occupation:** Antique dealer  
**Legal Status:** Future U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record  
**Identity:** No dual identity  
**Other Known Aliases:** The Travelers (with spouse)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Known Relatives:** Dale Yorkes (husband, deceased); Gertrude Yorkes (daughter)  
**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride; Sinners

### KNOWN POWERS

None known; the Yorkes apparently gain all of their powers from their gadgetry and paraphernalia.

### EQUIPMENT

Being time travelers, the Yorkes both have access to a variety of equipment spanning the course of human history. Often their devices have incorporated disparate elements of two or more

different eras, such as a laser sword or a flintlock-style musket that fires an energy blast. Some of their more notable devices include:

*Chrono-Recorder:* This device is able to project images of events past, present, and future at EX rank; treat as Precognition and Post-Cognition.

*4-D Time Portico:* This is the Yorkes time machine. It possesses the power of Time Travel at GD rank, and seats two people. It moves through time only, it is otherwise stationary.

**Control:** GD      **Speed:** GD  
**Body:** TY      **Protection:** PR

*Samurai Battle-Axe:* The Samurai Battle-Axe is an ancient weapon from an alternate past. It does EX edged damage and is made of EX material.

*Kinetic Drainer:* The Kinetic Drainer can severely weaken opponents by depriving of strength or vitality. Each time a target is hit, it is reduced by 1 CS of Strength and Endurance to a minimum of FE. Movement is reduced by 1 CS down to 0.

*Genetically-Engineered Dinosaurs:* When the Yorkes commissioned the creation of Old Lace (a velociraptor), they had it telepathically connected to Gert, but physically incapable of harming anyone in her immediate family. It is unknown if the Yorkes commissioned other dinosaurs, but they appear to have brought others forward from the past. Stats for Old Lace are:

**F** A S E R I P  
EX GD GD RM TY GD TY  
**Health:** 70      **Karma:** 22  
Claws/teeth as EX edged attack;  
Moves 2 areas/round; Armor Skin -  
Poor protection vs. Physical attacks;

**Talents:** History (general), Thief, Repair/Tinkering, Martial Arts A and B, Guns, Sharp Weapons

**Contacts:** Pride, Kang, Sinners

### ADDITIONAL NOTES

See Dale Yorkes, above.

### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

The Yorkes appear as self-righteous, obnoxious people, particularly Stacey. Gert had had a strong dislike of her

parents because of an incident involving Gert's pet pig, which the Yorkes hated; after Gert had been playing with it, she had briefly left to answer the phone, and when she returned, she found it gone. She suspected her parents of the disappearance.

**HISTORY**

Dale Yorkes and his wife Stacey were time-traveling criminals. Using the 4-D Time Portico, they would travel through historical periods stealing items and artifacts and selling them in the future. They reportedly traveled as far back in time as the 14th century and as far into the future as the 87th century. In addition to traveling through time, the Yorkes could also traverse the Multiverse.

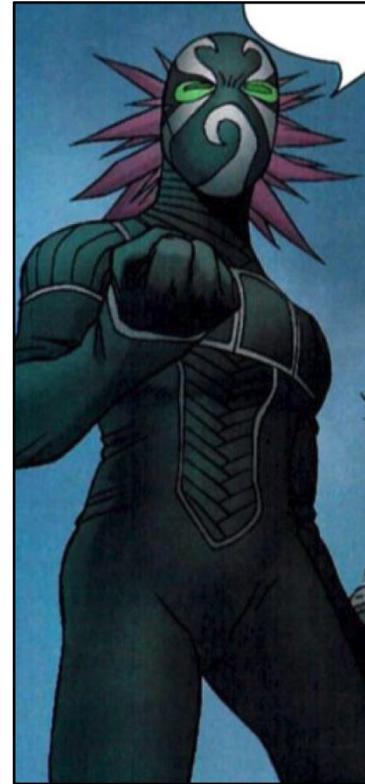
After stealing some artifacts from the past, the couple was stranded in the late 19th century, when they were summoned by the Gibborim to be the "The Travelers" in the Pride with promises of power, wealth, and eternal life.

As members of the Pride, the Yorkes used their advanced technology, ancient artifacts, and genetically engineered dinosaurs to assist in ruling the Los Angeles underworld, sacrificing to the Gibborim, protecting their turf, and disposing of threats to their power for a quarter of a century.

Approximately one year before their deaths, the Yorkes were working in Manhattan, circa 1907, orchestrating a war to wipe out the growing superhuman population. Unfortunately, while there, the Yorkes encountered the time-tossed Runaways and learned about the death of their daughter. The Runaways thwarted the Yorkes plans, and to prevent them from changing history, Nico Minoru cast a spell forcing the Yorkes to continue to take as they normally would despite knowing that about their own deaths and the death of their daughter. Fearing for the safety of their daughter, the Yorkes traveled to the 87th century and commissioned the creation of a dinosaur to protect her after their deaths. Sometime after purchasing the dinosaur, the Yorkes' 4-D Time Portico broke. However, working with Victor Stein, they outfitted the Leapfrog to integrate with the time-overdrives for short jumps through time. They also stored extra overdrives across the century to make sure they would not be stranded.

Dale and Stacey died in the Marine Vivarium with the other members of the Pride during the failed Rite of Thunder.

**THE COLONISTS:  
THE DEANS**



**Frank Dean**

**F** EX (20)  
**A** RM (30)  
**S** IN (40)  
**E** IN (40)  
**R** EX (20)  
**I** GD (10)  
**P** GD (10)

**Health:** 130  
**Karma:** 40  
**Resources:** EX  
**Popularity:** 6

**BACKGROUND**

**Real Name:** Unknown  
**Occupation:** Actor  
**Legal Status:** Citizen of Majestane with criminal record  
**Identity:** Secret  
**Other Known Aliases:** The Colonists (with his spouse)  
**Marital Status:** Married  
**Known Relatives:** Leslie Dean (wife, deceased);  
 Karolina Dean (daughter)  
**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

## KNOWN POWERS

Majesdanian physiology allows for several powers and special adaptations including:

*Solar Energy Manipulation:* They are able to absorb solar radiation and convert it into a unique energy type which they can manipulate for various uses. Power level is related to exposure to sunlight. This solar energy is stored in every cell of their bodies, even blood. Even when their powers are actively suppressed, the blood is lethal to Vampires. Treat as the Energy Conversion power from Ultimate Powers Book, converting solar energy into cosmic energy at AM rank. With this ability they can perform the following Power Stunts:

- Energy Solidification
- Energy Emission
- Absorption

*Bioluminescence:* In their natural state, Majesdanians' skin and hair are luminescent with shimmering, rainbow-colored light of solar radiation; treat as PR Light Emission.

*Light Energy Blasts:* Majesdanians can project their solar energy in a beam of variable intensity and diameter, from a wide concussive blast to a thin laser-like cutting beam. Ability rank is RM.

*Force Fields:* Majesdanians can control the projected energy forming defensive barriers, enfolding shields, or restraining people, with RM ability.

*Heat Resistance:* Majesdanians can both withstand extremely high temperatures and emit warmth, at TY rank.

*Flight:* Majesdanians are able to propel themselves into the air leaving a rainbow-like trail behind, traveling at GD airspeed.

*Majesdanian Power Immunity:* Majesdanians' powers have no effect on each other.

## WEAKNESSES

*Solar Energy Dependence:* Excessive use of their powers can drain their stored solar energy reserves. In daylight, the depletion is negligible given that she is constantly replacing the used energy. At night, it is possible to completely use up stored energy and

not have access to any special abilities until again exposed to sunlight. For every two hours without exposure to daylight or the equivalent solar energy, their Endurance is reduced by 1 CS.

*Power Suppression:* Their powers can also be suppressed via contact with some specific metallic materials. This is the basis for Karolina Dean's "medical alert bracelet" which was used to hide her powers. Materials made with these metals reduce all power ranks to Shift 0 (physical ability stats are unaffected); it works only on Majestanians.

**Talents:** Acting, Performer, Pilot-Spacecraft, Astronautics, Aerial Combat, Martial Arts D and E, Trivia: Alien Races and Civilizations

**Contacts:** Pride, Skrull monarchy

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

## ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Frank and Leslie Dean had originally appeared as a happy, smiling couple that complimented Karolina's special powers, but as issues went on, it was shown the two would have violent and warlike tempers; when the runaways battle their parents over Molly Hayes, Leslie appears rather viciously, returning every time she was knocked out; when Frank arrived from New York and discovered his daughter had already left home and discovered her powers, he violently attacked Victor Stein roaring for his daughter. The Deans also were the only ones that didn't want a child.



## Leslie Dean

<b>F</b>	EX (20)
<b>A</b>	RM (30)
<b>S</b>	IN (40)
<b>E</b>	IN (40)
<b>R</b>	EX (20)
<b>I</b>	GD (10)
<b>P</b>	GD (10)

**Health:** 130

**Karma:** 40

**Resources:** EX

**Popularity:** 6

## BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Unknown

**Occupation:** Actress

**Legal Status:** Citizen of Majestane with criminal record

**Identity:** Secret

**Other Known Aliases:** The Colonists (with her spouse)

**Marital Status:** Married

**Known Relatives:** Frank Dean (husband, deceased); Karolina Dean (daughter)

**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

## KNOWN POWERS/WEAKNESSES

Leslie Dean has the same powers and weaknesses as her husband, above, at the same ability ranks.

## EQUIPMENT

Both of the Deans have access to various technological items from their homeworld, including:

*Majesdanian Compass:* Adds +1CS to any FEAT involving astro-navigation or spacecraft piloting.

*Majesdanian Restraints:* These cable-like devices negate any non-magical powers at RM ability; they are composed of AM strength material.

*Shuttlecraft:* This is the Deans' space travel vehicle.

**Control:** GD      **Speed:** Sh-Z  
**Body:** IN      **Protection:** RM

**Talents:** Acting, Performer, Pilot-Spacecraft, Astronautics, Aerial Combat, Martial Arts D and E, Trivia: Alien Races and Civilizations

**Contacts:** Pride, Skrull monarchy

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES

#### ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Leslie Dean is a cruel and brutal woman, a fierce criminal who has no consideration whatsoever for other people's lives, barely caring for her own daughter. Deceiving and manipulative, Leslie is a wolf disguised as a sheep, a ruthless murderer who's ready to sacrifice an entire universe to her own ambition.

#### HISTORY

The Majesdanian known as Frank Dean was exiled from his homeworld, along with his wife, because of their criminal activity. After their conviction, the couple came to Earth, adopted human names and identities, and began working as actors in Hollywood.

While working on as actors on the daytime soap opera General Hospital, Frank and Leslie were summoned by the Gibborim to be the "The Colonists" in the Pride with promises of power, wealth, and eternal life.

Three years after the formation of the Pride, Janet Stein became pregnant and the other Pride members decided to conceive children and pass the Gibborim's reward of eternal life to their children.

As members of the Pride, the Deans assisted in ruling the Los Angeles underworld, sacrificing to the Gibborim, protecting their turf, and disposing of threats to their power for a quarter of a century.

The Deans were often tasked with managing extraterrestrial matters. Fifteen years before their deaths, the Deans prevented a Skrull invasion of Earth led by Prince De'zean. In exchange for sparing Earth, the Dean provided the Skrulls with the coordinates to Majesdane. To seal the pact, the Dean offered their only daughter's hand in marriage, believing that the Skrulls would never be able to collect. With the information about Majesdane, the Skrulls began a fifteen-year-long war that resulted in the destruction of Majesdane.

Eighteen months before their deaths, Frank and Leslie began to conspire with Gene and Alice Hayes to betray and murder the other Pride members. As mutants and aliens, they had a shared disdain for humans. It was the discovery of this plot that led Alex Wilder to begin scheming to save his parents and the Minoru family that eventually led to his death and the deaths of the Pride.

Frank and Leslie died in the Marine Vivarium with the other members of the Pride during the failed Rite of Thunder.

After their deaths, Karolina met Prince Xavin, who revealed her parents' scheming with the Skrulls. Karolina chose to wed Xavin in hopes of ending the war her parents started. Unfortunately, a small disagreement at Karolina's wedding quickly escalated and resulted in the complete destruction of Majesdane. Because of the destruction of Majesdane, the Light Brigade came to Earth seeking vengeance on Karolina for her parents' war crimes.

After their deaths, a former Pride associate, Marcus Roston, began selling an addictive street drug called Heat Pills to the elites of Hollywood. Heat Pills were synthesized using Majesdanian blood samples from Frank and Leslie Dean. Daken, the son of Wolverine, became addicted to Heat Pills when he came to L.A. planning to fill the power vacuum left by the absence of the Pride.

## THE OUTCASTS: THE HAYES



#### Gene Hayes

**F**      GD (10)  
**A**      GD (10)  
**S**      TY (6)  
**E**      EX (20)  
**R**      EX (20)  
**I**      TY (6)  
**P**      GD (10)

**Health:** 46

**Karma:** 36

**Resources:** GD

**Popularity:** 0

#### BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Gene Hayes

**Occupation:** Doctor

**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record

**Identity:** No dual identity

**Other Known Aliases:** Mutant, The Outcasts (with his spouse)

**Marital Status:** Married

**Known Relatives:** Dr. Alice Hayes (wife, deceased);

Molly Hayes (daughter); Dr. Hayes (adoptive mother/mother-in-law)

**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

## KNOWN POWERS

*Telepathy:* With their combined powers, Gene and Alice were strong enough to psychically battle Professor X. Gene's telepathic abilities include:

- *Mind-reading:* RM
- *Mind controlling:* AM
- *Memory altering/mind-wiping:* RM
- *Astral projection:* MN
- *Mental suggestions implanting:* EX
- *Sedation:* Both the Hayes can cause sedation in others at GD ability.

*Bioluminescence:* When Gene's power is activated, his eyes glow pink. Sometimes, he also emits a pink aura. Counts as Poor strength Light Emission.

**Talents:** Medicine (specialty unknown), Martial Arts B, Genetics

**Contacts:** Pride, Dr. Hayes, medical professionals

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

## ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Gene Hayes first appears as a very awkward man, unwilling to talk about his daughter's puberty. Despite his clumsy and awkward appearance, the sweet and caring Doctor Hayes is a murderous monster, one of the most dangerous mutant maniacs of recent times. He is a mutant supremacist, a firm supporter of mutants' superiority over humans, and a vengeful crusader ready to wipe out an entire race to avenge his own. Like his wife Alice, he enjoys using his abilities to torture his enemies before killing them.



## Alice Hayes

**F** EX (20)  
**A** GD (10)  
**S** TY (6)  
**E** EX (20)  
**R** EX (20)  
**I** TY (6)  
**P** GD (10)

**Health:** 56

**Karma:** 36

**Resources:** GD

**Popularity:** 0

## BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Alice Hayes

**Occupation:** Doctor

**Legal Status:** U.S. citizen, possibly with criminal record

**Identity:** No dual identity

**Other Known Aliases:**

**Marital Status:** Married

**Known Relatives:** Gene Hayes (husband, deceased);

Molly Hayes (daughter); Dr. Hayes (mother); "Alice Hayes" (clone)

**Past Group Affiliations:** Pride

## KNOWN POWERS

Alice has the same mutant abilities at the same power levels as her husband Gene, above.

**Talents:** Speech Therapy, Martial Arts B, Genetics

**Contacts:** Pride, Dr. Hayes, medical professionals

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

## ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

Alice Hayes is a strong and caring mother for Molly and a faithful and supportive wife for Gene... but she's also a mutant supremacist and a genocidal maniac, a cruel assassin who doesn't hesitate in taking a human life, man, woman or child. She's a remarkably powerful telepath, who gladly uses her abilities to torture her enemies before killing them. Made even more committed in her racial war by the sufferings she had to endure when she still believed in a peaceful coexistence, Alice Hayes is a dangerous mutant terrorist, a mass-murderer who will gladly see the world in ashes just to punish the hated humanity.

## HISTORY

At a very young age, Gene ran away from his home and was taken in by Dr. Hayes, who raised him alongside her daughter, Alice.

Although both Gene and Alice were born as baseline humans, they developed X-Genes and identical telepathic abilities through repeated genetic experimentation by Dr. Hayes.

Alice and Gene were eventually married and tried to live a normal life, but were still persecuted by their neighbors.

Eventually, Gene and Alice were summoned by the Gibborim to be the "The Outcasts" in the Pride with promises of power, wealth, and eternal life. The Hayes continued to work with the Pride despite the strong objections of Dr. Hayes' disdain. At some point, Gene gain working as a doctor and

Alice began working as a speech therapist.

Three years after the formation of the Pride, Janet Stein became pregnant and the other Pride members decided to conceive children and pass the Gibborim's reward of eternal life to their children. Alice initially objected because it was unclear if they could conceive. Although it longer than any of the other Pride couples to conceive (nearly six years), Gene and Alice eventually gave birth to Molly Hayes. Shortly after her birth, the couple tested her for the presence of an X-Genes and the results came back (erroneously) negative.

As members of the Pride, the Hayes assisted in ruling the Los Angeles underworld, sacrificing to the Gibborim, protecting their turf, and disposing of threats to their power for a quarter of a century.

Eighteen months before their deaths, Gene and Alice began to conspire with Frank and Leslie Dean to betray and murder the other Pride members. As mutants and aliens, they had a shared disdain for humans. It was the discovery of this plot that led Alex Wilder to begin scheming to save his parents and the Minoru family that eventually led to his death and the deaths of the Pride.

After their children ran away, Alice and Gene with the rest of the Pride continued to search for them and run their criminal empire including interrogating vampires, mind-wiping Cloak and Dagger, and plotting to rewrite their children's memories.

Gene and Alice died in the Marine Vivarium with the other members of the Pride during the failed Rite of Thunder.





## STATISTICS

**F** AM (50)  
**A** IN (40)  
**S** UN (100)  
**E** UN (100)  
**R** IN (40)  
**I** MN (75)  
**P** SHX (150)

**Health:** 290

**Karma:** 265

**Resources:** UN

**Popularity:** -10

## BACKGROUND

**Real Name:** Unknown

**Occupation:** Demonic beings

**Legal Status:** Extradimensional beings

**Identity:** No dual identity

**Other Known Aliases:** Unknown

**Marital Status:** Presumed single

**Known Relatives:** "Holy Father" (father); Seed of the Gibborim (offspring); Nephilim (possible relation)

**Base of Operations:** Unknown; formerly Hell; Limbo; Marine Vivarium; Earth

**Past Group Affiliations:** Elder Gods of Limbo

**Present Group Affiliation:** Unknown

## KNOWN POWERS

**Teleportation:** The Gibborim can teleport individuals from various locations, at UN rank. They are able to teleport at least a dozen people from various locations and times to one location.

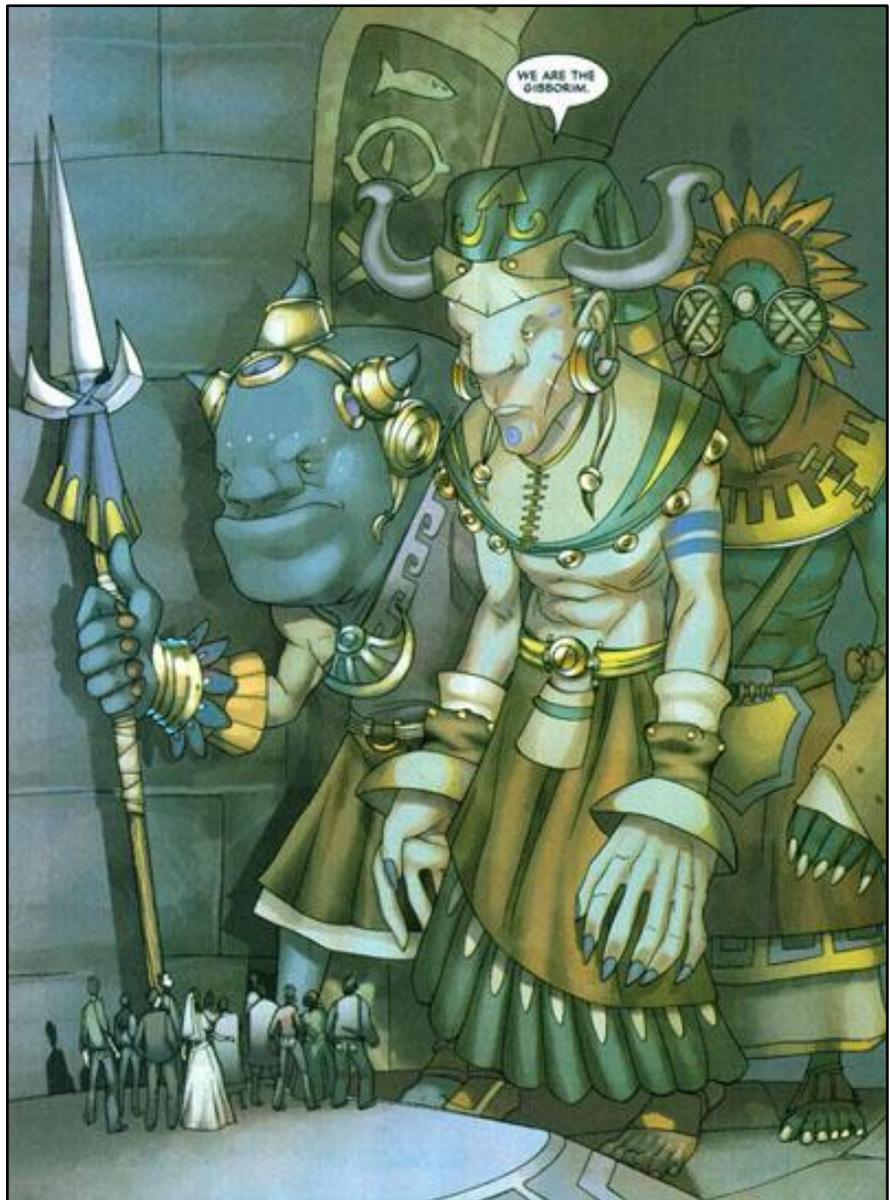
**Magic:** The Gibborim can dispel magic and can create enchanted rings and tomes with powerful functions:

- Negate magic at AM rank
- Imbue objects at AM rank, as per the Enchantment spell.

**Immortality:** The Gibborim are extremely long-lived, possibly immortal in terms of longevity. They also claim to be able to grant eternal life to mortals.

**Pyrokinesis:** The Gibborim can generate fire at UN intensity, and can project it as a blast attack.

**Resurrection:** The Gibborim claim to be capable of resurrecting mortals, even after they passed into the Great Beyond, whereas death gods and even some cosmic beings capable of obliterating entire worlds cannot. The



Gibborim require the sacrifice of an innocent soul to do so.

**Group Magic:** When the Gibborim pool their powers, they are said to be capable of restructuring the entire world and eliminating the entire human race. When combined, they are able to use any of their powers at CL1000 ability.

**Damage Resistance:** The Gibborim are immune to some kinds of magical spells, and are also immune to physical and energy attacks, at MN rank. Their magic resistance applies to all Personal and Universal spells, but not Dimensional.

## WEAKNESSES

The Gibborim's power is completely reliant upon the sacrifice of pure, unwilling human souls. Each year that they go without a sacrifice, their powers are reduced by 1 CS (primary ability stats are unaffected). Once a sacrifice is made, they return to their full strength.

**Talents:** Occult Knowledge, Demonology, Mystic Background

**Contacts:** Various mystic entities, Pride

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

Canon sources refrain from openly stating that the Gibborim are dead, but rather gone to a "Limbo-like dimension," where they met Alex Wilder's spirit.

## ROLE-PLAYING NOTES

The apparent goal of the Gibborim is to wipe the Earth clean of all humanity and reshape the realm to create a new Eden to make their "holy Father" proud. Doctor Strange however, has stated that the Gibborim's prophecy and promises were lies and that the Gibborim served no cause but their own greed.

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## HISTORY

The Gibborim are a six-fingered mystical trio of giant deities who supposedly predate the Old Testament in the Bible. It is unknown if there are more than the three that have been shown. They were among the Elder Gods of Limbo, and are stated to have lived on Earth when it was a "peaceable utopia", ruling the world before the Great Flood. Having somehow survived the Demogorge, they had the single-minded goal to wipe the Earth clean of all humanity because of what they did to Earth.

Tired of humanity destroying the Earth, the Gibborim called together six couples to act as their servants. In exchange for an annual sacrifice of a pure, unwilling human soul, the Gibborim would grant wealth, power, and influence to the group for twenty-five years with a chance of gaining eternal life. The couples agreed and formed the Pride. For nearly twenty-five years, the Gibborim provided the Pride with wealth and powers, allowing them to rule the criminal underworld of Los Angeles.

Every year, The Pride gathered at the Wilder residence, using the excuse of an "annual charity fundraiser", while in reality, they would perform the "Rite of Blood", a ritual sacrifice of an innocent young female victim; the spirit of the victim would then be fed to the Gibborim in the "Rite of Thunder". The Gibborim's power faded over time, and they came to dwell in a "realm of slumber", the very same dimension they fled to after the Pride fell until they moved underwater to mystically summon the six couples who would comprise the core foundation of their covert group.

After Janet Stein became pregnant during their third year as the Pride, the six couples agreed to end its struggle against one another. Each couple would instead ensure their child would receive one of the six places in the coming paradise, so The Pride's legacy could go on. Unbeknownst to the rest of The Pride, the alien Deans and the mutant Hayes had made a deal; to murder the rest of The Pride and take the six tickets in paradise for themselves and their daughters, Karolina Dean and Molly Hayes. After seventeen years in, the Rite of Thunder was interrupted by the children of the Pride. In response, the Gibborim killed all the members of the Pride in the final explosion.

During the House of M reality warp by the Chthon-powered Scarlet Witch restructured Earth-616 in accordance to the heart's desires of its inhabitants. The Pride ruled over not merely Los Angeles, but all of southern California. The Gibborim was thus likely revived from the void in this reality.

Without the power of the human souls the Pride provided, the Gibborim were banished to Limbo. A time-displaced Geoffrey Wilder made contact with them upon being placed in the present day. They asked him to bring them a sacrificial soul in order for them to raise Alex and Catherine Wilder from the dead. Later, Chase Stein contacted them, seeking to strike a deal to raise Gertrude Yorkes from the dead in exchange for an innocent soul. Chase attempted to offer himself but ultimately failed, since the soul had to be unwilling. Without a soul to nourish them, the Gibborim ended up fading to a dimension of nothingness, merely white space which was seemingly Hell according to Alex, who had been sent there after death.

The Gibborim was later summoned by Witchfire along with the other Elder Gods to battle the X-Men, when she completed a Bloodstone Amulet with all the Bloodstones necessary. They were then banished as Magik and Pixie used their respective Soulsword and Souldagger to separate the Bloodstones from the Amulet.

In possession of the Bloodstones and the Amulet, and intending to crush the demons of Limbo, Project Purgatory leader General Charles J. Ulysses had the demons to gather around his base as they wished to retrieve those weapons, for them to be in one place as he crushed them. He

had Toko to assemble the Amulet, summoning the Elder Gods (possibly including the Gibborim), but they made their way to Earth through Portal Epsilon instead.

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