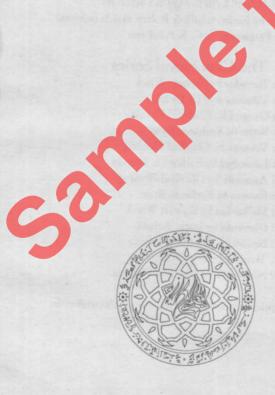
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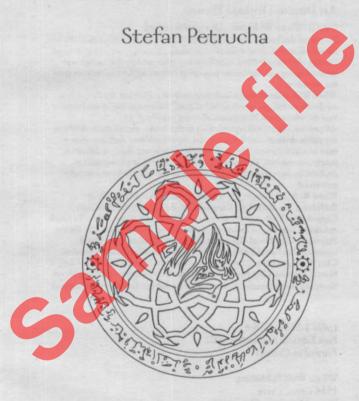
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### What Has Come Before

It is the year 1204 and the Fourth Crusade; diverted from its goal of striking Muslim Egypt and recapturing Jerusalem, has come instead to Constantinople. Over three days and mights in April, the so-called Army of Christ sacks and pillages the greatest of Christian cities, claiming boundless treasure for themselves and making the Byzantine Empire their own. For the Greeks of the city, it is a time of defeat, outrage and despair.

Away from the eyes of men, vampires lurk on both sides of the conflict. The predators of the Byzantine night have found their city torn open and Michael, the ancient vampire who led them, destroyed. Disheartened and displaced, they gather in a makeshift refugee camp near the city of Adrianople, awaiting word from the Nosferatu Malachite, who has left for the East in search of answers.

European vampires followed the crusade, come to settle old scores and feed from the carcass of the Queen of Cities. Monsters dressed as traders, Templars and soldiers claim new domains and drain their enemies dry. And some even speak of carrying the crusade forward into the Hoty Land.

For Clan Assamite—which claims the lands of Islam as its own—that is simply not acceptable.

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