



## TERRAN REALM SHARED WORLD PROTOCOLS

All Terran Realm books must keep in mind the following general background for Terrans, including the more specific plots of the previously released books. Two editors, Senior Editor Moni Draper (Rae Morgan), and the Terran editor assigned by LSB, will read all books for factual continuity and logic conflicts. The editors will be the final word on plot and factual matters concerning the Terran shared universe. (Revised 5/08)

### ***I. Origin of the Terrans:***

The Terrans as a species (*homo terrans*) evolved alongside *homo sapiens* but took a different evolutionary path almost forty thousand years ago with the beginning of Cro-Magnon man migrating from Africa into Europe and encroaching on the Neanderthals lands. Climactic changes, the natural genetic drift, and the interaction of the two primate species are the theories about why *homo sapiens* and *homo terrans* developed alongside each other, but with slight differences, i.e., the Terrans are able to use a part of their brains that interacted with the elements of earth, air, water, fire, and spirit and often developed super-human strength (as in the case of the Protectors).

In ancient times, the Terrans were often worshiped – and feared – as gods and goddesses, as magicians, wizards and witches, psychics, and so on. Many lived quietly among mankind and contributed to the world of their primate cousins. Artists, inventors, prophets, geniuses could all have been Terran or part-Terran.

The darker side of Terrans – those Terrans who turned inward and against the protection of Earth and all its inhabitants for reasons of power and greed – can be displayed in tyrants, villains, dictators and genius gone mad.

In the early centuries of mankind and Terrans, the Terrans were loosely formed along geographical lines, but with the advent of the Industrial Revolution, mass communications and easier travel among the far flung regions of the world and the ability of humans and Terrans alike to more easily make war on other countries, the Terrans realized that they needed to band together to protect the weaker species on the planet, and the planet itself, from corrupt Terrans and humans alike. Thus, the Keepers of the Environment was organized. KOTE is a group of Elder Terrans and representatives from other preternatural species<sup>1</sup> (vampires, weres, shifters, fae, dragons and the like) who met and tried to keep the Earth in balance. A tough job, not one always easy to handle, but without KOTE the Earth could have easily been destroyed so many

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<sup>1</sup> Reference for the existence of other preternatural species is reflected in *Redemption* (2/07) and documented by Tiffany Aaron's Clan Najwa (shifters) books, beginning with *Troubled Waters*(4/07) .

times over (WWI and II, Korea, Bay of Pigs and the Cuban Missile Crisis, Three-Mile Island, Vietnam, and so on).

## ***II. Contemporary History of Terrans:***

In the 1980s, the Terrans like many of their human cousins became selfish and self-centered, the aptly named “me-generation.” KOTE, now headquartered in San Francisco, let their guard down and became infiltrated by Terrans who only wanted money and power – these dark Terrans, Destroyers, raped the Earth for their own monetary advantages and just because they could. The me-generation on steroids.

**Redemption – Keira Ramsay (2/07):** Then in 1989, several major world events occurred – Loma Prieta, the Exxon Valdez, Hurricane Hugo, and Tiananmen Square – the Earth looked to be going to hell in a handbasket. One Terran, Donovan Callahan, a former soldier who now owned a corporate security firm, felt a need to do something. When asked by KOTE to retrieve the Book of the Sorhineth, the legendary book of lore and prophecy of the Terrans, he takes on the task; the Book (described and defined *infra*) in the wrong hands was unthinkable.

He goes to Boston to get the Book from the Warden, Brenna Kennedy. The Kennedy family had been protecting the Book for generations and migrated to the US from Ireland after the U.S. Civil War at the behest of the Seer, a secretive Terran figure unknown to most Terrans.

Upon arriving, Donovan finds that someone else is after the Book and that Brenna’s life is in danger since she is the only person that the Book’s text will appear to at that time due to a cloaking spell, thus begins a cross-country race to get the Book back to the safety of the KOTE headquarters.

But even after they manage to make it back to SF, Donovan finds the Book – and Brenna – are not safe. His superiors, his former lover (Singer Jenna Lee) and many former friends have turned to the dark side. It is then that it is revealed that he is the “chosen” – the Spirit Talisman prophesied in the Book who must help change the direction of KOTE and reunify and redirect all right-thinking Terrans back to their tasks of keeping the Earth from a path of self-destruction, both environmentally and spiritually.

Donovan and Brenna along with Claire Galliardi, a Terran and the recordkeeper/librarian of KOTE, and Mark Winbolt, a human, former soldier and associate of Donovan, manage to save the Book from falling into Destroyer hands and eject all the Destroyers from the KOTE headquarters in SF.

**Measure of a Man – Bonnie Dee (3/07):** In the early 21st century, Ian Black, Human, believes in one thing—self-preservation. A petty criminal and drifter, he is cynical and solitary until the night his world collides with that of psychic healer, Mirabai Kashi, a Terran Spirit Keeper. Mira is on the run from demagogue Raymond Brody, a Spirit Keeper Terran with the ability to sway minds with his voice (a Speaker) who has turned Destroyer. Mira has taken a mysterious box, containing a key component of the Destroyers’ plan for obtaining world power.

Ian learns about the Terran realm that exists simultaneously with humanity and becomes Mira's reluctant accomplice in transporting the box to KOTE headquarters.

Justin Foster is a Protector with divided loyalties; Brody has a hold over the Protector and forces him to steal the box and bring it to him. Ian and Mira switch the boxes, not knowing that the box in reality was a test for Raymond created by Algernon Brody, Raymond's father and a major player in the Destroyers who has aspirations of the US presidency and then ruler of the world.

Justin delivers the false box to Raymond and hopes that will be the last of his duties for Raymond. But it is not. (*See Fruits of Betrayal*– Bonnie Dee, 5/07).

**The Shimmering Flame – Jeanne Barrack (1/08) – Book One, Irish Terrans:** This book's time sequence fits in between *Measure of a Man* and *Fruits of Betrayal* as KOTE is dealing with Raymond Brody and his twisted relationship with his son. With the leaders of KOTE busy pursuing the mystery of the box and later dealing with what is happening in Indiana, the newly discovered Irish Terrans are on their own, aided only by Gabe Kawsantower and his wife Brigid.

Brigid discovers on a trip to Ireland with her husband Gabe that she is a Terran Fire and Water Keeper. Gabe, an attorney for the East Coast branch of KOTE, was assigned to the orphaned girl many years before as her Protector. As she reached her maturity the two fell in love and got married. In Ireland, Brigid is captured by three ancient Irish warriors who were ensorcelled by Nimhnanch, now Lord Nolen. She manages to escape and stumbles across a cave where she discovers that not only is she a Terran but that she is the reincarnated daughter of Dagda, an Irish god. The Irish Terrans went underground many centuries back and had managed to keep their existence secret from everyone including KOTE.

After meeting her father, Brigid runs across Ethan Clark, an archeologist, who is the reincarnation of her lover from a previous time. Ethan is an Air Keeper and a Singer.

While Brigid struggles to reconcile all the information and juggle her feelings for both her husband and her reincarnated lover, the Gabe, Ethan and she must discover what Lord Nolen (Nimhnach) is up to and stop him.

**Troubled Waters – Tiffany Aaron (4/07) – Book One of Clan Najwa series:** Occuring in the same time period as *Measure of a Man* and *Fruits of Betrayal*, but before *Earth Awakened*, the first Talisman series book.

Brian Rasmussen makes his living as a charter fisherman on the island of Tortula in the British Virgin Islands. Running a fishing boat might seem to be a strange occupation for a man who fears the water like Brian does, but though he vows never to swim in it again, he feels a connection to it that can never be broken. He walks into a bar one night looking for some hot sex and a little fun. He meets Iman.

Iman is a shifter and a member of Clan Najwa. Her clan works as messengers for the Terrans. She's asked to investigate some claims coming out of the British Virgin Islands about over fishing and toxic dumping. Brian's charters are always highly productive and are

contributing to the over-fishing; KOTE feels he might be part-Terran and she is asked to confirm that. KOTE also suspects that the toxic dumping is connected somehow to Niketrix, a company with connections to some known Destroyers. As both a marine biologist and a shifter, she's uniquely qualified for the job. She heads to Tortula, expecting a routine trip. It's a mission far more dangerous than she planned - - she is in danger of losing both her heart and her life.

Escaping the island, Iman and Brian take the long way to northern California to deliver the samples of the unknown toxins they have discovered to Donovan Callahan. The trip is also important for Brian to discover his half-Terran heritage as a Protector with an affinity to water.

**Fruits of Betrayal – Bonnie Dee (4/07)** – Justin Foster is still under the evil thrall of Raymond Brody. Brody had kidnapped Justin's young ward, Trina, and was holding her so that Justin would do Brody's evil work. This time Brody wants Justin to work with a former lover, Elyse Greenwood, the woman who had betrayed both Justin and caused Trina's capture.

Elyse's psyche is a battleground where good and evil struggle daily. Torn between her Protector tendencies and her Destroyer allegiance, she has yet to fully commit to either side.

The task they are assigned is to place some monitoring equipment in southern Indiana. Justin is sure what they are doing is not good for the world as a whole, and struggles to find a way to get Trina back while fooling Brody and Elyse that he is cooperating. What he is surprised to find that the treacherous Elyse seems to be helping him – she too doesn't trust Brody's new project and offers to help Justin find and release Trina.

At Brody's Center for Human Wellbeing in Indiana, Justin finds that Raymond has implanted devices into his followers, building up an army of devotees that could be swayed more easily by the sound of his voice. Ostensibly he is doing this to ensure his father's bid to take over the United States Presidency, but Raymond decides to keep his followers for himself and announces his own candidacy, thus sealing his fate. His father kills his son Raymond; then he initiates his own plan to make the United States and then the world count on him to be their savior.

Justin and Elyse help Trina escape and take their information about the brain implants now neutralized and under the control of KOTE and the earthquake devices that Raymond planted – the harmless devices – unknowing that Algernon had real and potentially more deadly devices already in place. Algernon had his own team develop devices that allow his Destroyers to set off catastrophic environmental events – with the goal for him to stop the tragedies and thus earn the gratitude of the people of the world.

### ***III. Terran Terminology and Definitions:***

#### **A. Keepers:**

Keepers have the ability to manipulate their specific element. The elements are air, fire, water, earth and spirit. The stronger the Keeper, the more control over their element. The *über*-Keepers are Talisman (see below) and only come along in rare times of crisis as prophesied by

the Book of Sorhineth and/or foreseen by the Seer. Authors may give their Keepers other complementary paranormal abilities as long as they don't encroach too much into the Talisman area. Elemental Keepers can intermarry among the elements and with Protectors (who have limited elemental affinities unless they are the product of a mixed Protector/Keeper match), but there are conservatives within the Terran Realm who wish to keep bloodlines pure – most of these have drifted over the line into fanaticism/isolationism or have become Destroyers.

#### B. Protectors:

Protectors are the warriors of the Terran Realm. Many of them serve alongside humans in military organizations or work in the world of security. Pure-blood Protectors have an elemental affiliation, but it is minor and stops short of control unless they can meld their power to that of the same element Keeper. The Protectors who result from a Keeper/Protector union might show more elemental abilities. Donovan Callahan, had a Protector father and an Earth Keeper mother, and anything to do with the Earth often affected him. Also note, he evolved into the Spirit Keeper in the time of KOTE's greatest need. Rule here – Talisman status often causes major changes in a Terran.

#### C. Destroyers:

While there are always been “dark” Terrans, those who used their abilities for their own aggrandizement, it wasn't until the 1980s that some of these evil Terrans split off and became known collectively as Destroyers. Thus, any Terran who uses his/her abilities for power or money is called a Destroyer, even though the term was coined in the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Destroyers can be either Keepers or Protectors. Some destroy for the sake of destruction; in this situation these Destroyers might be mentally ill or have some physical dysfunction. For the most part, Destroyers are just those who have a strong sense of protecting number one – themselves. Potential Destroyers in history, Hitler (mentioned obliquely in *Redemption*), Attila, Pal Pot, Stalin, and so on. Talisman can not become Destroyers since by definition they are called to appear and rescue the Earth at a time of great need.

#### D. Talisman:

Talisman own their elements. They are stronger, a super-Terran, in directing and manipulating their element. The contemporary Talisman are covered by current authors: the Spirit Talisman is Donovan Callahan, from 1989 and on into the early 21<sup>st</sup> century; the Earth [*Earth Awakened, Summer '07*], Air, Fire and Water Talisman are reserved for a series by Terran Realm creator Moni Draper/Rae Morgan.

Talisman in other eras past or future are open to new authors.

Talisman is both singular and plural in usage. Talismen is not correct – it is Talisman.

Revelation from Brenna Kennedy's Gram's journal about the Talisman (Source: *Redemption, 02/07*):

*My grandfather told me, when he handed down the Sorhineth, what a joy—and burden—it would be. Then he sat me down and told me something I'd never heard before. He spoke of the Talisman—Air, Earth, Fire, Spirit and Water—Terrans who would use their special gift to redeem not only themselves, but their people. One Talisman of each sign will appear when they are needed most by their people and by the world. They will know of their summoning when the fruits of the earth appear [jeweled amulets or talisman; Donovan's was a jeweled watch fob; the Earth Talisman's in *Earth Awakened* was a necklace] before them, and those fruits will enhance their power to the unimaginable. There is a tale, passed down from one who Sees [See the Seer, *infra*], that we were put into hiding because the Sorhineth was too great, too important, for any one Terran to hold ... until the Spirit Talisman is called. Great Spirit Talismen have included the likes of Plato, Newton and Galileo, and once their deed is done, they shall revert back to their normal life, should they choose ... if they still live. But in this case, the Seer said, the Talisman shall lead us back to what we should be.*

#### E. Book of the Sorhineth:

The Book of the Sorhineth is an ancient Terran tome which the future is foretold and all the important magick and alchemy of the early Terrans is preserved. The Book is protected by the Wardens. The Wardens are humans of the Kennedy family from Ireland; always the youngest member of the Clan became the primary Warden. If the youngest was a female, then she kept the Kennedy name so that the Terrans could find the Warden. Brenna Kennedy's Gram (in *Redemption*) was the first female Warden in the history of the Book; Brenna was the second. This does not preclude male Wardens going back many years.

In the 1860s, the Seer concerned about the future safety of the Book in a Europe that would soon see the rise of an evil dictator - - Hitler - - ordered the Kennedys to emigrate to the United States. The Kennedy clan settled in the northeastern United States, in and around Boston. For over a hundred years, the Book remained hidden, seemingly forgotten by the Terrans.

After the Loma Prieta earthquake, one Terran, a Protector by the name of Donovan Callahan, arrived in Boston at the behest of KOTE (*Redemption*, 02/07) and ignited a series of incendiary events that led the Keepers and Protectors of KOTE into direct confrontation with the Destroyers among them. The repercussions of the return of the Book and Donovan and the Book's Warden Brenna Kennedy can still be felt into the 21st Century.

The Book could not initially be seen nor interpreted without a Warden within three yards of it. (Source: *Redemption*, 2/07). The Book was under a spell that camouflaged it. In late 1989, Claire Galliardi removes the spell (near the end of *Redemption*, 02/07), and the Book is then placed in a subterranean room in the San Francisco headquarters of KOTE.

Claire Galliardi speaking of the Book and what it contained, in *Redemption*: "Everything you ever wanted to know about the Terran race is in here. Our history, spells and incantations for all the Elementals, the Protectors ..."

#### F. Wardens:

The Kennedy clan are the Wardens. They protect the Book of the Sorhineth.

Quote from *Redemption*, 02/07:

“Maybe it’s time I explained exactly what being a Warden means. We’re your typical Irish-American family, but with a twist. From what little Gram wrote down, when the Clan agreed to become Wardens, we were ‘gifted’ by the Terrans. Gram was the first female Warden, and the family decided to keep the name Kennedy, to make it easier for the Terrans to find us. We can sense a Destroyer, can recognize a Terran, making it pretty easy to know who to hand the Sorhineth to. But we are also innately good at business, if it’s the road we choose. Unfortunately,” she grinned, “the primary Warden doesn’t have any of those gifts. He or she gets to rely on the rest of the family. Generations of sound decisions have allowed our family to build a considerable fortune, even by today’s standards. ... So while we’ve all settled into professions that make us happy, dropping off the face of the earth for a while isn’t going to impact us financially. ...”

#### G. Seer:

Seen in the early and late parts of *Redemption*. The Seer is a Terran who is precognitive; he/she is the ultimate interpreter and possible the ongoing author of the prophesies that appear magically in the pages of the Book of Sorhineth.

The Seer in *Redemption* is the one who has the Book and the Wardens brought to the US after the United States Civil War. He foresees the rise of Hitler in Europe and the tumultuous years following the major world wars in the early to mid-20th century. In 1989 at the end of *Redemption*, this same Seer’s job is done and a new Seer will arise.

#### H. Speaker:

Unless bespelled in some manner, a Speaker is a Terran who can direct humans with his voice and his thoughts. This usually requires proximity (but see, Raymond Brody, below). Full-blooded Terrans are not affected by Speaker’s abilities.

Julian in *Redemption*, 02/07, was a Speaker and an Air Keeper. He attempted to control Brenna Kennedy and Mark Winbolt mentally in order to get the Book of Sorhineth. He was foiled by Donovan Callahan and Claire Galliardi.

Raymond Brody (*Measure of a Man*, 03/07, and *Fruits of Betrayal*, 05/07) was a Speaker and a Spirit Keeper. The sound of his voice lulled his followers to do what he desired. Brody took his abilities to another level by implanting devices in the brains of his cult followers so as to amplify his abilities with the idea of being able to reach them wherever they were in the world. Justin Foster and Elyse Greenwood (*Fruits of Betrayal*, 05/07) foiled his plan in using the implants to persuade his followers to help him gain control of the United States through the presidential elections.

## I. Singer:

A Singer's ability is to control and inflict damage (even mortal damage) upon humans and Terrans alike using words and melodies. They most often use music to control, but are also able to create combinations of spoken words to create the effect they desire. Their powers are only oral – no mental ability such as Speakers have.

Jenalee in *Redemption*, 02/07, was a Singer and an Air Keeper. She used both her music and her use of language to control – and kill. Donovan stopped Jenalee from killing him and Brenna by using a deflection spell found in the Book of Sorhineth; the spell reflected her own words and power back upon herself. Since she had been attempting to tear out Donovan's heart at the time, she tore out her own instead.

Ethan Clark in *The Shimmering Flame* (01/08) is a Singer and an Air Keeper. He uses his ability to aid in stopping Lord Nolen (Nimhnach) from releasing Ba'al onto the Earth. Ethan uses his abilities to destroy Lord Nolen's stone men at the blood sacrifice to Ba'al.

## J. *A Compendium of Species, 1600 to Present*:

Book in the KOTE library under the control of Claire Galliardi. Brenna Kennedy reads it in *Redemption* and discovers the existence of other supernatural/preternatural creatures in the world besides the Terrans. Mentioned in the index read by Brenna: Banshees, changelings, demons, dragons, fairies, incubi, jinns, vampires, werewolves, witches ... so many more. Scene in *Redemption*, specifically mentions two clutches of dragons, one in Montana and one in southern Canada, and a group of demons in Los Angeles. This reference book opens up the Terran Realm to sub-series such as Tiffany Aaron's Clan Najwa books (shifters) featuring other preternaturals and their interactions in the Terran Realm.

J. Clan Najwa: Developed by Tiffany Aaron and restricted to her single authorship. The clan is one specific group of shifters; this group does not preclude other types of shifters in the world that may or may not have had previous contact with Terrans. Clan Najwa is described as follows (this was written by Tiffany Aaron, as edited by Moni Draper, in her proposal for the series.):

Basma- head of the clan

Zaki- second-in-command

Iman- clan healer

Fahd- clan lore keeper

Asad- clan envoy to KOTE

Layla- had been clan lawyer

Samad, The Eternal- clan member and oldest of the seven.

This clan of shapeshifters has worked for the KOTE since the early 1990s when Akilah, the head of the clan at that time, rescued a downed pilot in the Iraqi desert. Brendan McMaster was an U.S. fighter pilot, but he was a Terran Protector. From that initial bonding came the decision of Akilah's clan to work with the Terrans to protect the earth's balance and mankind from the Destroyers.

Clan Najwa makes their home in the An-Nafud desert. It's easy for them to get lost amongst the sand. This generation of the clan consists of seven members. It has always been the smallest of the shifting clans, but one of the most powerful. Najwa clan members aren't restricted to one particular animal shape. Their power allows them to shift into any form they wish, making them logical choices as messengers for the KOTE. The natural shifter ability to use telepathy for communication makes it easy for them to talk to each other from anywhere in the world, but they can rarely connect with Terrans or mortals. When a connection is established, a binding or mating could work between them.

**Basma** is the head of the clan for this generation. The title is ceremonial, because the clan is a democracy and every decision comes down to a vote. Basma works as a psychologist for several relief organizations. She goes in after disasters and helps people work through their trauma. Her favorite animal shape is a common sparrow. It's easy to be overlooked that way.

**Zaki** is the second-in-command. He doesn't believe the clan should work as messengers anymore. Zaki feels the shifting bloodlines should be kept pure and there has been too much inter-mingling between Terran, shifter and mankind. Shifting ability has become more rare in off-spring. His favorite form is a golden eagle.

**Iman** is a marine biologist and the clan healer. She's the youngest and most open-minded about the changes happening in the world. She understands why all the species must work together for survival. She meets her mate Brian Rasmussen, a part-human/part-Terran, in TROUBLED WATERS. Her favorite forms are water creatures and on land, she favors the cheetah.

**Fahd** is the lore keeper of the clan. He's always in search of the missing shifter clans told of in the Journal. He believes that they need to be found and restored to the rest of the clans. His favorite form is a leopard

**Layla** had been the clan lawyer, but several years ago, Destroyers captured her and tortured her. To escape the pain, she shifted into her animal *animè* and has been unable to regain her human shape permanently. She has recovered enough to shift for a few hours at a time, but not even Iman can heal her heart and soul enough. Layla can be found in the form of a wolf most of the time.

**Asad** is the envoy between Clan Najwa and KOTE. He spends most of his time in San Francisco. Though it is difficult for him to join minds with Terrans and humans, he can speak to his clan mates over thousands of miles. His favorite form is a lion.

The seventh member of Clan Najwa is **Samad, The Eternal**. No one really knows how old he is. He spends very little time with the clan. He travels the world on his own. The others speculate he has a broken heart and is searching for his lost love. He is the deciding vote when decisions are tied. He rarely talks, but when he does, the others listen to him. Samad seems to be connected to something beyond the knowledge of the other clan members. He can usually be found in the shape of an Arabian horse.