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# **Carpathian Reading Guide**

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# **Main Protagonist Characters**

Character Name	<b>'86'</b>	DP	DD	DG	DM	DC	DF	DDr	DL	DGu	DMe	DDe
Mikhail Dubrinsky (LM1)		XX	XX	**	**	**		XX				
Raven Whitney (LM1)		XX	XX	**	**			XX				
Jacques Dubrinsky (LM2)		XX	XX		**			XX				1
Shea O'Halloran (LM2)			XX					XX			XX	
Aidan Savage (LM3)		XX	**	XX	**	**					XX	
Alexandria Houton (LM3)				XX							XX	
Gregori (LM4)		XX	XX	XX	XX	XX					XX	
Savannah Dubrinsky (LM4)			**	**	XX	**					XX	
Byron		XX	XX									
<u>Dimitri</u>		**										
Noelle Dubrinsky Deceased, Killed by	D	XX	**	**								,
Hans Romanov												1
Julian Savage (LM5)		**	XX	**	**	XX	XX				XX	
Joshua Houton				XX								
Father Edgar Hummer	D	XX										
Deceased, killed by Andre												<u> </u>
Maggie O'Halloran (LMA)*	D		XX									1
Deceased, committed suicide												<u> </u>
Desari (LM5)						XX	XX				XX	<u> </u>
<u>Darius</u> (LM6)						XX	XX				XX	<u> </u>
Gabriel (LM8)					**	**			XX			<u></u>
<u>Lucian</u>					**	**			XX			<u> </u>
Gary Jansen					XX			**			XX	
Tempest (LM6)							XX				XX	
Falcon (LM7)								XX				
Sara (LM7)								XX				
Francesca (LM8)									XX			
Jaxon Montgomery										XX		





Character Name	<b>'86'</b>	DP	DD	DG	DM	DC	DF	DDr	DL	DGu	DMe	DDe
Destiny												XX
Corinne											XX	
<u>Barack</u>						XX	XX				XX	
						XX	XX				XX	
<u>Dayan</u> <u>Syndil</u>						XX	XX				XX	

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Celeste and Eric		XX										
Vlad and Eleanor		XX										
Tienn and Dierdre		XX										
Marie and Stefan				XX								
Vinny and Rusty				XX								
Peter Sanders – Killed by Roberto	D				XX							
David Johnson					XX							
Beau LaRue					XX							

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# **Antagonists**

Character Name	<b>'86'</b>	DP	DD	DG	DM	DC	DF	DDr	DL	DGu	DMe	DDe
Margaret Summers	D	XX										
Killed by Mikhail, Gregori												
<u>Harry Summers</u>	D	XX										
Killed by Mikhail, Gregori												
Jacob Evans	D	XX										
Killed by Mikhail, Gregori												
Kurt Van Halen		**										
<u>Dieter Hodkins</u>	D	XX										
Killed by Mikhail, Gregori												
Antonio Fabrezo	D	XX										
Killed by Mikhail, Gregori		7777	7777									
Eugene Slovensky One, Two	D	XX	XX									
Killed by Jacques, Mikhail, Gregori	D	XX										
James Slovensky Killed by Gregori	ען	XX										
Don Wallace One, Two	D	XX	XX									
Killed by Jacques, Mikhail, Gregori	ש	ΛΛ	ΛΛ									
Jeff Smith	D		XX									
Killed by Jacques	D		АЛ									
Rand – The Vulture (LMA)*	D	XX	XX									
Killed by Jacques		7121	7171									
Andre – Vampire	D	XX										
Killed by Mikhail												
Paul Yohenstria – Vampire	D			XX								
Killed by Aidan												
<u>Diego</u> – Vampire	D			XX								
Killed by Aidan												
Hans Romanov	D	XX										
Killed by Mikhail, Gregori												
Rudy Romanov		XX										
Raul Romanov	D	**										
Dead, Unknown Cause												





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Ramon – Vampire	D			XX								
Killed by Aidan												
Savon – Carpathian turned Vampire	D					**						
Killed by Darius												
Renaldo – Vampire	D					XX						
Killed by Julian												
Bernardo	D					XX						
Vampire – Killed by Julian												
<u>Roberto</u>	D				XX							
Vampire – Killed by Gregori												
Morrison					XX						**	
Vampire												
Rodney – Killed by Gregori	D				XX							
<u>Todd Davis</u> – Killed by Gregori	D				XX							
<u>Rafael</u>	D				XX							
Vampire – Killed by Gregori												
<u>Derek Evans</u> – Killed by Gregori	D				XX							
<u>Dan Martin</u> – Killed by Gregori	D				XX							
Randall Smith – Killed by Gregori	D				XX							
John Perkins – Killed by Gregori	D				XX							
Old Man Alligator	D				XX							
Vampire – Killed by Gregori												

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Carpathian Mountains	XX	XX	**	**	**	**	XX	**			
Hungary	XX	XX									
Ireland		XX									
San Francisco			XX	XX							
New Orleans				XX	**						
North of San Francisco – Clear Lake					XX						
Konocti Harbor Resort and Spa											
Northern Forest – California						XX					
Paris France					**			XX			
London					**						
Romania					**		XX				
Transylvania					**						
Florida				**							
South America				**							
Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop				XX							
Coastal Africa					**						
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				1							
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#### **Other Information Defined**

#### Carpathian

One of a species of long-living individuals who, as a male, loses <u>colors and emotions</u> over the centuries, necessitating the <u>claiming</u> of a <u>lifemate</u>. The female of the species brings the emotions back to the male if the chemistry is correct.

#### Vampire

A <u>Carpathian</u>, having lost his emotions and colors, loses his soul and <u>turn</u> evil. Usually, the taking of life during <u>feeding</u> completes the process and the vampire must then be hunted and brought to justice.

#### **Betrayer**

A Vampire who either kills <u>Carpathians</u> or who turns them over to humans to be tortured and killed. Usually has no respect for human life.

#### Paychic Human Women

A small group of individual human women with strong psychic ability who can be <u>converted</u> and become full <u>Carpathians</u>.

#### **Psychic Connection/Bond**

A mental telepathic and emotional link between <u>carpathians</u>, a <u>carpathian</u> man and his <u>lifemate</u>, or between a <u>psychic human woman</u> and a male <u>carpathian</u>.

#### Lifemate

A female <u>Carpathian</u> who is chemically and mentally drawn to a particular male <u>Carpathian</u> so much so that her presence in his life brings back <u>colors and emotions</u> which have disappeared and prevents the male from <u>turning</u> and becoming <u>vampire</u>.

#### **Turning**

During <u>feeding</u>, a <u>Carpathian</u> kills his victim and loses any hope of salvation, loses his soul, becomes evil, and "turns" vampire.

## **Converting**

The process by which a <u>psychic human woman</u> becomes a <u>Carpathian</u> female. Can only be used on <u>psychic human women</u>, cannot be used on human women without psychic talent, they become deranged and then murder small children (a vampiress)

### **Blood-Exchanges**

The procedure to convert a <u>psychic human woman</u> to a <u>carpathian</u>. It involves the <u>Carpathian</u> male taking blood from the <u>paychic human woman</u>, then the woman taking his blood back from him three times.

#### **Healing Herbs**

Herbs used by Gregori and other healers to create an atmosphere of peace and calmness. Also, herbs used on the body to heal the torn and injured flesh. Also can be mixed with <u>healing soil</u> to speed healing.





## **Healing Soil/Rich Carpathian Soil**

Soil from the Carpathian mountains that is essential to the health and existence of the Carpathian race. Use of it on wounds speeds healing, also Carpathians can "go to ground" and heal within the layers of the soil.

#### **Healing/Healing Chants**

Chants and incantations used by Gregori and other healers, specifically Adian and more recently Shea to create meditation during healing procedures which include <u>herbs</u> and <u>soil</u>. Also allows the healer to focus and <u>project</u> his essence into the body of the injured to heal from within.

#### Healing Ritual

A system including <u>herbs</u>, <u>soil</u>, and <u>chants</u> that create the ability to heal <u>Carpathians</u> without use of traditional human doctors.

#### **Bonding Ritual**

The ritual, traditional words uttered by a male <u>Carpathian</u> to his <u>lifemate</u> to cement the bond between them and to signify that the female is claimed and unavailable to other male <u>Carpathians</u>. It also traditionally includes sexual intercourse and sharing of blood.

The Traditional Text of the Ritual – by Christine Feehan

"I claim you as my life mate. I belong to you. I offer my life for you. I give to you my protection, my allegiance, my heart, my soul, and my body. I take into my keeping the same that is yours. Your life, happiness, and welfare will be cherished and placed above my own for all time. You are my life mate, bound to me for all eternity and always in my care."

# "Go to Ground"

The ability of <u>Carpathians</u> to <u>"open"</u> the earth and immerse themselves in it for rest, rejuventation, and healing.

#### **Shapeshifting**

The ability of <u>Carpathians</u> to change their physical form to assume other shapes, specifically <u>owls</u> and <u>wolves</u>. Involves compression, and extension of the body shape as well as morphing from one shape to another.

#### Wolf

The preferred <u>shapeshifted</u> form of a <u>Carpathian</u> which is used to travel mostly on ground and often during daylight hours.

## <u>Owl</u>

The preferred <u>shapeshifted</u> form of a <u>Carpathian</u> which is used to travel long distances that might involve flying for extended periods of time.

#### **Emotions/Colors**

Those things lost by male <u>Carpathians</u> during their long existence that is one reason for their propensity to <u>turn vampire</u>. They are regained by a male finding and <u>claiming</u> his <u>lifemate</u>.





#### Light/Dark

Light is represented in this context by a female <u>carpathian</u> or a <u>psychic human woman</u>. Dark is represented by a male <u>carpathian</u> and definitely by a <u>vampire</u>.

# "Opening the Earth"

The ability of a <u>Carpathian</u> to command the earth to open so that the <u>carpathian</u> can submerse him/her self in it for rest and healing.

## "Feeding the command"

The ability of a <u>carpathian</u> to add strength to a command issued by another <u>carpathian</u> so as to increase its force and effectiveness. It is usually used when the strength of the one command is lessened by such things as injury or daylight.

#### Merging

The ability of <u>Carpathians</u> to share a common mental path. Or the ability of a <u>Carpathian</u> male and <u>Carpathian</u> female/<u>psychic human woman</u> to join their mental energies during sexual intercourse.

#### Earth/Fire/Air/Water/Aether - Elementals

Things in nature which can be called upon by <u>Carpathian</u> and <u>Vampire</u> alike to show force, cover them in daylight, protect their lairs, or to prevent an enemy in battle from gaining the upper hand. Usually called upon displays are violent storms, lightening, fog, and earthquakes.

#### Projection

The ability of <u>Carpathians</u> in general to leave their bodies and travel, psychically, to observe events, ascertain the power of enemies, or to protect innocent individuals. Not usually practicable during the day, but certain high powered <u>Carpathians</u> have gained this ability as well. Also used during <u>healing rituals</u> to enter an injured body and heal from within.

#### Feeding

The traditional terminology for taking of blood from human and other sources for the sustenance of the <u>Carpathian</u> species. Traditionally it does include some psychic compulsion but for the <u>Carpathian</u> does not include the death of the being which provided the sustenance. Also can be used to signify the ability of <u>Carpathians</u> to sustain one another during times of great need.

#### Claiming

The traditional process by which a <u>Carpathian</u> female is united with a <u>Carpathian</u> male. It traditionally involves the female reaching age 18, interacting with eligible males, finding that chemical connection, <u>exchanging blood</u>, the male voicing the <u>ritual words</u> and sexual intercourse. It can be used by <u>Carpathian</u> males to unite with <u>psychic human women</u> as well.

#### Leopard/Panther

Alternate <u>shapeshifted</u> form of a <u>Carpathian</u> preferred by a group of <u>Carpathians</u> who escaped death at the hands of marauding humans. Developed by the group without instruction from adult <u>Carpathians</u>.





## **Carpathian Pedigree**

Mikhail Dubrinsky, Jacques Dubrinksy, and Noelle Dubrinsky are siblings.

Mikhail Dubrinsky and Raven Whitney are Lifemates.

Jacques Dubrinsky and Shea O' Halloran are Lifemates

Aidan Savage and Alexandria Houton are Lifemates

Savannah Dubrinsky, the Daughter of Mikhail Dubrinsky and Raven Whitney is Lifemate to Gregori.

Julian Savage and Desari are Lifemates

Eleanor and Byron are Brother and Sister

Aidan Savage and Julian Savage are Twin Brothers

Joshua Houton is Alexandria Houtons young, human brother.

Darius is brother to Desari.

Maggie O'Halloran and Rand were technical Lifemates and produced a child, Shea O'Halloran

Rand and Noelle Dubrinsky were mated, but not Lifemates, they produced one son, later turned over to human vampire hunters and killed.

Celeste and Eric are Lifemates. Vlad and Eleanor are Lifemates Tienn and Dierdre are Lifemates

Barack, Dayan, Syndil – friends and bandmates to Darius and Desari

Raul Romanov was Hans Romanov's Father. Hans Romanov was married to Heidi Romanov and they produced a son, Rudy Romanov.

Margaret and Harry Summers are Married.

Jacob and Shelly Evans are Brother and Sister.

Monique and Alexander Chancellor are Married.

Stefan and Marie are Married. They are Adian Savage's and Julian Savage's servants. Vinny and Rusty are bodyguards for Aidan Savage, Julian Savage, Alexandria Houton, and Joshua Houton.

Noted Vampires in the books – Andre, Paul Yohenstria, Ramon, Diego, Renaldo, Bernardo

Noted Carpathians turned vampire – Rand, Savon





# **Main Character's Ages When First Encountered**

Mikhail Dubrinsky Gregori Aidan and Julian Savage Jacques Dubrinsky Byron Darius Lucian Gabriel Vladimir Dubrinsky Sarantha Dubrinsky Falcon	1000 975 950 900?? 875?? ??? 2000?? 2000?? ??? ???
Raven Whitney	???
Shea O'Halloran	???
Alexandria Houton	???
Savannah Dubrinsky	23
Desari	???
Tempest	???
Sara	???
Francesca	???
Jaxon	???
Destiny	???
Eric	???
Celeste	???
Vlad	???
Eleanor	???
Tienn	???
Dierdre	???
Rand	???
Father Hummer	???
Gary Jansen	???
Joshua Houton	6





## **Brief Character Descriptions – Major Protagonists**

**Mikhail Dubrinsky** – Carpathian Prince – Parents were Vladamir and Sarantha Dubrinsky. He is the oldest known Carpathian alive when we first meet him. His lifemate is Raven Whitney.

**Raven Whitney** – Human Female, long bodied and dark in complexion, on vacation in the Carpathian Mountains. She is a police psychic who uses her psychic talents to probe into murders and serial killers minds. Her conversion to Carpathian is largely involuntary.

**Jacques Dubrinsky** – Younger brother to Mikhail. When we first encounter him his is fun-loving and carefree, Eventually he is captured, tortured and buried alive for seven years. His mind severely damaged when he meets his lifemate, he is more animal than man.

**Shea O'Halloran** – Jacques lifemate. She is red-headed and possesses Green eyes. Her conversion is also largely involuntary. She is the product of an incomplete mating bond between her mother Maggie O'Halloran and Rand, a Carpathian who eventually turns vampire. Shea is ½ Irish and a Scientific Researcher/Doctor.

**Aidan Savage** – One of the "Golden Twins". Sent to America to rid that land of vampires, he lives in San Francisco with his loyal servants, Stefan and Marie. When he first meets his lifemate, she has been turned from human to vampiress by a vampire. Aidan transfuses her with his own blood, there-by completing her Carpathian conversion.

**Alexandria Houton** – A fair-haired, pale, artist who works for a video game designer, she drew a vampire to her. He in turn attacked her and forced her to take his blood. Saved by Aidan, she becomes his lifemate. She has a much younger brother, Joshua.

**Gregori** – "The Dark One", the most feared of all Carpathians, his age is second only to that of Mikhail. The greatest healer of the Carpathian race, his path to knowledge also one of the most tortured. His lifemate Savannah Dubrinsky, is the first of a new generation of Carpathian children.

**Savannah Dubrinsky** – A magician by trade, lithe, dark and sultry, she takes five years beyond her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, attempting to avoid her destiny as the lifemate of Gregori. She fears him, his power, his very being. But she was conceived especially for him. Though a fledgling, she is the first full Carpathian lead heroine we meet. Her parents are Mikhail and Raven Dubrinsky.

**Julian Savage** – The second of the "Golden Twins", he is the brother to Aidan. His path in life has been fraught with pain. Touched by a vampire when he was 12, and forced to take the vampire's blood, he has lived separate from his people for centuries fearing the harm he would bring to them, marked as he is with darkness. He is one of the Hunters





without equal, his knowledge approaching that of Gregori. He meets his lifemate when he is asked to warn her that she is a target of assassination.

**Desari** – The first full Carpathian, a dark Ancient Female, that we meet, her passion and trade are singing. She is complete in her own power. Her brother Darius and she are found to be the long lost brother and sister to Gregori. As an Ancient, she matches wits and skills one-to-one with Julian. She is a member of a band called the Dark Troubadors, whose members include: Darius, Barack, Dayan, Syndil, and at one time a Carpathian named Savon, who later turned vampire and attacked Syndil, and was subsequently killed by Darius.

**Darius** – Brother to Desari and Gregori, he is the acknowledged leader of this particular "lost" group of Carpathians. Talented in both Healing and Hunting, as well as Leadership, he is an eclectic individual, merging personalities of Mikhail and Gregori into one individual. He is the group coordinator for their band. Close to the end of his tortured existence, he meets Tempest, his lifemate.

**Tempest** – A flame-haired beauty, she is a mechanic by trade. She responds to an ad for a Mechanic, placed by Desari in hopes that she would be able to travel with their singing group and look after the tour bus. Desari mentions that her brain patterns don't match typical human brain patterns, and once Darius interacts with her, he experiences that flash of color and emotion and desire that only his lifemate could inspire in him. Though she doesn't understand it yet, and certainly with the lack of formal Carpathian education Darius cannot understand the signs, they are destined to mate.

**Falcon** – A hunter sent out in the world by Vladimir Dubrinsky, Mikhail's father. He returns to the Carpathian Mountains to pay honor to his Prince before seeking the dawn. He meets his lifemate along the way, and the way of his life is altered forever.

**Sara** – Falcon's lifemate, they meet on his journey to pay respects to Mikhail Dubrinsky before choosing the dawn.

Gabriel and Lucian – The "Dark Twins" they are considered to be the oldest Carpathians still possibly alive. However their legendary status precludes the direct knowledge of their whereabouts. It is said that they are 2000 years old. It is also rumored that Lucian turned vampire and Gabriel was forced to destroy him.

**Francesca** – Lifemate to Gabriel, she is a powerful woman in her own right. She brings an inordinate amount of strength and drive to a lead heroine in the Dark books.

**Jaxon Montgomery** – Heroine in Dark Guardian

**Dayan** – Hero In Dark Melody

**Corinne** – Heroine in Dark Melody (Pregnant)





**Destiny** – Heroine in Dark Destiny (The Female Vampire Hunter)





#### Other Main Protagonists -

**Celeste and Eric** – We meet them first in Dark Prince. Celeste is pregnant at the time. Eric is mentioned as a hunter.

**Vlad and Eleanor** – Also first encountered in Dark Prince, Eleanor is pregnant. She begins labor while still underground and Raven senses her presence, thereby almost losing her own life saving Eleanor and her newborn son.

**Tienn and Dierdre** – Encountered briefly in Dark Prince, Dierdre has lost many children. Rand and Noelle's son is given to them to raise after Rand is ordered to "go to ground" by Mikhail.

**Byron** – Eleanor's brother, a calm amicable individual he is very close friends with Jacques. When Jacques is captured and tortured, he is the first to realize that his friend is still alive. He is captured and tortured the same way as Jacques. By the end of Dark Desire, his status is uncertain.

**Dimitri** – Mentioned briefly in Dark Prince, not much is know about this solitary Carpathian, eventually his story will be told.

**Noelle Dubrinsky** – Killed by Hans Romanov, she is involved in a twisted relationship with Rand. Though they were not true lifemates, they produced one child. Noelle was then murdered and the child given to Tienn and Dierdre to rear.

**Joshua Houton** – Little brother to Alexandria Houton, he is a happy child who apparently loves dogs. He is 6 when we first meet him.

**Father Edgar Hummer** – A long-term friend to Mikhail, he provided counsel for Mikhail on many occasions. Sent to protet Raven when Mikhail was gravely injured, he was eventually killed by the vampire who wanted Raven.

**Marie and Stefan** – Servants to Aidan, Julian, Alexandria and Joshua, they are the current generation of their family to serve this group. Fully knowledgeable of who and what Carpathians are, they have passed the mantle of service from one generation to the next.

**Vinny and Rusty** – Bodyguards to Aidan, both are nearly killed protecting Joshua from demon attackers. Joshua is subsequently abducted but found by Aidan and returned unharmed.

**Maggie O'Halloran** – Shea's mother, she was not completely converted to Carpathian, a fact that kept her in a state of painful limbo, until Shea left home. She then committed suicide. Rand was her true lifemate, but as he maintained his devotion to Noelle, he never completed mating with her.





**Gary Jansen** – A biotech researcher, he develops a serum that can kill or severely injure Carpathians and vampires alike. Eventually he meets Savannah and Gregori, and his viewpoints are altered completely. He divulges all of the information he can to Gregori and actually saves Gregori and Savannah's lives.





#### Secondary Characters -

**Heidi Romanov** – An occasional midwife to Carpathian women, she knows nothing of Carpathian heritage. Eventually, she is killed in a rage by her husband Hans.

**Dr. Westhermer** – A midwife to some Carpathains who are pregnant.

**Shelly Evans** – A pawn in and attempt by her brother to seek out and destroy Carpathians, she is but a minor presence in the story.

**Thomas Ivan** – A video game designer, with his eyes on Alexandria Houton, his newly hired employee.

**Henry** – An old man whom Alexandria chooses to look after her brother Joshua during a job interview, he is killed by a vampire – Paul Yohenstria.

**Monique and Alexander Chancellor** – A couple, abducted by a vampire named Andre, to be used for sustenance by Raven in Andre's attempt to kidnap Raven for himself. The are eventually returned to their home, unharmed, with no knowledge of their terror.

**Barack** – A quiet, moody, often possessive Carpathian who is a member of the Dark Trubadors – run by Darius and Desari. His self-appointed task is the protection of Syndil after her attack.

**Dayan** – Another bandmate, he is focused and caring. Eventually we will know his story.

**Syndil** – The second female band member, she is brutally attacked by Savon, a friend turned vampire. She can hear the earth and heal it with her well developed Carpathian power. She is an Ancient in her own right.

**Peter Sanders** – Savannah's tour manager, he was briefly encountered in the beginning chapter of Dark Magic. He was supposedly very nice, good with money, and very well organized. Seemingly cheerful, he was killed by Roberto, a vampire.

**David Johnson** – A detective with the San Francisco Police Department, he interviews Savannah and Gregori on Peter Sander's death. Highly suggestible, he is attracted to Savannah. He has a heart problem, discovered by us because of a mental and physical scan by Gregori.

**Wade Carter** – A pain-in-the rear reporter. He is also a Society member who attempts to capture Gregori, utilizing a poison dart. He also stalks Savannah until such time as Gregori dispatches him.





**Beau La Rue** – A long-time Bayou resident in New Orleans, he was born in the area. His father was a trapper in the Bayou and Beau, himself, learned the legends of the swamp from his father. Both he and his father encountered "Old Man Alligator", a legendary alligator who killed children and animals. Beau was "touched" by the alligator, who was really a vampire. He bore the mental scars until Julian blocked them for him and later Gregori removed the taint from his soul. He takes Savannah and Gregori on a Bayou tour and later, with Gary Jansen's insistence, rescues them from the dawn.

**Dennis Crockett** – A Society member, possibly from Florida, we know only that Gary knows him and nothing much else about him.

**Cullen Baker** – Secondary character in Dark Fire.

**Wallace Brother** – Secondary character in Dark Fire.

**Another Society Member** – Secondary character in Dark Fire.

Master Vampire – Secondary character in Dark Dream

**Skyler** – Secondary character in Dark Legend

Dr. ???- Secondary character in Dark Legend

**Vampire** – Secondary character in Dark Legend

**Lucian** – Secondary character in Dark Legend.





#### **Locations of Books or Locations Mentioned**

**Carpathian Mountains** – Mentioned or Implied Mention or Appearance in Every book. Major Appearances in Dark Prince, Dark Desire, and Dark Dream.

**Hungary** – Appeared in Dark Prince and Dark Desire.

**Ireland** – Appeared in Dark Desire. Shea O'Halloran's mother, Maggie, apparently was Irish and Shea was mentioned to have lived in Ireland with her mother.

San Francisco – Appeared In Dark Gold, Dark Magic and Dark Challenge. Dark Gold, Aidan's story, takes place entirely in San Francisco. Dark Magic, Gregori's story, begins in San Francisco with Savannah Dubrinsky's Magic Show, but continues in New Orleans. Dark Challenge begins in San Francisco with the attempted assassination of Desari at the hands of Vampire Society Members.

New Orleans – Appeared in Dark Magic, mentioned in Dark Challenge. Gregori and Savannah, from Dark Magic, travel to New Orleans to lead a group of vampire out of San Francisco, away from Aidan and Alexandria Savage. Dark Magic ends in the Bayou of New Orleans. New Orleans is also mentioned in Dark Challenge, considering that Julian had lived there once and Savannah and Gregori occupy the house in which Julian once lived.

North of San Francisco – Clear Lake/Konocti Harbor Resort and Spa – Appeared in Dark Challenge This Harbor Resort/Spa is a favored place for the band, The Dark Troubadours, to perform. Desari, Darius, Barack, Dayan, and Syndil comprise the band.

**Northern Forest – California** – To Appear in Dark Fire.

**Paris France** – Mentioned In Dark Challenge, Appears In Dark Legend. Paris France was mentioned in Dark Challenge by Bernardo, the vampire who had tormented Julian throughout his centuries, as a place that the Dark Twins, Gabriel and Lucian, were last known to be seen. He mentions that there are two versions of a battle between them, but that legend has it that one or both were destroyed or sought the dawn. Appearing in Dark Legend, Gabriel and Francesca's book, as the major setting for it.

**London** – Mentioned in Dark Challenge. Mentioned as a rumored place that the Dark Twins had traveled to or had been spotted in.

**Romania** – Mentioned in Dark Challenge, Possibly Appears in Dark Dream.

**Transylvania** – Mentioned In Dark Challenge.





**Florida** – Mentioned in Dark Magic. Mentioned by a Society member as a possible location for a larger contingent of society members. Also was mentioned by "Old Man Alligator" as a retreat for himself.

**South America** – Mentioned in Dark Magic. It was discussed that there could be some Carpathian individuals who had taken up residence in South America. Possibly mentioned by Darius in Dark Challenge, though I will have to check it out before I can say for certain.

**Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop** – Appears in Dark Magic. The base for the "Vampire Hunt" which Gregori, Savannah, and Gary went on. Also where two society members caught up with Savannah.

Coastal Africa – Mentioned in Dark Challenge. Darius and the group of Carpathian children he protected, lived in a coastal region of Africa amongst the panthers and leopards. Julian mentions that he also had spent time in Africa, but his path never crossed with Darius and his group.





#### Antagonists for Dark Books - BY THE BOOK TITLE

## **Dark Prince**

Margaret Summers – A guest at the inn at which Raven first stays, she is psychic in nature but not noticeably so. An older lady, she is married to Harry Summers and is fanatically anti-vampire. She is killed by Mikhail and Gregori, after she attempted to kill Eleanor while she was in labor. One of her associates also attempted to kill Raven, while Raven was trying to divert attention from Eleanor.

**Harry Summers** – Married to Margaret, he has very little role in the story except to be part of the group attempting to kill Eleanor and he is killed by Mikhail and Gregori at that time.

**Jacob Evans** – A fanatic, his sister Shelly is used as a pawn to get at Mikhail. He also attempts, on two occasions, to get Raven alone in a situation with him. Both times, he is dissuaded by Mikhail, one time Mikhail is chokes him and the other time he is intimidated by a large bear. He is killed by Mikhail and Gregori during the same incident in which Harry and Margaret are killed. However, he is killed by driving his own knife into his own throat, unlike the others at the site.

**Kurt Von Halen** – A society member, he is mentioned as a visitor at the inn at which Raven is staying. He plays a nominal role in the book, we never see him though.

**Dieter Hodkins** – A society member, he is also a visitor at the inn, he attempts to kill Mikhail at the end of the book, at which time Mikhail dispatches him while in the form of a wolf.

**Antonio Fabrezo** – A society member, he is also a resident at the inn; he also attempts to kill Mikhail at the end of the book. Mikhail also dispatches him while in wolf form.

**James Slovensky** – The younger brother of Eugene Slovensky, he is also a fanatical member of the vampire society. He is responsible for the abduction of Raven at the book's end. He shoots Mikhail three times when Mikhail attempts to rescue Raven. He is killed by Gregori. Method of death is a rockfall, which buries him essentially alive.

**Don Wallace** – The nephew of Eugene Slovensky, he is fifteen years old at the end of the book. We encounter him again in Dark Desire.

**Rand** – I consider him a villain/antagonist in the book, simply because his hatred is what spills over into the next book. He was mate (not lifemate) to Noelle, had a son by her, and left her alone without proper protection when he went out hunting for women. Noelle was subsequently killed, Rand was sent to ground, and as we find out later, had a child.





**Andre** – A vampire in the end of the book. He is known by Aidan. He kidnaps Raven in order to make her his lifemate, when he cannot. He is killed by Mikhail in the last major confrontation of the book, but not before he attempts to harm Raven by making her feel his pain as Mikhail attacks him.

**Hans Romanov** – A long-time resident of the Carpathian Mountain area, his father once had a situation with Mikhail, and his father's rage was passed down to Hans. Hans was a member of the local fanatical group that attempted to kill Eleanor and then Raven. He is killed in the same storm in which Harry and Margaret Summers and Jacob Evans are killed.

**Raul Romanov** – The father of Hans Romanov, he was found to be harming girls and Mikhail stopped him. Raul grew vengeful of Mikhail and drew his son into his fantastic notions of Mikhail as a vampire. He died of unknown causes.

**Rudy Romanov** – Hans Romanov's son, he found his mother Heidi dead after his father had killed her. Initially, we encounter his grief, Raven attempts to comfort him, but Mikhail reads more into him that Raven could see. Later, Rudy attempts to kill Mikhail and Raven, after finding "evidence" that Hans had left. Rudy was admitted to a mental hospital and drugged. Gregori takes his blood, thereby to control him, and we hear no more about him for the rest of the book.

**Eugene Slovensky** – The older brother of James Slovensky, he is the ringleader of the Society in the area. He promises his nephew, Don Wallace, a surprise for his birthday, only to find that the surprise is the dead body of his brother. We encounter him again in Dark Desire.

#### **Dark Desire**

**Eugene Slovensky** – An individual we first meet in Dark Prince, he has grown in hatred and in cruelty by the second book of the series. He also was responsible for torturing the Carpathians brought to him by "The Vulture" and killing the majority of them. He was also one of two who attacked Raven and Shea while Jacques, Gregori, and Mikhail were out searching for Byron. He was killed, from a distance, by the three Carpathians utilizing Shea's sight to do so.

**Don Wallace** – Met first as a teenager in Dark Prince, he has become a vile and vengeful adult. We first encounter him in the beginning of the book, interrogating Shea about her 'supposed' vampire traits. He is also responsible for killing Shea's brother and for torturing Jacques. He attacks Raven and Shea, nearly killing Raven. He is killed by Jacques, Mikhail, and Gregori, utilizing Shea's sight to do so.

**Jeff Smith** – Left in the torture crypt by Eugene and Don, we first encountered him when he was assisting Don Wallace in questioning Shea. He was involved in the torture and





murder of the other Carpathians and the torture of Jacques. He was ultimately killed by Jacques.

Rand – The Vulture – A Carpathian-turned-vampire, he was sent to ground after Noelle, his mate, was killed in the first book. Rand, however, had found his lifemate in the form of Maggie O'Halloran. He only completed part of the blood exchanges, but because of her, he had his emotions and colors back. He conceived a child, Shea, with Maggie and then abandoned Maggie each time he returned to Noelle. Though he has his emotions, he turns vampire none-the-less. He delivers Carpathian victims to the Vampire Society members for torture and murder. He also delivered his own son by Noelle and Jacques. He attempts to prove to Shea that he is actually her lifemate, after abducting Byron. However, Shea does not agree with his assessment. He is killed by Jacques in the last major scene in the book.

## Dark Gold

**Paul Yohenstria** – The first vampire we encounter in Dark Gold. A vampire, he turns Alexandria Houton with three blood exchanges. He uses Joshua, Alexandria's brother, to force her compliance. He is killed by Aidan at which time Aidan believes Alexandria to be a deranged vampiress.

**Diego** – One of two vampires who came to San Francisco to challenge Aidan for his lifemate. Gregori kills his unnamed co-conspirator. He uses demon dogs and a human puppet to kidnap Joshua Houton, in an attempt to draw out Alexandria and Aidan. Aidan weaves a spell around Joshua to protect him and then attacks Diego and kills him.

**Ramon** – A vampire, in the middle of the book Dark Gold, who threatens Alexandria. Aidan dispatches him, along with another unnamed vampire, before almost dying himself. Alexandria and Stefan bring the car and Alexandria attempts to give up her life to save Aidan's.

#### Dark Magic

**Roberto** – The first vampire we encounter in Dark Magic, he attacks Peter Sanders, Savannah Dubrinsky's tour manager, and kills him. He then attempts to take Savannah for himself only to be killed by Gregori.

**Morrison** – The master vampire ruling over New Orleans. He is seen only once in the book and nothing is heard of him, except the certainty that he is still alive by the end of the book.

**Rodney** – One of two individuals who kidnap a girl, believing her to be a vampire, and torturing her. Gary Jansen protests and threatens to call their boss, Morrison. Rodney is killed by Gregori.





**Todd Davis** – The second individual who kidnaps the girl, he is also a servant of Morrison. He too is killed by Gregori.

**Rafael** – The first vampire we encounter in New Orleans, he tries to gloat to Gregori that he is the master vampire and that Morrison serves him. Gregori sees through the ruse and after playing with him, kills him.

**Derek Evans** – One of two society members who ransack Gary Jansen's hotel room, he and his partner Dan Martin, take Gary to the swamp and attempt to kill him. Before they can, Gregori kills Evans.

**Dan Martin** – The other society member who ransacks Gary's hotel room, he also attempts to kill Gary before Gregori kills him.

**Randall Smith** – One of two society members we encounter in Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop at the end of the book. He is killed by Gregori.

**John Perkins** – The other society member we encounter at the Vampire hunt. He is killed by Gregori.

"Old Man Alligator" – A vampire in the form of an alligator that Gregori encounters in the swamp Bayou of New Orleans. The vampire was responsible for scarring Beau La Rue's soul. He tries to persuade Gregori to allow him to live and retreat to the Florida Everglades, however Gregori has other ideas and dispatches him post-haste.

## **Dark Challenge**

**Savon** – A Carpathian turned Vampire, he was an original member of the Dark Troubadours, a band comprised of Desari, Darius, Barack, Dayan, and Syndil. He turned vampire, and attacked Syndil. He was killed by Darius.

**Renaldo** – A Vampire who issues a challenge to Darius in an attempt to claim one of the two women, Syndil or Desari, who are members of the band. By the time of the confrontation between Julian, Darius, and Renaldo, Julian has already claimed Desari as his lifemate. Julian is responsible for the major proportion of his death, with minor assistance from Darius.

**Bernardo** – A Vampire who masqueraded as a Carpathian to gain the trust of Julian Savage when he was but 12 years old. Bernardo forced Julian to take blood from him, thereby creating a blood link. This forced Julian to alienate himself from his people because Bernardo was using the mind/blood link to harm the other Carpathians, including his own twin, Aidan. Julian killed him in the last scene of the book.

Assorted Other Antagonists to be developed in Dark Fire, Dark Dream, Dark Legend, Dark Melody and Dark Destiny - To be described as they arise.





#### **Timeline**

Note: BDP = Before Dark Prince ADP = After Dark Prince

2000 BDP = Vladimir and Sarantha Dubrinsky are mated.

Approximately 2000 BDP = The Dark Twins are Born = Gabriel and Lucian

Sometime during this time Vladimir is Killed in the Wars. 1000 BDP = Mikhail Dubrinsky is born.

975 BDP = Gregori is Born Darius and Desari (brother and sister of Gregori) born Darius, Desari, Dayan, Savon, Syndil, Barack – thought lost in Turk Wars

800 BDP = Aidan and Julian Savage are Born

700 BDP?? = Jacques Dubrinsky is born.

675 BDP?? = Byron is born.

500 BDP = Noelle Dubrinsky is born.

25 BDP?? = Raven Whitney is born.

DP = Dark Prince

Mikhail Dubrinsky mates with human Raven Whitney. Noelle Dubrinsky is killed.

Shea O'Halloran is born sometime during this time or slightly before.

25 ADP = Jacques Dubrinsky mates with Shea O'Hallorhan – Dark Desire Raven becomes pregnant with Gregori's lifemate.

Assume that Alexandria Houton is born sometime around this time frame.

48 ADP = Savannah Dubrinsky is 23 years old. Aidan Savage mates with Alexandria Houton – Dark Gold

48 ADP = Dark Magie Savannah Dubrinsky mates with Gregori.

48+ a few months ADP = Dark Challenge Julian Savage mates with Desari





Darius – DF, directly after Dark Challenge – Current Time

Dark Dream – Short Story in Anthology – Current Time

Dark Legend – Dark Twins Story – Current Time

Dark Guardian – Current Time

Dark Melody - Dayan's Story, Reunion book for the Dark Family - Current Time

Dark Destiny – The Female Vampire Hunter – Current Time