



COMMUN IX
SCI-FI JOINT CRISIS COMMITTEE

THE UNITED FEDERATION OF NATIONS

Background Guide

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INTRODUCTORY LETTER

Dear Delegates,

My name is Aritra Ghosh, and I am a junior at Commonwealth. This committee will be set in a fictional world based on the animated television series *Code Geass*. However, consuming any Code Geass–related media is not required or recommended to prepare for this committee; all necessary information will be presented in this guide. The committee is set during a chaotic conflict between world powers that fight using advanced technology with several covert organizations operating behind the scenes. The history presented in this background guide is an alternate world history leading up to the conflict. It is my hope that delegates will be able to navigate the intricacies of this setting while also shaping it themselves. Of course, if along the way delegates learn more about the nature of government in times of crisis, then so much the better.

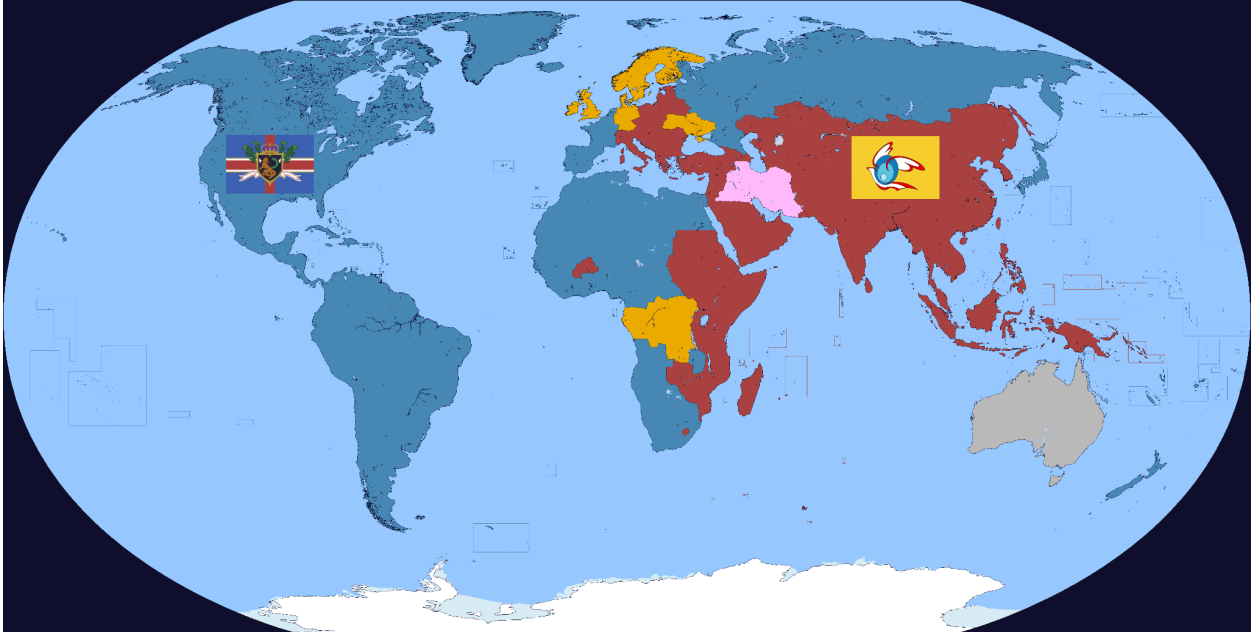
In this committee, you will be representing a diverse group of people convened following the ratification of an international organization known as United Federation of Nations (UFN), formed in opposition to the hegemonic Holy Britannian Empire. It will be a joint crisis committee, meaning that there will be two opposing rooms (the Britannia-aligned room and the UFN-aligned room), each trying their best to thwart the other room and realize their goals. Each delegate will have the power to pass secret “private directives,” which affect the situation in real time. They will receive updates on the state of the conflict from regular “crisis updates.” It will also be possible for delegates to betray their room and switch rooms, or for both rooms to come together and negotiate. We can’t wait to see what amazing ideas you come up with!

This committee will require a position paper to be submitted in order to be eligible for awards. Additionally, because the committee has some differences from the *Code Geass* television series, **you should only rely on this background guide and not rely on any outside sources.** Because you will not use outside sources, feel free to write a shorter position paper—around a single page, double spaced.

I look forward to seeing your unique take on the crisis and learning more from your character’s actions within it. If you have any questions, please email me or my fellow crisis members at aghosh@commschool.org, mnishioka@commschool.org, or aali@commschool.org.

“It is one thing to build an empire; quite another to maintain it.”
– King Alwin I, mythical founder of Britannia

WORLD MAP¹



Key:

- Blue: Holy Britannian Empire
- Red: Member States of the United Federation of Nations
- Other colors represent other alliances/unaligned states

INTRODUCTION

This joint crisis committee has convened following the ratification of an international organization known as United Federation of Nations. Ratified by 47 independent nations and governments in exile, it was founded with the goal of stopping the Holy Britannian Empire’s rapid expansion across the world. As indicated by its first resolution, the UFN has declared its intent to:

[c]hallenge the illegal occupation of the sovereign nation of the United States of Japan by the Holy Britannian Empire—an entity founded on principles of Imperialism and usurpation; to reestablish on the world stage national sovereignty and governments whose powers are derived from

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their subjects; and to create a new global atmosphere of international cooperation, sustainable development, and universal prosperity.

—UFN Resolution 1.0.b

With these pretenses, both sides have engaged in a bloody war with the fate of the world at stake. For the moment, territorial gains and losses have been about equal for either side, with neither side demonstrating a particular advantage. In order to break this stalemate, a titanic UFN army has been amassed to attack the Britannian Settlement of Tokyo, and the coming outcome will likely determine the fate of the war. Delegates from either the Britannian or UFN war rooms are top military personnel in the conflict, and are expected to use the best of their ability to ensure that their side is victorious in the impending Battle of Tokyo.

RELEVANT INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND

To understand the full scope of the current war, it is necessary to have a brief overview of the following elements in the conflict:

- The Holy Britannian Empire
- The United Federation of Nations (UFN), consisting of
 - Former members of the Chinese Federation, now members of the United States of China (USC) following its reorganization. Headquarters of the UFN for the attack on Tokyo.
 - Current or occupied member states of Europa United (the EU), the former pan-European state created by the conquests of Napoleon. Currently under invasion by Britannia.

Note: Most UFN delegates present in the committee are from a revolutionary group known as the Black Knights, which is discussed in further detail in the Japan section.

- The Crisis over Japan
- Sakuradite and Nightmare Frames (mecha)
- The Power of the King (Geass ability) and Codes

The Holy Britannian Empire

This vast empire, founded as a successor to the former United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, has a troubled past. Following a crippling defeat at the Battle of Trafalgar during the Napoleonic Wars, the once-mighty Royal Navy was greatly reduced in capacity and proved unable to defend Britain from foreign assaults. Taking full advantage of this weakness, Napoléon Bonaparte soon assembled his Grande Armée to launch a massive assault on the British Isles, tearing through the ill-prepared army that opposed him. Following the arrest and subsequent abdication of King William IV outside Edinburgh, it became clear to all that England would soon be incorporated into Napoléon's Continental System. However, with the help of his close friend Ricardo von Britannia, the British royal family was able to flee and reestablish themselves in their North American colonies.

Following a failed revolution led by general George Washington some decades prior, much of the population of the colonies had ambivalent feelings towards royalty, but the sight of French ascendancy in Europe coupled with a fierce propaganda campaign by Duke Ricardo led to the formation of a new, distinctly "Britannian" ethos. To be Britannian was to wholeheartedly embrace the traditional system of landed aristocracy, alongside fervently desiring new conquests to make up for the loss of the original homeland.

Over the ensuing centuries, the house of Britannia would marry into and eventually become the ruling family of the Empire, constantly promoting colonial expansion across the Americas and beyond. As a result of this, by the year 2010 a.t.b. (Ascension to the Throne of Britannia, about the same as 2010 AD) the empire had conquered the entirety of North and South America, alongside the Philippines and New Zealand.

All countries annexed by the Empire are symbolically stripped of their former name, instead being dubbed an "Area," with a number after based on what number conquest it was. Following the unexpectedly rapid conquest of Japan (see Crisis Over Japan section), this policy was enacted to transform the islands into "Area 11." Alongside a concurrent policy where "Numbers" (local inhabitants of a colony) who demonstrated their loyalty to the Empire would be awarded the status of Honorary Britannian, there is thus an incentive for assimilation in Britannian society, if only for marginally better treatment than a Number. It is through use of this system, alongside recent advances in technology (see Sakuradite and Nightmare Frames section) and a singularly competent generation of leaders that Britannia has achieved the zenith of its power under the rule of Emperor Charles zi Britannia. Weaknesses are emerging in Britannia's power, however, as two years ago its rule in Japan was disturbed by the appearance of a powerful terrorist leader known as Zero (see Crisis Over Japan section). Founding a paramilitary group known as the Order of the Black Knights, he rapidly became the most dangerous internal threat to Britannia, eventually gaining sufficient power to directly negotiate with nobility.

As tensions gradually worsened between Britannians and Elevens (Japanese), Zero attempted to lead a "Black Rebellion" in Japan in 2017 a.t.b. (see Crisis in Japan section), but it

was ultimately defeated and its leader officially executed (though the authenticity of this claim would soon be challenged). Relieved of this nuisance, the Empire turned its military might towards Europe, where its traditional rival of Europa United was in a period of clear decline.

After a stunning series of victories in Europe in 2018 a.t.b. (see the OFN-EU section), not to mention the turmoil in East Asia that soon followed (see the OFN-USC section), it seemed that Britannia was on the fast track to world domination. However, the inexplicable return of Zero from the grave and his rapid consolidation of the world's remaining powers into the UFN poses a final challenge to Britannia. Will the Empire be able to overcome this threat, or will it falter in the end?

Delegates from the Holy Britannian Empire are led by Prince Schneizel el Britannia and Sir Bismarck Waldstein (personal knight of His Majesty the Emperor), and are expected to fortify and defend the Tokyo Settlement at all costs, else the honor of their nation be sullied.

The United Federation of Nations

A league composed of 47 states united in opposition to Britannian tyranny, the UFN is perhaps the last group capable of standing up to the superpower. Its members are either from the former Chinese Federation—a superpower that until recently controlled most of East, Southeast, and South Asia—or remnants of EU member states, currently under Britannian invasion. The framework of the organization was formed during the Black Rebellion, a large Japanese uprising instigated by the enigmatic demagogue Zero. During the Rebellion, Zero declared Area 11 to once again be an independent nation known as the United States of Japan, but his efforts to gain international support proved futile following the defeat of the revolutionary forces by the Royal Army (see Crisis over Japan article). Captured and supposedly killed by Imperial forces, even death did not appear to stop Zerom as he made a reappearance in the Tokyo Settlement to take command of his previous position as Commander-in-Chief of the Black Knights.

Former members of the Chinese Federation, now states of the United States of China (USC)

Declaring the continuation of the Black Rebellion, Zero underwent a convoluted escape with his soldiers to the Chinese Federation, where he desired to form an alliance with the ruling High Guild. The Federation, nominally ruled by the young Empress Tianzi, had long since fallen under the yoke of the Guild. Barely maintained through a corrupt system of confederation, the arrival of Zero catalyzed a tumultuous series of events that led to a conflict between the Guild and the head of security for the empress, Li Xingke.

Xingke long desired for the Empress to have true control over the empire that was her birthright, and he thus decided to offer his support to the Black Knights so long as they would contribute towards his own goals. During the arranged marriage of the Empress Tianzi with Prince Odysseus eu Britannia however, this alliance fell apart and Zero took the Empress hostage. Given supreme command of the Imperial Guard to retrieve her by the Guild, Xingke put

his expertise to work in combat with Zero, but he had little idea that the Guild and Zero had conspired together to use this opportunity to assassinate him. Considered by them to be the greatest threat to their power, the Guild secretly enlisted the Britannian regiment sent with Prince Odysseus to retrieve the Empress instead and sent elite fighters to kill Xingke. Fatigued by his prior combat with the Black Knights, Xingke was forced to ask for help, a request accepted by Zero. Convinced of the other side's conviction, both sides decided to restore their alliance to destroy the treacherous Guild. Starting a federation-wide revolt against them, Xingke proved victorious in the conflict, disposing of all remaining Guild members.

As part of Xingke's reforms to the state with Empress Tianzi, the corrupt Chinese Federation was reorganized into a looser league of allied states similar to the EU. By virtue of population, the newly founded United States of China is the most powerful member of the United Federation of Nations, and under the advice of Zero, it has placed its military under the supervision of the Order of the Black Knights. Due to its geographic proximity to Japan, it is the primary staging ground for the titanic military expedition to liberate Japan.

Surviving nations and governments-in-exile of the EU

The EU, a pan-European state created by Napoléon, has long struggled with a unified policy in times of war, and over the last few decades it has suffered greatly due to this. The Russian Empire, which repelled the Grande Armée following the failed invasion of 1812, merged with Britannia to become the Empire of Euro-Britannia (EB), a client state of the Empire that intermittently attacked the EU. Over the years it had swelled to include portions of Eastern Europe, and in the Revolutionary Year 228 (2017 AD), the largest EU-EB war yet saw fierce battles in the east alongside a campaign of sabotage by a Britannian strategist known as Julius Kingsley. To make matters worse for the EU, the populist general Gene Smilas attempted to take advantage of the disorganized leadership to seize power and declare himself dictator in the vein of Napoléon.

However, just before the EU broke into civil anarchy faced with these troubles, the prodigious Lieutenant Colonel Lail Breisach performed a Europa-wide broadcast to encourage the citizenry to not give up hope in the Union just yet. With her ensuing victory against a large Euro-Britannian army, not to mention the inexplicable destruction of General Smilas's command vehicle, this promise proved fruitful as the Britannian advance under Kingsley fell through following a coup in Euro-Britannia.

With the triumphant defeat of Euro-Britannia, the principal figures who turned the tide of the war were content to quit their posts on well-deserved leave, but those who took their places were far less prepared to face the impending threat from across the Atlantic. Britannia's Prime Minister, Prince Schneizel el Britannia, had gradually inserted himself among the individual leaders of many nations of the EU, and his careful diplomacy led to a return of the previous disunity among states that had long plagued the Union. Thus, when Britannia launched a sudden offensive from their bases in Greenland and North Africa, the various national militaries proved

unable to cope. Led by Suzaku Kururugi, a newly appointed member of the elite Knights of the Round, the invasion force was able to conquer most of Western Europe, with most governments either collaborating with Schneizel or fleeing to unconquered Italy and Poland. It is for this reason that delegations from the E.U. were quick to ratify the UFN upon its formation, in the hopes that the tides of war could be reversed.

Faced with the present crisis, the surviving MPs of the Council of Fourty—the former Parliament of the EU—have agreed to summon the newly promoted General Breisach from her leave to offer her control of the remaining EU military. Following bilateral meetings with Zero and the Black Knights, the two have agreed to fuse their forces with the Black Knights and serve as commanders in the attack on the Tokyo Settlement. With the European republics possessing the highest quality Knightmare (mechas) and military equipment out of any UFN member states, only an all-out-attack in the ensuing conflict will ensure a future for their confederation.

The Crisis in Japan

It can be said that the UFN-Britannia war can trace its origins to the conflict over Japan, thus making it necessary to briefly recount the recent history of the region.

Prior to the Britannian invasion, the nation of Japan was a neutral republic, having abolished its monarchy following a failed Pacific war. Due to possessing the largest quantity of the rare mineral Sakuradite in the world, it possessed enormous economic leverage due to the global dependence on the mineral (see Sakuradite and Knightmare Frames section). Through careful use of this economic power, Japan was able to manipulate relations between the world powers to achieve prosperity as a neutral country.

Most analysts expected that this policy would continue unless Japan faced internal turmoil, but their predictions proved faulty in face of the ever-growing ambition of Britannia. Under the reign of Emperor Charles, military researchers had developed a new kind of secret weapon that required large amounts of Sakuradite to function at its best ability, and the maintenance of the previous stalemate with Japan would make Britannia beholden to the nation. Thus, deceiving the other powers through a series of military demonstrations near Africa, His Majesty instead laid his eyes upon East Asia.

Catching the world off guard, the Foreign Ministry of Britannia quickly gathered together a series of accusations that Japan was supporting anti-Imperial terrorists in the Philippines, and launched a “punitive expedition” to correct this. The Second Pacific War had begun. While Japan possessed a modern Self-Defense Force to deter threats such as this, the immense risk taken by the Royal Army proved fruitful as they unveiled their aforementioned secret weapon: Knightmare Frames. These highly mobile armored suits rendered previous infantry obsolete, swerving around tanks and into soldiers with ease, resulting in a string of battles on the coastline turning in favor of Britannia. Still, following a miraculous victory of Japan Self-Defense Force Lieutenant Colonel Tohdoh at Narita, it seemed that Japan would ignore its heavy disadvantage and fight until the bitter end.

It seemed. However, following the unexpected suicide of Prime Minister Genbu Kururugi (the authenticity of which is contested by some) and an incredibly deadly bombardment of several ports by the Royal Navy, the headless Japanese cabinet chose surrender rather than a campaign of total war. In the following peace, Japan lost its sovereignty and was annexed into the Holy Britannian Empire as “Area 11,” facing a rapid series of social reforms that reduced the Japanese into second-class citizens to the upper class of Britannian immigrants who were soon to arrive.

Still, it can be said in a way that the early surrender of Japan prior to international aid preserved the nation to an extent, as the desire for rebellion did not easily die out in the new colony. Immediately, the remnants of the JSDF reorganized themselves into the Japan Liberation Front led by “Miracle” Tohdoh, hero of the war. Alongside this, the new viceroy Clovis la Britannia turned out to be extremely unpopular among Elevens (Japanese) by heavily favoring the nobility and turning a blind eye to rampant government corruption. In such a tense climate, it was no wonder that there were numerous revolutionary groups that fought against Britannia, and sometimes Honorary Britannians depending on the extremity of their policy.

By August, 2017 a.t.b., it was one of these unassuming terrorist groups that shaped the history of Japan, as their theft of a poison gas capsule led to a massacre in the ghetto of Shinjuku. This purge, the largest since the Second Pacific War, would have continued unabated were it not for the action of a then-unknown revolutionary leader who outfoxed the Britannian troops and likely forced Viceroy Clovis to declare an unexpected ceasefire. Unwilling to let Clovis free after this, the leader then assassinated the viceroy, shocking the whole of Britannia. Revealing himself afterwards to be a masked man known as “Zero,” he declared his soldiers to be the Order of the Black Knights, and swore vengeance against Britannia for their numerous misdeeds and occupation.

Appearing from nowhere, this mysterious figure promised to fight and once again liberate Japan for the Japanese, leading a successful campaign of resistance and even managing several victories against Britannian forces in open battle. Soon growing in size, his Black Knights received enormous amounts of support from Elevens, eventually leading to efforts by the Princess of Euphemia li Britannia to compromise with Zero.

She attempted to found a Special Administrative Zone of Japan, an autonomous territory within the Tokyo Settlement where Elevens would be treated with equal rights to Britannians, once again being allowed the title of Japanese. However, this plan devolved into bloodshed after the SAZ opening ceremony was revealed by Zero to be an attempt to massacre all Elevens present.

This event proved to be the proverbial straw that broke the camel’s back, and riots soon erupted across the whole of the Tokyo Settlement against Britannian rule. Dubbed a “Black Rebellion,” Zero took control of this movement to declare the independence of the United States of Japan. In a matter of hours, the enraged masses marched on the Viceroy’s Palace led by the Black Knights. At the seeming height of his power, the hopes of all Elevens were on Zero, yet under mysterious circumstances, he abandoned his soldiers before the battle could reach its

climax. Faced with a power vacuum, interior squabbling was rife among the leadership of the Black Knights, and the Britannian counterattack was able to overwhelm their defenses. In the end, the battle went in favor of Britannia, and the primary force of the rebellion was destroyed.

After the Britannian victory, a notice was broadcasted that the terrorist Zero had been captured and executed by the authorities, and Area 11 was to face severe retribution for its rebellious actions. Still, the acts of the Black Knights served as a sign of hope to other Areas across the Empire, and other revolutionaries inspired by Zero took up arms against Britannia. Still, it seemed that none could recapture the sheer charisma and competence of the original. With the void Zero had left, whatever was to happen to the fate of Japan now?

In the darkest hour of the nation, all truly seemed lost. However, in 2018 a.t.b., the Black Knights suddenly resurfaced in an attack on the Tokyo Settlement skyscraper known as Babel Tower. As Britannian troops quickly closed in, it became apparent that such a spectacle was exactly what the new viceroy Calares desired: through destroying the chief instigators of the Black Rebellion, it would symbolize the preservation of Imperial rule despite every difficulty. Taking control of the operation himself, he expected an easy victory against disorganized forces, but the careful and fierce defense leveled against him had only been seen before the disappearance of Zero. With the death of Calares in battle, a faint hope began to arise that the hastily announced death of Zero was merely propaganda—and in a few days, this hope was confirmed through the return of Zero within the Consulate of the Chinese Federation in Tokyo Settlement. Redecaring the United States of Japan and his prior goals, the infuriated Britannians were unable to seek vengeance due to such an attack being considered as violating the sovereignty of the Chinese Federation.

As might be expected, this new turn of events triggered a storm of change in Area 11, though not purely one of violence as had been in the past. The new viceroy, Princess Nunally vi Britannia, was a reformer with an appreciation of Eleven culture, and desired to restore relations with Britannians and natives. As part of this policy, she restored the Special Administrative Zone of Japan, but memories of the previous massacre were firmly entrenched among the Elevens and their subsequent distrust of government led to a lack of volunteers willing to move into the SAZ.

Taking advantage of this failure, Zero opened negotiations with the young viceroy, promising that he would find a million volunteers for the SAZ in exchange for his safe exile. With Nunally's advisors overjoyed at this seeming betrayal of his countrymen, the viceroy was encouraged to agree to this request. Thus, as promised, the opening day of the SAZ was met with approximately a million Elevens. With the viceroy's chief advisor announcing an Imperial pardon for all crimes against the state committed by these visitors, she then announced that Zero would not be subject to this pardon and would be subsequently exiled to the Chinese Federation.

Following the announcement of his name, Zero appeared on the stage and had a heated exchange with Suzaku Kururugi, the newly promoted Knight of Rounds (the highest chivalric order in Britannia), after which he activated a series of hidden smoke bombs. Once the smoke faded, it was revealed to the horror of the Britannians that each and every Eleven present had

changed into a Zero uniform, thus necessitating their exile according to the terms of the agreement.

Zero then announced that each member of the crowd was either a Black Knight or civilian supporter of the organization, and that by the terms of their agreement, the colonial government would now be forced to allow their safe exile to the Chinese Federation. Humiliated at this mockery of the state, the Captain of Guards desired to repeat the SAZ massacre to punish the Elevens, but his decision was overruled by Sir Kururugi. Desiring to show that Britannia was built on a system of honor, he conceded to the trick and allowed the departure of Zero's followers to the Chinese capital of Luoyang.

From this point, Japan has remained mostly stable under the vicerealty of Princess Nunally, but that peace is soon to be broken. The UFN has been recently ratified with the Black Knights as its chief military branch, and looks to complete Zero's original goal of the liberation of Japan from Britannian tyranny. While declaring his approval of the actions of Viceroy Nunally, he remains firmly opposed to the Area system, and will see that all Japanese will be free to consider themselves more than mere numbers once more.

- In the Britannian perspective, his words are mere rhetoric to seize power for himself, with most nobles belonging to one of two factions
- The first faction believes that the colonial system used in Area 11 is natural, and that Elevens deserve to remain subjugated to Britannians due to their inherent inferiority. Most Britannian nobles believe something along these lines to legitimize their rule
- The second, pro-Eleven faction believes in the possibility for Britannia to gradually improve the lives of Elevens through internal reform, until eventually a fairer social order is created. The late Princess Euphemia, Sir Kururugi, and Viceroy Nunally hold this viewpoint.

Sakuradite and Nightmare Frames

Sakuradite is a rare mineral famed for its use as a superconductor, named after the sakura (cherry blossom) tree of Japan for its pink color. The Japanese islands of Honshu and Hokkaido are the largest producers of the mineral, containing about 70% of the world's proven reserves. Despite the name, it was long known to various cultures in history through different forms: in medieval Europe, for example, it was considered a critical component of the "Philosopher's Stone," the most venerable product of alchemy. In modern times, however, it has been used to power the latest generation of technology—that is to say, Nightmare Frames.

Nightmare Frames (KMF) are humanoid war machines developed by the Holy Britannian Empire. Unveiled during the invasion of Japan, Nightmare Frames are almost exclusively used in place, and sometimes alongside of, the practically obsolete main battle tanks. They often have a humanoid shape and are usually between four and five meters tall, about twice the height of an average main battle tank, giving them a significant height advantage, although not necessarily range advantage.

In addition to the standard range of bipedal movement, Knightmare Frames are equipped with Landspinners, self-propelled roller skates attached to the ankles of the machines, which allow them to achieve high mobility and speeds on most terrain. Visual data is gathered through Factsphere Sensors, which have thermographic capability and an array of other data-collection functions which are collated in real-time. Factspheres are commonly protected under a layer of armor which can be retracted to improve system sensitivity.

The cockpit is a self-contained control center which can be ejected in case of emergency. Although Knightmare heads seem to have no real function besides housing Factspheres, it seems they are required to pilot the Knightmare, as seen when a pilot ejects himself when his life is in danger and the Knightmare's head is knocked off.

KMFs are typically armed with rocket-propelled anchors called Slash Harkens and a number of other weapons. Mass-production models usually carry handheld coilgun-based Assault Rifles, which are able to fire micro ordinance as well, and sometimes Chaos Mines, cylindrical airburst grenades that spray deadly shrapnel over a small area.

Less common equipment include Maser Vibration Swords (MVS), a form of vibroblade which oscillates at a high rate to cut through almost anything, and Hadron Cannons, powerful energy cannons which can obliterate almost anything in their path. For the moment, only the KMFs *Lancelot* and *Gawain* make use of MVS and Hadron Cannons respectively. Late in 2017, Float Systems, devices which allow Knightmares to fly, are introduced, and have been incorporated into practically all custom-made Knightmares, alongside Fifth Generation Gloucesters.

KMF development has been divided into 7 “Generations.” Generations 1-3 were primarily theoretical, with a few experimental Knightmares. In the Fourth Generation, the first mass production Knightmares were unveiled, known as Glasgows. These were instrumental in the hasty conquest of Japan, and are still in widespread use across the world. The Fifth Generation saw the introduction of the Sutherland, a sleeker version of the boxy Glasgow, alongside the first mass-production elite model known as the Sutherland. The Sixth Generation is often skipped over due to little significant developments occurring during the period, and the Seventh Generation was kicked off through the development of the experimental KMF *Lancelot*, quickly followed by many other models of similar quality for skilled commanders. This period is characterized by extremely individualistic Knightmares that make use of new technologies, such as Hadron-based weaponry or various flight systems. The best models of this generation are either made by Earl Lloyd Asplund of Britannia, or his rival Rachita Chadha of India (a breakaway state from the USC, currently a member of the UFN).

The Power of the King (Geass) and Codes

IMPORTANT NOTE—only a few characters present are aware of Geass, and are expected to keep its existence a secret unless absolutely necessary. Revealing it to too many people may make you some dangerous enemies. Furthermore, no character is aware of the existence of the Geass of

Absolute Obedience, which Zero secretly possesses. During the committee, this Geass may be used intermittently by the Crisis Head.

Geass is a supernatural ability which a small group of immortals (known as Code Bearers) can bestow upon others. It manifests differently in each individual, possibly related to their inner desires and personality. The power of Geass increases with use, and should the user lack the willpower, they may be consumed by it, as has often been the case throughout history. Code Bearers often refer to Geass as the *Power of Kings*, and though they are unable to use the power themselves, they are also immune to the power being used on them. However, people who have Geass are not immune to the Geass effects of others. The Geass is represented by a glowing, bird-shaped symbol, varying in shape and color depending on the user. Geasses are triggered in various ways: some are activated through direct eye contact, others are only functional under certain conditions, and another group are constantly passively active.

An example power includes the Geass of Absolute Obedience, which allows for the user to plant commands within a person's mind upon direct eye contact. Activation of the Geass is visually represented by the manifestation of a Geass sigil in the user's left eye. Commands dictated in this state are written into the minds of the designated targets once the sigil projects from his eye to theirs. The ability cannot influence the same individual twice.

ROLES

Britannia-aligned Room

Schneizel el Britannia

Second Prince of the Britannian Imperial Family, as well as the Prime Minister of the Holy Britannian Empire, Schneizel is considered by many to be Britannia's greatest strategist. Charismatic and manipulative, cunning and ruthless, he has brought the Empire many victories overseas. The current head of military operations against the UFN in Japan, he is unafraid to use both diplomacy and subterfuge to have his way, preferring to delegate loyal subordinates to fight for him on the field. Though he does not personally participate in combat, preferring to lead from the rear, he is a tactical genius who has led the vast Britannian armada to victory countless times.

Bismarck Waldstein

Bismarck Waldstein is the Personal Knight of His Majesty the Emperor and leads the elite squad of KMF pilots known as the Knights of the Round. Operating outside of the standard Britannian chain of command, Waldstein and the other Knights of the Round obey the Emperor alone and are given special privileges and authority to further the goals of the empire. Waldstein himself is not only unquestionably loyal to his liege, but honorable as well. He believes that war should be used as a last resort, and sees strength without restraint as needless violence.

Valcon Letburg

As the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources for the Holy Britannian Empire, Letburg controls all mining and energy production. Most important amongst these responsibilities is his control over sakuradite extraction. Area 11 activists have accused Letburg of personally convincing the Emperor to invade Japan, in order to get access to their substantial sakuradite reserves. They have also accused him of inhumane conditions in the sakuradite mines and diverting excessive resources away from civilian populations to supply Britannia's military-industrial complex. Letburg does not deny these accusations.

Cornelia li Britannia

The Second Princess of the Britannian empire, Cornelia li Britannia is known as the "Goddess of Victory" for her numerous conquests. She has a reputation for being a ruthless leader, willing to fight for victory at any cost. Despite this, she is highly protective of her loved ones, even going so far as to compromise missions in order to protect those she cares about, including her (many) siblings and her trusted knight Guilford. In battle, she commands her fleet of KMFs from the front lines as an ace pilot.

Beatrice Franks

Duchess Beatrice Franks is responsible for the defenses surrounding the emperor, including the deployment of Knights of the Round. She is cold-hearted and critical, even to the Knights themselves. Additionally, she places a high emphasis on tradition and refuses to accept Suzaku Kururugi, due to his non-Britannian heritage.

Oldrin Zevon

Oldrin Zevon serves as the head knight of the Britannian Military's anti-terrorism unit, the "Glinda Knights", which was formed to counter the terrorism that began to occur in greater frequency after the Black Rebellion ended in Area 11. She strongly believes that it is her duty to protect the people, an ideal that often comes into conflict with her duties of suppressing terrorism.

Lloyd Asplund

A genius scientist and engineer, Lloyd Asplund has invented several cutting-edge technologies for the Britannian Military, predominantly revolving around Nightmare development and production. Though not a pilot himself, Asplund has contributed to vast leaps in military technology, including the Float system, which allows Knightmares to engage in airborne combat, as well as a wide range of offensive weaponry.

Nina Einstein

Despite her young age, Nina Einstein is a brilliant inventor whose intelligence is matched only by her extreme xenophobia. She has an intense hatred and fear of native Japanese people,

known as Elevens, an attitude which was intensified to manic proportions following the death of her friend, Princess Euphemia li Britannia. During the Black Rebellion, Einstein made breakthrough discoveries in the field of energy science, building a nuclear bomb, though the device failed to detonate. She is currently working under the employ of Prince Schneizel el Britannia, working to engineer a high-yield explosive device code-named the F.L.E.I.J.A (pronounced fley-ha).

Suzaku Kururugi

Son of the last Prime Minister of Japan, Suzaku Kururugi has made a name for himself in the last year as one of the most skilled Nightmare pilots of this generation. His masterful command of the 7th-generation Nightmare frame, known as the Lancelot, has led to widespread recognition in the Britannian empire. Dubbed a Knight of the Rounds for his service, he has since loyally served the Empire in battles across the world. Despite his loyalty to Britannia, however, Kururugi remains a controversial figure, due to his Japanese heritage. Though he faces rampant racism from his colleagues and is despised by the Japanese, who view him as a traitor, Kururugi hopes to change Britannian society from the inside and create a world where Britannians and Japanese can live together.

Nunnally vi Britannia

As the current Viceroy of Japan, Princess Nunnally vi Britannia is deeply committed to the ideals of equality and peace. She believes in a future where Britannians and Japanese can live side-by-side, and has made attempts to bridge the gap between the two. Unfortunately, her attempts have been largely unsuccessful, mainly due to painful memories of the attempted SAZ massacre committed by the previous viceroy, Princess Euphemia li Britannia. She has control over all Britannian military forces stationed in Japan, although she is a pacifist who detests violence and the loss of human life.

Seraphina Vane

Seraphina Vane is the chief executive officer of Aegis Dynamics, a vast company that is responsible for the manufacturing and distribution of mass-produced Nightmare Frames. As a company, Aegis Dynamics controls 70% of the market share and has recently received enormous funding from the Britannian government in a landmark trade deal. Though they do not have the capabilities to produce custom KMFs like the Lancelot, Aegis Dynamics plays a critical role in the Britannian war effort.

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Kyoshiro Tohdoh

The decorated leader of the Japanese Liberation Front, Lieutenant Colonel Tohdoh joined forces with Zero, spearheading a number of military excursions and dealing heavy losses to the Britannian empire during the black rebellion. As second in command to Zero, Tohdoh is the Head of the Joint Staff of the Black Knights, which serve as part of the national army of the U.F.N.

Kallen Kōzuki

Born to a Japanese mother and Britannian father, Kallen Kōzuki was impacted particularly hard by the Second Pacific War, having lost both her father and brother in the bombardment of Tokyo. Since then, she swore revenge against Britannia, joining the Order of the Black Knights as one of its first members. Since then, Kōzuki has remained the greatest pilot of the order, participating in every major operation. Despite the fact that she does not lead other pilots into battle, Kōzuki is capable of wiping out entire platoons of Britannian KMFs through sheer skill alone, utilizing the incredible power and speed of the bleeding-edge Guren S.E.I.T.E.N.

Kaname Ohgi

The former leader of a Japanese resistance cell, Ohgi is an idealistic freedom fighter who harbors fiery nationalistic pride. In stark contrast to the calculating and manipulative Zero, Ohgi is genuine and emotional, representing the fighting spirit and indomitable will of the Japanese populace. As the General Secretary of the Black Knights, Ohgi is not only a military commander, but a popular hero among Japanese natives.

Diethard Ried

A journalist by profession, Ried wants to witness history as it is being made, and thus is only loyal to those whom he thinks will alter the course of history the most. He loves the chaos that Zero creates, and despises stagnancy, such as that of the Britannian aristocracy. Although he was originally a member of the Britannian TV station Hi-TV, ever since the emergence of Zero, he has been a part of the Black Knights as the head of information, espionage, and public relations, hoping to witness and document the battle against the Britannian empire.

Shinichirō Tamaki

Tamaki was one of the original members of the Black Knights and is currently the leader of their second special squadron. Tamaki tends to be rash, impulsive, and sometimes even reckless during battle, and has acted in opposition to Zero's wishes in the past. Although he was initially skeptical about Zero, he is now one of his strongest and most loyal supporters.

Rachita Chadha

Chadha is a brilliant scientist and head of the Black Knights' research and development team. She has made breakthroughs in KMF engineering that have allowed the Black Knights to match Britannia's technological capabilities, including the invention Radiant Wave technology, which destroy opposing KMF systems by causing a chain reaction within key internal systems, as well as Gefjun Disturbers, which disable all sakuradite-based technology in a certain range.

Li Xingke

Li Xingke is a stoic individual with a strong sense of duty to his country. Though he is aligned with the Black Knights out of a mutual hatred of the Britannian empire, he will not hesitate to betray them if it means improving the welfare of the Chinese Federation. Li maintains command of the majority of the Chinese military, and is himself an incredibly capable pilot.

Zhou Xianglin

Zhou Xianglin is the tactical brains next to Li Xingke's combat prowess. As his aide, she commands Li's unit when he is in combat. When the Chinese Federation joined the UFN, Xianglin was instated as the Deputy Chief of the Black Knights. In the coming battle, Zhou will play a highly important role, helping to direct the powerful Chinese fleet of Nightmare frames alongside her commander.

Lail Breisach

The daughter of EU politician Bradow von Breisach, General Lail Breisach played a critical role on the European front of the war. Originally the leader of the wZERO squad, a team of untrained recruits used to test prototype KMFs, Breisach converted the group of ragtag Elevens into a powerful military force. Following a string of victories, General Breisach is the commander-in-chief of all European forces in the war against Britannia. Despite her military success, Breisach remains a kind and caring commander who detests violence.

Kitoro Halifax

Originally hailing from Britannia-occupied Europe, Halifax has quickly risen the ranks from minor tax bureaucrat to the chief economic planner and coordinator of the United Federation of Nations. As the Head of Trade and Economic Development, Halifax's goal is to maintain international supply chains between UFN member states and maintain citizens' standards of living. His role has been significantly complicated by UFN-Britannia conflicts, however, which threaten widespread economic collapse and famine.

Anatole Tawosa

Tawosa is the Grand Master of the Knights of Malta, a sovereign military order with bases around the world. The Knights of Malta's main aim is to provide humanitarian assistance to all civilians, regardless of country or allegiance. While the order has worked with the UFN and receives some funding from it, as a pacifist organization, it is fundamentally opposed to the

UFN's military activities. Tawosa seeks an end to international hostilities and a better life for the citizens of all nations.