

Cheat sheet: what has happened so far

This is a non-exhaustive list of reasonably public things that have happened so far in the mega-continuity. Your character may or may not be aware of any particular event, depending on how observant and/or lucky and/or looped into the rumor mill they are. They may also be only vaguely aware of it or misinformed.

Day -180 or so: The Three-Maleficer Pileup

This section is information about the events of LAST YEAR. It is common knowledge for upperclassmen, who may have passed it on to underclassmen they know.

- Over the course of the year, tensions between the students of two small Indian enclaves with a rivalry outside the school ratcheted up and eventually broke out into open conflict at the end of the first semester.
- In the leadup to open conflict, one of these enclaves hired an indie kid (Marco Inaros) to spy on the other.
- For reasons of his own, Marco poached the room of one of the students in the enclave he was spying on and killed a number of the other students for malia.
- The twin brother (Talat) of the poached student was understandably upset by this, himself went maleficer, and killed Marco and many members of the enclave that had hired Marco.
- These murders, combined with casualties on the part of the other seniors who tried to stop the maleficers, resulted in one Oxford senior (Elias) losing his entire graduation alliance and being unable to find a new one.
- Elias, not wanting to die alone in the graduation hall, poached a junior so he'd have another year to prepare.
- The next morning, the rest of the Oxford seniors announced to everyone else what Elias had done and said they would handle it internally.
- Elias and the rest of the Oxford seniors are all dead now.

The following facts are much less widely known:

- Marco's girlfriend (Naomi) had gotten pregnant, and he had poached the room in order to have a nursery for the baby.
 - The fact that the baby was born and subsequently died are well-known; that Marco was the father (and the exact manner of death) is not.
- A Sacramento student (Vanya) was dating and mindlinked to Talat at the time and has experienced massive trauma about this.

Day 1 (Thursday):

- Freshmen were inducted on Thursday afternoon (July 2, 2020). There were introductory conversations followed by dinner and more conversations. Many people also went on supply runs.
- The Chicago enclave was destroyed shortly before induction, no one knows how or why. Because of this, a whole bunch of kids from mundane families who didn't know about magic beforehand were inducted.
 - Known by: most English-speakers within the first day or two, many but not all Chinese-speakers within the first day or two, spreading further as time goes on.
- Song Lan, a Shanghai freshman, didn't even make it to the cafeteria after induction
 - Known by: Chinese speakers with connections within the first day, others slightly later or with a garbled version.
- There's an African kid (Masozzi Kamau) with mal-related powers and a concerning aura. The English-speaking enclaves have warned their kids away from him.
 - Known by: as of Day 2 lunchtime, a fairly random assortment of people that happened to encounter Masozzi or hear about him from someone that did.

- Chantal Myers, a Toronto freshman, killed herself the first night. Specifically, by going into the void.
 - Known by: a pretty small circle as of Day 2 lunchtime, but rumors are spreading.

Day 2 (Friday):

- Homeroom and schedule selection, followed by breakfast, Maleficaria Studies (in one huge lecture hall for all freshmen), other morning classes, lunch, work period, afternoon classes, and dinner.
- At breakfast, Alexius Marcus sold eidetic memory potions. By lunch, they were discovered to have occasional unfortunate side effects and also work less well than he thought. Refunds were issued.
 - Known by: the people he sold them to and whoever they told.
- Shanghai is considering alliance with Masozi.
 - Known by: Sinosphere enclavers starting Friday at lunch, spreading from there throughout the weekend. New York finds this out on Sunday.

Day 4 (Sunday):

- New York, while investigating Masozi, discovers that Sophie Hara (a freshman that interacted with him) is very sick and might have been drained for malia. They also discover that Shanghai is allying with him and consider this to be a sign that Shanghai wants a war. They call a meeting of the English-speaking enclaves, then start talking to the other enclaves to feel out where they stand.
 - Known by: NOT anyone except the seniors and decision-makers of the consulted enclaves, initially.
- New York and Shanghai discuss Masozi; he is put under guard in his room and then interrogated via truth potion. New York is not fully assuaged by his answers but then they find out Tintin (a freshman who had been assigned to investigate Song Lan's disappearance) was murdered, which everyone assumes means there is a freshman maleficer targeting Shanghai. New York is not really over the Masozi thing but they're willing to put it down for now, since he at least doesn't seem imminently dangerous, in favor of trying to find the freshman maleficer.
 - Known by: Shanghai, New York, some of their allies, Jaipur, Pisa

Day 5 (Monday):

- Holden, a junior ex-enclaver who makes a habit of publicly announcing any important news every Wednesday in the interest of more common knowledge and less horrifying maleficer pileups like last year, announces the events of the weekend -- namely that New York investigated Shanghai's new ally, determined that he is no longer maleficing, and also that there is a freshman maleficer on the loose.
 - Known by: everyone.
- Marian, the school nurse, gets a bunch of useful stuff from the Void (e.g. nutrition supplements) and does a bunch of trading to get better medical equipment.

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