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INTRODUCTION

You run in Seattle for the same reason a baseball player in the minor leagues busts their hoop to get a shot at the big show, or a boxer works their way up the ladder to get a title fight. If there's a top to any structure, there are some people who will do whatever they can to make it there. Seattle is the top of the shadowrunning world, so some runners are committed to working there as much as possible, if only to show that they can.

While its status as a capital of shadowrunning and a home to many rich and powerful people is unchanged, Seattle is nevertheless still evolving. Now free of the faltering nation of the UCAS, Seattle has the chance to plot its own future. It's supported by millions of people and billions of nuyen, which is enough to make it as powerful as many small nations. It's problem, though, is that it's surrounded by a few not-small nations who wouldn't mind adding Seattle's billions to their economies. The city will have a tricky waltz ahead of it, convincing multiple rivals that the city's independence is in everyone's best interest—even though many of its residents don't believe that for a minute.

The Weight of Freedom brings readers up to date on the current state of Seattle and how independence is weighing on it and shaping it. Seattle Basics then provides the essential information about the sprawl as a whole.

After that, Seattle's thirteen major districts are described in individual chapters. Those chapters contain an Overview to ground you in the basics of that area, a brief description of The Vibe of the district, followed by the Extremely Local Forecast to help readers understand where the district is headed. The Hotspots section covers key locations in each district everyone should know about, including places of particular interest to shadowrunners. The Allies and Enemies section details some of the powerful individuals and groups in each district, with some thoughts on how they might help or hinder work in the shadows. Finally, Local Character provides some qualities that people in the district might have, helping shape PCs and NPCs who might spring out of these areas.

Emerald City is a great guide to the sprawl on its own, and it also works with the Shadowrun, Sixth World City Edition: Seattle to use the city as a springboard for adventures and campaigns. Seattle has long had darker shadows, deeper pockets, and murkier secrets than any other place in the Sixth World, and none of that has changed. It's only intensified, as the powers of the city realize it can be tough to rally against a common enemy when just about everyone is against you. There's plenty of tension, but that also means intrigue and shadow work, particularly for runners who can rise to the top.

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"Just because things may not be pretty does not make them any less real."

Professor T.R. Stealth

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TODAY'S HEADS-UP

All roads seem to take us back to Seattle. Time to find out what's up in the Queen City of the shadows. —Glitch

INCOMING

- >>> Crack the code, own the world. But do you really want it? [TAG: THE KECHIBI CODE]
- >>> Shadowrunners literally come in all shapes and sizes. [TAG: SIXTH WORLD COMPANION]
- >>> Two critical facts all runners should know: how to get in and how to get out. [TAG: SHADOW POINTS]

TOP NEWS ITEMS

- >>> World futures markets agree that occasional trading freezes are better for their ongoing health and stability.
- >>> Leaked audio of conversation between Saeder-Krupp executives refers to their "ongoing deal with the devil."
- >>> Perianwyr announces Dragonpalooza 2082 lineup.

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BUTTERFLY

BY KEVIN R CZARNECKI SENSITIVITY READ BY MAK MEURER

The floor was sticky, the lights were strobing, and Aponi had a headache. The kind that came from too much noise in too small a space, the noise that transcended sound and became painful sensation. Bugstomp was an acquired taste, as far as music went, and they had never acquired it. Sounded too much like a KnightRaid IV end boss mixed with a psychotic street festival for zonescavers, but Penumbra's special guest DJ was pounding it out like it was going out of style. If anyone felt like Aponi did, going out of style wouldn't happen soon enough. Make it Pariah Soul any day.

EB seemed to enjoy it. Unlike the rather suspect vintage schoolgirl apparel they'd seen her in before, today's outfit called upon the fetishistic finest of modern club sensibilities, with enough latex and fishnet to suggest a parody of the media's idea of a shadowrunner. They'd wondered if that would stand out, but here among the writhing socialites and glitchkids, they felt far more out of place in modest street clothes. EB was infinitely more in her element, scanning the crowd as though speaking with looks at the figures who glanced her way. You're not worth my time. Hey, didn't expect to see you out

tonight. You, you're coming home with me. Not a word, but everything said. They'd seen faces work their magic before, but the fact she was an actual summoner as well spoke to the expectations placed on shadow assets in Seattle.

Aponi had come a long, long way from Saskatoon, indeed.

Behind them, Mr. Johnson was nervously pulling at his tie, gesturing for attention in futility as they ignored him on purpose. It seemed disrespectful and counterintuitive, but EB promised it was how the dance was done in Seattle. One more difference from the Algonkian-Manitou Council lands. It seemed incredibly roundabout and wasteful, but then, what wasn't in this surviving vestige of the UCAS? After an internal count as their companion had instructed them, he turned to acknowledge the short Japanese corporate. If they'd felt somewhat out of place, this man might as well have been a troll at a Humanis rally. He stunk of middle management, apprehensive and sweating.

"Excuse me, are you, ah, Aponi?"

A single nod, inspiring a relieved slump of the shoulders. Mr. Johnson shouted just as the music rose to a brain-splitting trash drum crescendo, absorbing his words entirely before simply gesturing for them to follow. Around the thrashing dance floor to a mid-range booth, itself a VIP luxury, he guided them to sit. The leather felt new and soft, and as they allowed EB to take the middle position, she produced a small box, setting it at the center of the table and flicking the activator.