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THE TWELVE SHENGXIAO SEALS

An Initiate's Guide

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THE THIRTEENTH SEAL ACADEMY

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THE IMPERIAL CALENDAR



At Shengxiao Academy, every sanctioned student belongs to one of the Twelve Houses. Each seal is a lineage, a discipline, and a social order woven into imperial life. Together, they form the official Calendar recognized by the empire. Each House preserves its own traditions, rituals, and burdens. Some are feared. Some are admired. Some are obeyed without question. To study the seals is to study the empire itself - its order, its memory, and the powers it permits to endure.

THE CALENDAR RECOGNIZES TWELVE.

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鼠 RAT

Hidden routes, coded records, and survival under notice.

The Rat Seal governs what slips between structures: secret passages, overlooked knowledge, and the instinct to endure under pressure. Its discipline is quiet, adaptive, and difficult to corner.



牛 OX

Vows, gates, endurance, and the weight of duty.

The Ox Seal stands for strength that does not break easily. Its traditions are bound to labor, guardianship, and the burdens that must be carried without applause.



虎 TIGER

Blood heat, sanctioned strength, and the danger of fear denied.

The Tiger Seal embodies force, courage, and violence held close to law. Its path is one of discipline under intensity - and the consequences of power that refuses restraint.



兔 RABBIT

Veils, moon-bridges, dream-listening, and protected truths.

The Rabbit Seal moves through softness, secrecy, and guarded perception. Its disciplines favor what is hidden, what is half-spoken, and what may only be known in stillness.



龍 DRAGON

Imperial authority, command, and celestial fire.

The Dragon Seal stands closest to sanctioned power. It speaks through rank, leadership, and the authority to shape order in the empire's name.



蛇 SNAKE

Medicine, venom, bargains, and body-reading.

The Snake Seal governs knowledge that heals, harms, and unsettles. Its practitioners are tied to transformation, diagnosis, and the dangerous intimacy of understanding what lives beneath the skin.



馬 HORSE

Flight, borders, rebellion, and the cost of freedom.

The Horse Seal belongs to motion, crossing, and refusal. Its legacy is restless, drawn toward escape, distance, and the price demanded by self-determination.



羊 GOAT

Visions, ritual weaving, beauty, and sacrifice.

The Goat Seal preserves artistry entwined with omen and ceremony. Its disciplines are often graceful, but never harmless; what is woven may also bind.



猴 MONKEY

Games, mimicry, tilted luck, and impossible puzzles.

The Monkey Seal thrives on wit, disruption, and unstable advantage. Its path favors cleverness, inversion, and the unsettling ability to turn certainty into doubt.



雞 ROOSTER

Public truth, reputation, accusation, and duel law.

The Rooster Seal governs declaration, honor, and exposure. Its discipline is sharp and visible, tied to the consequences of what is spoken aloud before witnesses.



狗 DOG

Guardianship, loyalty, and the scent of betrayal.

The Dog Seal holds to protection, vigilance, and faith under strain. Its strength lies not only in loyalty, but in recognizing the moment loyalty has been broken.



豬 BOAR

Roots, buried gates, ancient hunger, and what lives below.

The Boar Seal reaches downward - into endurance, buried inheritance, and the old forces that remain beneath sanctioned order. Its legacy is heavy, patient, and difficult to uproot.

THE CIRCLE OF TWELVE



The Twelve Houses do not stand alone. Each exists in relation to the others - balancing power, rivalry, ritual, and memory within the Academy's sanctioned order. Together, they create the Calendar recognized by the empire: complete, lawful, and enduring.

*Every seal grants power.
Every power collects a price.*

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