

CAERNS ERRATA

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The "Nine-Tails" are the descendants of the great White-Faced One. They have the ability to transform into foxes and have inherited their ancestor's great talent for magic as well as her beauty. The Eastern shapeshifters largely escaped the War of Rage that other shapeshifters suffered, due to their distance from the Garou; Japan has never had as large a Garou population as in other parts of the world. The Kitsune are skeptical of the Apocalypse that the Garou fear is imminent. They owe no allegiance to Gaia. Instead, they follow the ways of the ancient Wyrms of Balance, ways that were established before the Wyrms were corrupted into the Pattern Web. The spread of the Weaver is not at all uniform in Japan; her influence lies heavily upon such great cities as Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Hiroshima, but many natural sites are still revered, and in some cities there is a balance of nature and humanity. The Corrupter Wyrms are no more than Occidental superstition to the Nine-Tails, but they know the scent of evil, and some believe that the Western Garou brought it to Japan with them. They have learned of the recent influx of Western Garou into Japan, and they are not pleased.

Society

The Kitsune believe, as do many Eastern supernatural beings, that an object or animal that outlives its species' usual lifespan begins to gain self-awareness. Most Eastern supernatural creatures, they reason, are created this way, and eventually develop into powerful entities. Such beings form a network spanning the whole of Japan. Each entity recognizes and respects the existence of the others, but otherwise does as he pleases. Nine-Tails are among the most human-like of these beings, but they are still a part of this order of supernatural beings. They can converse as equals with 400-year-old spirits residing in trees and rocks.

Nine-Tails do not generally form tight bonds with their own kind. However, they maintain strong alliances with the other magical beings of the islands and are an integral part of the larger hierarchy of Japanese supernatural culture. They are considered to be one of the most noble and powerful races ever to exist.

Organization