



# **WEREWOLF THE APOCALYPSE**

## **Stargazer Settings Document**

*"Notice that the stiffest tree is most easily cracked,  
while the bamboo or willow survives by bending with the wind." ~ Bruce Lee*

## **INTRODUCTION**

For generations, the Stargazers have exemplified the concept of spiritual balance by facing an ongoing struggle to keep and maintain serenity while allowing their Rage to fuel their battle against the Wyrms. The Stargazers dedicated themselves to finding harmony while involved in a never-ending war against forces that care not for the serenity of the soul. While often mislabeled as mountaintop-dwelling monastics, the Stargazers do seek perfection; however, their adherence to the Middle Way brought the tribe's commitment to equilibrium to the West. The Stargazers brought their wisdom and inner peace from the Jade Kingdom, striving to be the change that the nation so desperately needs and lending their martial skills to those who may need it. To shape the world, one must be part of it. War must be tempered with wisdom, passion tempered with serenity. The Stargazers will no longer stand by idly as war rages around them.

Originating in Asia, the tribe is known for its pursuit of the Middle Way in all things, from their personal lives to the matters of the Garou Nation. When Anthelios tore through the Deep Umbra, the forces of the Wyrms took control of the ancient Sept of the Snow Leopard at the Shigalu Monastery. The Stargazers turned to the Garou Nation for aid in retaking the sacred site, but the Nation had its own battles to wage and could offer no help. An offer of assistance came from the Beast Courts. Over the following weeks, nearly all Stargazers in the Nation disappeared without so much as a farewell, leaving a vacuum. Over the next decade, the Stargazers planned with the Beast Courts on how to retake the Sept of the Snow Leopard.

In 2009, with the assistance of their Beast Court allies, the Stargazers retook The Sept of the Snow Leopard despite many losses. The victorious forces sadly discovered that the sept was so corrupted that the only option was to burn it to the ground. The Loss of Shigalu Monastery weighed heavily on the tribe. With that home taken from them, they returned to the Garou Nation. This departure was not well received by the Beast Courts and they cut off all association with the tribe.

## **Leadership & Organization**

The Tribe is structured as a fluid hierarchy, based on mentor and student, with an emerging experience- and rank-based hierarchy. The current Tribal Leader is recognized as Choden "Far-Traveler" Panthong.





## Camps

- **The Sacred Thread** – Led by Choden “Far-Traveler” Panthong
  - This camp has come to hold one truth as its main principle: humanity is in desperate need of guidance and balance. Without such guidance, humans will continue to destroy the world and everything that the Stargazers hold dear. While most Garou concern themselves primarily with “werewolf business,” the Sacred Thread seeks to educate and enlighten humans, opting for more subtle approaches in their tutelage, such as grass-roots campaigns.
- **The Zephyr** - Led by Jonathan “Butterfly’s Grace” Yangki
  - The martially-inclined camp of the Stargazers, the Zephyr understand that balance and serenity are as essential to the warrior as they are to the sage. Wandering fighters and tacticians, they offer their prowess to Septs which need it. They remind themselves that their lives are made of both war and peace and that peace can only be obtained through successful war.
- **The Jade Covenant** – Led by Snow’s Patience
  - The newest of the Stargazer camps, this group believes that strict adherence to the Middle Way is the only way to revive the Emerald Mother and return balance to the world. Members of the Jade Covenant preach that serenity and peace are of the utmost importance. Cautioning prudence and care, they encourage mediation before any action is taken. Just as members of the Sacred Thread focus on educating humanity, the Jade Covenant attempts to educate Garou and sway them from their line of thinking.

## Notable NPCs

- **Choden “Far-Traveler” Panthong**, Elder Homid Ragabash
  - Tribal Councilor for the Stargazers.
  - Leader of the Sept of Glass and Steel.
  - Leader of the Sacred Thread.
  - Her life taught her many lessons. She has been a part of the Nation, left the Nation, fought for the Sept of the Snow Leopard, and resolved that the sept could never be recovered. These lessons have prepared her, not only to lead the Sacred Thread and bring her wisdom to the people around her, but to lead the Tribe.
- **Snow’s Patience**, Elder Lupus Philodox
  - Leader of the Jade Covenant.
  - Some would say that this old lupus has outlived his prime. Yet, he still holds on and continues to teach strict adherence to the Middle Way, which is the core tenant of his camp. He and his brethren believe this is the only way to awaken the Emerald Mother and return balance to the world.
- **Jonathan “Butterfly’s Grace” Yangki**, Athro Homid Ahroun
  - Leader of the Zephyr.
  - Jonathan was among the first of his camp to arrive at Shingalu Monastery after it fell and spent years there, learning from his mentor and the previous leader of the Zephyr. He played a pivotal role in the retaking of the Monastery. When the snow settled and his mentor was dead, he stepped up and took on the mantle of leadership.

## Stargazer Litany Perspectives

- **Garou Shall Not Mate With Garou**





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Metis are unable to control their Rage and Rage cannot win our war. To be truly balanced, we must honor our relationships with wolf and human kin. If you feel desire for Garou, you should remove yourself from the temptation. This does not mean denial of love, just the physical expression of it.

- **Combat the Wyrms Wherever It Dwells and Whenever It Breeds**

The Wyrms breed in our heart and minds; we must learn to control our Rage. We take this very seriously and fight the Wyrms, not just its minions.

- **Respect the Territory of Another**

Who can own the Earth? Respect the territory, not because it is owned, but to show respect.

- **Accept an Honorable Surrender**

Accept all surrenders that come from the heart. This does not mean you should accept every surrender. Use your intelligence, your own sense of the balanced and the just, to know when your opponent is Honorable. When one's days are spent seeking wisdom, one is not bound to accept the disingenuous groveling of fools.

- **Submission to Those of Higher Station**

To honor this tenet is actually a gift, a lesson in humility and restraint. It helps us to slay our ego. Don't worry about your own reputation; your balance, your place in Gaia, is more important. Follow your master with an unquestioning heart.

- **Respect Those of Lower Station, for All Are of Gaia**

We respect all of Gaia's creations for we are no higher than the least of them. All are equal and one in Gaia.

- **The First Share of the Kill for Greatest in Station**

Again, through respect, we slay the ego. We find wisdom in honoring the deeds and sacrifices of all, and that honor helps us grow in unity together.

- **Ye Shall Not Eat the Flesh of Humans**

Doing this not only poisons the body, but the soul. To crave such things is to give into the Wyrms. But implied in this tenet is another anathema: we shall not consume the flesh of wolves, either.

- **The Veil Shall Not Be Lifted**

To reveal the truth to humans is damaging to their soul. Do not lift this veil from their eyes. When it is their time it shall be revealed in its own way.

- **Do Not Suffer Thy People to Tend Thy Sickness**

One may grow weak in the body while still holding true to one's purpose. This tenet is not an admonition against seeking healing of the body, nor does it deny the great good that may be done of the aged and infirm. Think instead of the greater sicknesses, particularly that great sickness of mind and soul: *Harano*. Do not ask anyone to nurse you through this sickness as you may spread it through the larger body of our families and allies. Should you fall to this sickness, remove yourself so as not to spread it.

- **The Leader May Be Challenged at Any Time During Peace**

If by leader, you mean mentor, then you should never challenge your mentor. To challenge your mentor for your own glory and triumph is to feed your ego. Other leaders may be challenged and judged by Gaia.

- **The Leader May Not Be Challenged During Wartime**

Such a challenge can lead to disaster. You upset the balance when it is most needed, only to feed your ego.

- **Ye Shall Take No Action That Causes a Caern to Be Violated**

Honor and protect all Caerns. Should anyone violate this rule they are to be killed. Worry not about the Karma.





## The Last Decade

- **Arrival of the Telos - 1/1/2011**
  - Welcome them back, embrace them as you would a prodigal child. To still think of them as the enemy would be a failing of the ego. Breathe and refocus on the now.
- **The Caern Plague - 2/1/2012**
  - We are all mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, artists, and scholars. We want to go home, hold our families close, lay in the grass, and feel the sun warm our skin. Many of us can no longer do that.
- **Bearer of Good Fortune - 4/13/2012**
  - With this, there is hope. A new day dawns, brighter than we could have ever imagined. With this, we can try again. We can persevere. We can win.
- **First Shard Seed Planting - 6/12/12**
  - Sentiment is for those who don't know what to do next. This is not sentiment. This is the future and we do know what to do next.
- **The Kinfolk Incident - 7/4/2012**
  - The most painful goodbyes are those never said and never explained. We all share this grief.
- **Glass Walker Tech Crash - 7/5/12**
  - To embrace something so closely, to make it a part of you, only to have it betray you? I can't imagine having to rip these integrated "enhancements" that you trusted so dearly from your flesh. They have our sympathies.
- **Kitsune Leave the Beast Courts - 7/9/12**
  - It is good to see you again, friends. Come into our homes. Become our family. Help us heal.
- **Kinfolk Officially brought into the Nation - 9/1/12**
  - We had feared that the Nation would forever live in the past. But this . . . this is a step forward. The journey of 1000 miles, after all, begins with a single step.
- **Jade Curtain Goes Up (Year of the Serpent) - 2/12/13**
  - The Kitsune knew that this would happen. Yet they stayed. Their home is gone to them now. Embrace them, hold them close, for they are our family now. They have chosen exile to save us.
- **Ahadi Alliance Reclamation Period Begins Access to their lands Denied - 10/1/14**
  - It is discouraging, to learn of this some twenty months after the Beast Courts have shut themselves off from us, that the Ahadi Alliance has done the same. Despite our numbers, we continue to be alone.
- **Kitsune Introduce Rite of Harmonious Journey to the Nation and the Fera - 12/12/17**
  - They are every bit as capable as we are in some arenas, even more so in others. Our kin deserve this honor. Qìngzhù!
- **Formation of the Gaian Alliance - 9/22/19**
  - While not the Beast Courts of the East, this is a start. While not perfect, it is far better to be united to a cause rather than be divided by ideologies.
- **Red Talon Exodus - 10/1/2019**
  - It is easy to stand with the crowd. To stand alone requires courage . . . or ignorance.
- **Current Day 1/1/2021**

## Changes from the BNS Canon

