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# The Kane Chronicles

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## **Committee Background**

The modern world runs on technology, economics, and time, but beneath the skyscrapers and satellite signals lies something far, far older. Thousands of years prior to governments rising or borders being drawn, more supernatural forces ruled reality. Beyond the veil of the ordinary, it was the ancient Egyptian cosmos pulsing with energy. Magic is real, though few know where to find it. The gods never vanished, they simply stepped back, letting mortals believe that the myths had ended.

This hidden world is governed by ancient rules, through balance: something the ancients called Ma'at. Order, truth, and harmony hold the universe together like threads in a tapestry. As part of this lies the gods: primordial, divine beings who exist as living embodiments of natural forces and sacred principles. Unlike distant deities of myth, they are active entities within the fabric of reality, dwelling primarily in the Duat, yet capable of influencing the mortal world. Though their full presence cannot exist in our realm without consequence, they can periodically channel their essence into chosen mortals, using them as vessels to act, speak, or intervene directly when the balance demands it.

However, some claim the borders between the mortal world and the Duat, the mystical realm of being where gods and spirits reside, are breaking down. Strange occurrences are becoming harder to ignore, as unaccountable natural catastrophes emerge. Spectral appearances, spells going awry in the hands of skilled practitioners, and unseeable spectacles continue to disrupt the peace of the commonwealth. As this takes place, centuries worth of secrets, agreements, and buried menaces are starting to resurface. The world is not simply changing, it is coming apart.

This leaves the magic community in disarray, with some holding onto tradition, denying the changing patterns, and others experimenting with powers previously deemed forbidden. However, it is collectively agreed that something is on the horizon, and it may be that long-resting threat stirring or the system itself starting to unravel, with the equilibrium that kept everything in check no longer functioning as it had in the past. You stand now at a crossroads: not merely of magic and myth, but of existence itself. The world is starting to shift, and what happens from here will determine if it stabilizes or falls into the unravelling chaos.



## Topic A: Combating the Return of Apophis

Throughout the world, indescribable shaking has stirred throughout the modern world. Long-dormant holy books have started burning from the inside-out, while others have gone completely missing. Hundreds of spells of protection, some which have stood for millennia, have fallen one night. These are not natural events or coincidents, but the signs of a bigger plot: the slow, increasing beat of chaos reentering the world. At the heart of all the chaos is one name invoked in the darkest sorcery and most forbidden oracles: Apophis.

Once banished beyond the fringes of reality, said to have been buried in the Duat by impenetrable magic, Apophis is the primordial source of chaos in the world of magic. As time continues, his prison crumbles. His strength, once suspended, is bleeding back into the mortal world, with nightmares reverberating throughout magic lines. Chaotic magic has already begun to manifest spontaneously, with even common people noticing illusions involving serpent imagery.



Recent efforts to stop Apophis have all been in vain, as search parties disappear and even the most skilled seers find nothing but voids when trying to locate the source. In one case, an entire temple was found in ruins, with no survivors, no evidence of combat, but only sand and silence. The House of Life, formerly an entity dedicated to defending the world from such horrors, now stands grappling in fear and denial with the ever-growing threat. Thus, pursuits to suppress the omens have merely served to intensify them. In a few places, closing off ancient portals has pushed local dissent to pandemic levels, releasing Denizens of the Duat into human populations. In others, aspiring sorcerers trying to

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reflect Apophis's power have become vessels for it, releasing corruption in humanoid shape. The longer the shakes continue unopposed, the bigger they get. Apophis's rise is no longer a question of "if," but "when" and "how fast."

Your task is not only to delay him, but to determine where his strength is emerging, how he is bypassing ancient precautions, and what can now be done to halt or destroy him. Apophis feeds on fragmentation, concealment, and procrastination. Only through unity, strategy, and immediacy can the world avert utter dissolution into chaos.

### **Questions to Consider**

1. How can the magical world unify to respond before full manifestation occurs?
2. What immediate steps can stop Aphophis' power from spreading further?
3. How do we safeguard both magic and mortal realms from irreversible corruption?

### **Helpful Links**

1. <https://riordan.fandom.com/wiki/Apophis>
2. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Apopis-Egyptian-god>



## Topic B: Establishing Restrictions on the Mortal Hosts of Gods

Across the magical world, hosting gods in mortal bodies has grown increasingly commonplace, and increasingly fatal. When a god is paired with a man, the result is a being of unparalleled power, with powers far surpassing mortal sorcerers. These “godlings” can be the result of willingness or unwillingness, and can either be stable or unstable, but they share one risk: merging a mortal mind with an immortal will. While others continue to hold some level of agency, others are completely possessed, reduced to little more than conduits for divine power to act through. The implications are wide-ranging. Mortal hosts imbued with divine power can bypass ordinary magical power, act outside of the control of the House of Life, and act uncontrolled by any institutional authority.



Even more concerning is that not all the gods are created equal: some are benevolent, some are variable, and some have agendas that are anti-Ma'at, the magical equivalent of balance that holds the world together. One rogue host under the control of a variable god could destabilize whole areas, intrude on holy business, or accidentally create magical catastrophes. Piled on top of this problem is the lack of an integrated legal system to oversee these unions. Currently, there are no set boundaries on the amount of time a god can spend within a host, no acknowledged distinction between consensual unions and divine possession, and no accepted process for cancelling or

regulating such unions.

You must plug those holes and set moral, magical, and legal boundaries on mortal hosting of deities. You will have to determine whether or not such unions can ever truly be safe, who should be eligible to serve as a host, and what safeguards must be employed in order to protect both the host and the greater magical hierarchy.

## Questions to Consider

1. What oversight structures can be implemented to prevent misuse of divine power?
2. How should we limit the length of god-host bonds?
3. How can we hold both gods and hosts accountable for actions taken while bonded?

## Helpful Links

1. <https://riordan.fandom.com/wiki/Godling>
2. [https://riordan.fandom.com/wiki/House\\_of\\_Life](https://riordan.fandom.com/wiki/House_of_Life)



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