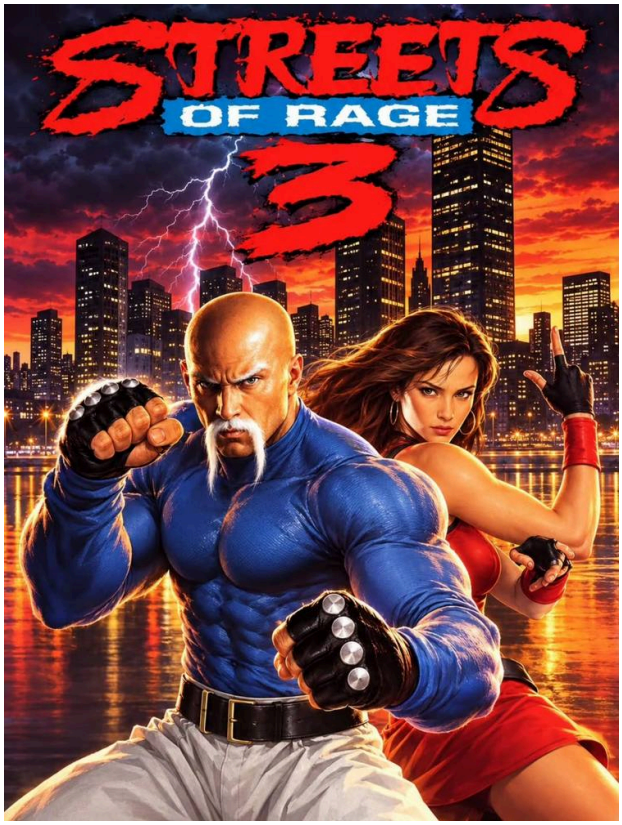
The Streets of Rage Saga Complete Timeline

Every dated event across all sixteen volumes - from the Jomon prophecy around 300,000 years ago to the final war in 2059 - with date conflicts flagged in place and the dream-framed events of *Behind the World* marked with a dagger.



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Compiled from the plot summaries of books #1-#15 and *Syndicate Wars: Systemic Malice*

A timeline of events in Matthew Drury's Streets of Rage saga novels, from the deep past to 2059, from the plot summaries of all sixteen volumes: #1–#9 in The Complete Saga, #10 Streets of Rage 4, #11 The Sentinel, #12 Prometheus Shadow, #13 The Vanguard Awakens, #14 Revolutions, #15 Vanguard Eclipse, and Syndicate Wars: Systemic Malice.

> How to read this timeline: each event is listed once, at the date the books give it — flashbacks sit at their own date, with a note where they are recounted much later. Each entry carries its book in brackets. Dates marked "(approx.)" are best estimates from the summaries. Where the books disagree on a date, the event is placed at the date the relevant book gives and the conflict is flagged — these disagreements are the saga's own, and they are not resolved here.

> Events in the 2030 section marked † are the events of *Behind the World* (#9) as written: Adam's death, Enigma murdering Blaze, Tina's suicide, the children taken into Hell. Book #10, *Streets of Rage 4*, reframes them as Axel's recurring dreams, planted by the Y Syndicate through DJ K-Washi's mind-control music, which stop when K-Washi dies — presented as Axel's conclusion, with Floyd's reading (the dreams are symbolic) left as an alternative. The † events are listed as the books present them, flagged as dreams, not settled fact.

1 The deep past — the Jomon era

Long before the Syndicate, an advanced Jomon civilisation mastered quantum technology, bioengineering and mysticism — and contacted something beyond the world.

c. 300,000 years ago (approx.) — A Jomon prophecy names Blaze the "fire-woven soul" who alone can seal the Consciousness Bridge, at the cost of merging with it. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

50,348 BC — In Antarctica's Temple of the Starveil, King Samyaza shows his brother Urakabarameel the twenty-foot Colossus battlesuit, a bridge to the quantum realm; Urakabarameel climbs inside and contacts the Shadow Man. [Revolutions #14]

Thousands of years ago (legend, approx.) — The Jomon Empire, spanning East Asia and Antarctica under Great Kings Urakabarameel and Samyaza, masters quantum, bioengineering and mystical technologies. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]



Mr. X - George Xetheus, founder of the Syndicate. Art by @shane1977drury, via @soronline.

2 The Syndicate's rise — 1897–1996

Two men build the forces that will fight for sixty years: a Nazi war criminal who refuses to stay dead, and a senator who turns crime into government.

1897 — Dreadnought is born Karl Haupstein in Munich, later a Nazi colonel and Thule Society head who experiments on prisoners. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

1943 — In Dreadnought's Vehelits Experiment, prisoner Gunther Plaut becomes the shape-shifting Vehelits; John Souther carves "Zamza" on his arm. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

Early 1944 — Arnold Toht steals Dreadnought's Laxine research and becomes a Syndicate power-broker. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

24 April 1945 — Dreadnought is hit by a tank shell at the Teltow Canal and vanishes; Toht and Dietrich Dahm survive. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

1950 — George Xetheus is born in Belmopan, Belize, son of a wealthy landowner. [Origins #2]

1956 — A Romanian grave is identified by dental records as Dreadnought's. *Conflict flagged: Dreadnought later recalls dying in the 1950s and waking with Dahm in 2014, with no explanation of how it was rebuilt.* [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

1966 — Xetheus joins the US Armed Forces aged 16, later fighting in Vietnam. [Origins #2]

1970 — Xetheus is captured and tortured by the Viet Cong, escapes by killing his captors, and returns in 1972 a hero. [Origins #2]

1977 — Xetheus's father dies; Xetheus graduates top of his class from Yale Law and grows rich through inheritance. [Origins #2]

1979 — Gilbert Zan accidentally discovers the Rakushin particle. *Conflict flagged: [Project Y #3] and [Behind the World #9] date Zan's discovery of element Rakushin (atomic number 122) to 1999.* [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

1985 — Xetheus joins the Republican Party, rigs the California Senate election, becomes Chairman of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and diverts government spending into the Syndicate. [Origins #2]

1986 — Xetheus founds the Syndicate, conceiving Operation Shadow Hand. *Conflict flagged: [Shadow Hand #7] says in 2015 that Shadow Hand had been planned since the Syndicate's formation nineteen years earlier, implying c. 1996.* [Origins #2; Shadow Hand #7]

1988 — Locke Stone meets Mara Moss and moves to Long Beach; they open the Stone Dojo. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

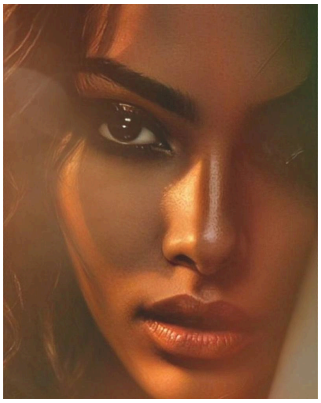
1989 — Dr. Henry Dahm is recruited and the Shadow Hand Projects begin. [Shadow Hand #7]

c. 1992 (approx.) — Axel Stone is born to Locke and Mara Stone. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

1993 (approx.) — Blaze Fielding is born into the Tsáchila tribe on Isla del Coco / Cocos Island. [Origins #2; Behind the World #9]

1994 — Xetheus holidays in the Galapagos and later orders the Tsáchila village destroyed as a Project X cybernetics experiment. [Origins #2]

14 June 1996 — The Tsáchila massacre: Orochi raiders slaughter the village; three-year-old Blaze is found alive, taken to Bahia de Caraquez, pronounced dead by Dr. Natasha Long, then her body vanishes that night. [Origins #2]



Blaze Fielding, sole survivor of the 1996 Tsachila massacre. Art via @soronline.

3 The lost years — 1999–2012

Axel loses his father and Blaze loses her childhood; both are shaped into the people the Syndicate will one day need.

12 May 1998 — Locke Stone, 28, teaches six-year-old Axel the backfist and Grand Uppercut at the Stone Dojo. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

22 November 1998 — Haku-Oh demands $3 million from Locke and gives him three more months to pay. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

3 March 1999, c. 1:49 a.m. — The Stone house and dojo are set on fire; Locke, stabbed by Haku-Oh, dies, while Axel rescues Mara and Tina escapes. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

1999 — Dr. Gilbert Zan discovers element Rakushin at the Killey Research Institute. *Conflict flagged with the 1979 date given in [The Rise of Dreadnought #5].* [Project Y #3; Behind the World #9]

Late 1990s — Leon and Kagami Shiva grow up in Japan with their father Illias Shiva, a ninjitsu master; Leon leaves for the US in 2002. [Shadow Hand #7]

c. 2002 — Leon Shiva leaves Japan for the United States to join the Air Force. [Shadow Hand #7]

2003 — The feral Blaze is said to have killed a two-year-old boy in Ecuador. [Origins #2]

2004 — The feral Blaze is said to have maimed a four-year-old in Ecuador. [Origins #2]

c. 2005 — Zeed terrorists murder Illias Shiva and burn the family home; Kagami survives beside her father's body. *Conflict flagged: Shiva later says his father and sister were murdered while he served in Gulf War II, with different killers and timing.* [Shadow Hand #7]

9 May 2005 (per her Paragon file) — Blaze is committed to Edgemont Psychiatric Hospital for murder and manslaughter. *Conflict flagged: this predates the July 2005 attack that supposedly led to her capture.* [Origins #2]

July 2005 — Blaze bites eight-year-old Lucy Carpenter in Machalilla National Park; biologist Martin Sloane captures her, sends her to Edgemont, and gives her the surname Fielding. [Origins #2]

2005 / 2010 (dates conflict) — At Edgemont, Dr. Howard Jerrin gives teenage Blaze a gene serum and quantum nanites, giving her fireball and telekinesis; the appendix dates this to 2005, the text to 2010. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2006 — Zan joins RoboCy in California under Dr. Henry Dahm; RoboCy is a Syndicate front using murdered islanders' bodies. [Behind the World #9]

c. 2009–2010 — The original Zeed kidnaps children; Musashi's parents are killed searching for them, and Musashi, Kato and Yamato destroy the Zeed. *Conflict flagged: [The New Syndicate #4] says three years before 2018; [Shadow Dancer #6] says eleven years before 2021.* [The New Syndicate #4; Shadow Dancer #6]

2010 — Axel graduates top of his LAPD Academy class; his mother Mara dies in a car crash on the Orange flyover — later revealed by Haku-Oh as a deliberate hit meant for Axel. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

2010 — Blaze's release hearings are denied, though her rehabilitation is said to have ended; hearings are also denied in 2011–2014. [Origins #2]

January 2011 — Syndicate agents blackmail Chief William O'Hara, threatening his children, buying his loyalty. [Duality #8]

2012 — At Edgemont, Dr. Mary Hannah visits teenage Blaze and Dr. Jerrin and learns Blaze is the Syndicate's cloning template, with several failed clones behind her. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2012 — Axel and Adam, rookie LAPD officers, work the Blue Swan case and first hear of the Syndicate. [Systemic Malice]



Axel Stone and Blaze Fielding. Art by @shane1977drury, via @soronline.

4 The first war — 2012–2017

Axel and Adam take down a gang and find a Syndicate; Axel loses a wife, gains a split personality and meets Blaze — and the war goes nuclear.

17 March 2012 — Adam Hunter is shot and his patrol car set alight; Axel finds Donovan's weapons and $6–7 million in cash, arrests him, and spots a Blue Swan tattoo. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

20–25 March 2012 — Axel, Adam and Jodie search Donovan's house; on 21 March they guard witness Leo "Busta" Lopez; on 23 March they are promoted; on 24 March Donovan confesses; on 25 March SWAT raids the plant, killing Y. Signal. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

27–30 March 2012 — Axel meets Nora, and Haku-Oh confesses to killing Locke and Mara; Axel is thrown weighted into the sea and escapes; on 30 March Axel and Adam assault the Mojave hideout, kill Haku-Oh, and arrest Lucius Hawk; Hawk says Blue Swan is a Syndicate subsidiary. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

Mid-April 2012 — Hawk walks free on a suspended three-year sentence, then flees to Panama. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

17 April 2012 — Axel and Adam are promoted to sergeant by Chief O'Hara. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

c. mid-2012 — Axel meets Shelley at the Grand Canyon after Blue Swan falls. [Origins #2]

c. 2012 — Zan is hired by RoboCy to work under Dahm. [Project Y #3]

November 2012 — Axel marries Shelley Stone. [Origins #2]

6 March 2013 — Tina Stone's death is faked: O'Hara tells Axel she died in a car crash, Axel crashes his car and falls into a coma, and that night he wakes with total amnesia and vanishes; Tina is taken as a test subject. [Duality #8]

28 March 2013 — Mr. X orders Shiva to recruit the insurrectionist Enigma. [Duality #8]

29 March 2013 — Shiva recruits Enigma in caves near Tijuana for $1 million; Enigma is Axel's split-off dark personality, though Shiva does not yet know it. [Duality #8]

15 April 2013 — Enigma's bombing campaign murders six high-ranking FBI officials; that evening Rudra assassinates FBI Assistant Director John Marling. [Duality #8]

19 April 2013 — LAPD/FBI raid the Oakwood factory; Adam rescues Tina and shoots Enigma, discovering he is Axel. [Duality #8]

4 September 2013 — Axel wakes from his six-month coma; Tina, Adam and the FBI begin a cover-up of Enigma. [Duality #8]

2014 (CIA file) — Unsolved Los Angeles homicides are attributed to a man matching Axel calling himself Enigma. *Conflict flagged: this dating sits uneasily with the 2013 account in [Duality #8].* [Systemic Malice]

2014 — Dr. Henry Dahm rebuilds and resurrects Dreadnought with a cybernetic body, making him virtually invulnerable. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

c. May 2014 — Shelley Stone dies in a climbing accident on the Grünhorn in the Bernese Alps. [Origins #2]

c. 2014 — Zan and Dahm achieve a breakthrough in android replication. [Project Y #3]

c. 2015 — Dahm begins Project Y, using Zan as unwilling Phase 1 test subject for eighteen months. [Project Y #3]

March 2015 — Rudra assassinates Colonel Romonov in Russia, allowing Khristenko to take his place inside the Russian military. [Shadow Hand #7]

Spring 2015 — The Syndicate's nuclear programme begins. [Shadow Hand #7]

2015, shortly after March — Mr. X orders Operation Shadow Hand to begin; Rudra kills the mole Rakan. [Shadow Hand #7]

2 April 2015 — Adam reports the first Syndicate lead in three years, concerning a young girl at Edgemont. [Cygnus Threshold #1]

6 May 2015 — Axel breaks Blaze out of Edgemont, defeats Howard Jerrin, and takes her to his Panorama City flat; a helicopter chase ends with Caska Lorena's helicopter crashing. [Origins #2]

7–8 May 2015 — Axel and Blaze infiltrate Edgemont's Paragon computer, learn Xetheus is the Syndicate Boss, and flee; Jerrin is murdered by Shiva, and Axel is captured and tortured by Shiva, Onihime and Yasha. [Origins #2]

8 May 2015 — At Los Angeles City Hall, Blaze shoots Xetheus through the mouth, apparently killing him. [Origins #2]

10 May 2015 — Blaze is cleared and promised compensation; O'Hara keeps Axel and Adam on the case. [Origins #2]

17 May 2015 — Blaze receives her police cadet badge. [Origins #2]

c. 2015 (approx.) — On the night after her escape from Edgemont, Blaze spends her first night of peace with Axel at the Aloha Motel in Lebec. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Late 2015 (undated, after May) — Shiva demonstrates Robot X2 to the living Xetheus; the robot goes berserk, kills several soldiers, and Shiva destroys it — revealing the City Hall victim was a Robot X decoy. [Origins #2]

December 2015 — Adam is kidnapped to Third Base island; Axel and Blaze find his wrecked house, learn Shiva took over Neo-Pharm, and stow away on the *Outer Hong Kong*; on 16 December Axel is brought before the living Xetheus and the team finds Adam. [Origins #2]

December 2015, following days — Axel, Blaze and Adam destroy Third Base; Xetheus is beheaded by one of his own robots and Shiva takes command as the base falls. [Origins #2]

Christmas 2015 — Axel visits Shelley's grave, Blaze gives up TS, and Adam leaves for San Francisco; the book closes with a teaser: 30,000 dead, 80,000 wounded, Rakushin discovered by Dr. Gilbert. [Origins #2]

2015 — RoboCy takes over Dreadnought's old Düsseldorf laboratory; its scientists are later killed in a breakout. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

August 2016 — Rudra fights FBI agent Mike O'Connell at the Statue of Liberty, lets him fall to his death, is rescued by Shiva, and falls into a coma for over four months. [Shadow Hand #7]

Late 2016 / 2017 — Rudra wakes in the Nevada Project Y facility; Mr. X, now only a brain in a vat, commissions Project Homo Universalis and puts Rudra in charge. [Shadow Hand #7]

June 2017 — The Project Y Incident — Shiva hijacks the Paris flight, which crashes in the Arctic; a nuclear bomb destroys Wood Oak City, killing an estimated 30,000. *Conflict flagged: [Project Y #3] dates this to June 2017, but later books date it to 2015.* [Project Y #3]

June 2017, days after the crash — Axel, Blaze and Adam resign after O'Hara confesses he was bribed; Axel beats Electra to death, Adam apparently kills Shiva, and Zan downloads Paragon files locating Petrov; the Iceland raid rescues the real Petrov; the robot Petrov is exposed and destroyed. [Project Y #3]

June 2017, 36 hours later — The team assaults the Syndicate Stronghold; next morning it self-destructs; Dahm is said to be sent to an asylum; Shiva is revealed alive, rebuilding the Syndicate. *Conflict flagged: the summaries also describe Dahm vanishing in a laboratory explosion.* [Project Y #3]



The Firestorm team - Blaze, Axel, Skate and Adam - in Wood Oak City. Art by @shane1977drury, via @soronline.

5 The Shadow Hand war — 2018–2021

The Syndicate rebuilds under Shiva, nukes London and Florida, and fights a two-year war across three continents — ending with Mr. X destroyed, and a wedding.

January 2018 — Blaze moves to Chicago and begins her modelling career after being discovered at JFK Airport. [The New Syndicate #4]

Early 2018 — Blaze leaves Axel in California because she cannot have children. [The New Syndicate #4]

2018 — Harada Maezumi is killed by Neo Zeed assassins and Naoko is kidnapped; Musashi later fights with Firestorm. [Shadow Dancer #6]

August 2018 — Harada is murdered and Naoko kidnapped by Neo Zeed in Subashiri, Japan. [The New Syndicate #4]

Mid-2018, six months after the break-up — Zan crashes into Blaze's Chicago apartment, kills John Sinclair and twelve FBI agents; Axel shoots Zan; in Washington D.C. Zan is revived, deprogrammed, reveals Shiva and the New Syndicate, and dies; that night Neo Zeed try to assassinate Blaze in hospital. [The New Syndicate #4]

Mid-2018, next day — Zan's funeral at Oak Hill Cemetery; the Second and Third Ones attack and are killed; the team traces the clones to Philadelphia. [The New Syndicate #4]

Mid-2018, following day(s) — The team raids the Philadelphia cloning facility, fights the Twelfth One, and destroys the facility; during the raid a nuclear weapon detonates over London, killing millions including the Royal Family, the Prime Minister and his cabinet. [The New Syndicate #4]

Mid-2018, four days later — The team flies to Hong Kong, fights through the streets, and kills Yamato; Musashi kills the Hand and rescues Naoko, and Axel knocks Shiva from the roof to his death. [The New Syndicate #4]

Mid-2018, one week later, Los Angeles — Axel proposes to Blaze and she accepts; the next morning Blaze is knocked out at home, taken to a laboratory and memory-wiped, then escapes weeks later, killing councillor Blue. [The New Syndicate #4]

December 2018 — Onihime's breakthrough makes the first homo universalis foetus possible; Rudra orders Leon Shiva's body recovered from an FBI morgue for resurrection. [Shadow Hand #7]

12 December 2018 — Kusanagi and Setsura board Arnold Toht's yacht and seize his Laxine papers. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

c. mid-December 2018 — Blaze founds Firestorm International Detective Agency; her nightmare aura fire destroys a hotel, killing 43 people. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

17 December 2018 — Axel and Blaze inspect the Creek Mountain Command Center in Colorado and choose it as Firestorm HQ. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

c. 20 December 2018 — Adam arrives at Firestorm HQ; Tina Stone visits him and they share the "Enigma" secret. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

24 December 2018, 04:39 — Dreadnought and Silver McLeod steal the Laxine Diffusion Engine from the National War Museum; six guards die, Zamza mauls Adam, and McLeod escapes. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

28 December 2018 — Blaze briefs the team on Laxine; the team decides to question Dr. Dahm. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

2 January 2019 — The team interviews Dahm at Gartloch Asylum; he points them to the Berlin sewers. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

3 January 2019 — Berlin sewer hunt: Adam kills Zamza on the subway tracks, Dreadnought stabs Axel with a sword, and Blaze nearly kills Skate while possessed by her aura. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

5 January 2019 — The Harakiri Rakushin pickup is a trap; Blaze's aura brings down their helicopter into the Danube, then Blaze slaughters Kazuyuki Harakiri and his private army. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

6 January 2019 — The *Gargantua* carpet-nukes Florida — about fifty explosions, millions dead in Miami, Tallahassee, Jacksonville and beyond; President Hayes warns of retaliation. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

7 January 2019, 05:05 — The team storms the Düsseldorf base, destroys the *Gargantua*, kills McLeod; Dreadnought is impaled on spikes in his pit trap and crushed by a falling cogwheel. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

10 January 2019 — Washington hearing: Axel is arrested, Blaze is fined $3.5 million, and Firestorm is retained. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

2019 — The New World Order world government is formed; construction of Neo London begins. [Shadow Dancer #6]

2019 — The Y Twins are created in a three-year genetics project cloning Mr. X's mother María Camila, the embryo splitting in two, and the babies are taken to a secure Pacific island facility. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

c. 2019–2021 — Two years of Syndicate Wars: Firestorm discovers rogue RoboCy scientists framed Axel using a robotic duplicate called "Break", rescues Police Chief Jack Wyndam after he is kidnapped in Alaska, and fights cartel after cartel. [The Rise of Dreadnought #5]

2020 (published 23 October 2026) — *Syndicate Wars: Systemic Malice* is set here, between books #5 and #6: Neo Zeed, led by Yoritomo, a ninja cloned from Joe Musashi's bloodline, seizes the Atlas Neural Hub in Morocco, plus two more AI centres; President Hayes tasks Firestorm with retaking them. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — Axel spends 19 days in a windowless CIA facility in New Jersey after being arrested at Baltimore-Washington airport on his return from Germany, accused of Wood Oak City bombings committed by a robot double wearing his face, before being released. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — In Denver, Max Hatchett and Skate Hunter investigate Syndicate money at the Mile-High Asphalt Clash, where Skate beats favourite DJ Boy, then they fight their way out of an ambush. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — Firestorm flies to Morocco aboard Firebird Two, driving south with trader Hassan toward Taznakht, where Musashi has been killing Neo Zeed guards; in Taznakht, Musashi joins the team and explains Yoritomo is using the seized compute to perfect humanoid robot doubles. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — Firestorm storms the Atlas Neural Hub at dusk, exposes and destroys Byakushishi's robot double, and Musashi kills Byakushishi the White Lion, Yoritomo's younger brother; the team finds the Cyber Zeed doctrine and a global map of insertion points. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — In Wood Oak City, Raymon Zan speaks outside City Hall against humanoid replacement; Adam Hunter and Robert Murphy, undercover, attend a Neo Chaos panel; on Pier 12 at Moon Beach, Axel fights his robot double Break and destroys him with a Grand Uppercut and Blaze's fireball. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — Firestorm storms the Rocky Bear Yacht Club, where Rocky Bear tells Nguyen insertions are ahead of schedule, then escapes by helicopter, and the team captures his son Robert Bear Jr. after Blaze shuts him down. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — Firestorm raids the former RoboCy black-site laboratory in Alaska, destroys a sentry robot and frees LAPD Chief Jack Wyndam, sedated for eleven days; there Blaze confronts Dr. Harlan Crowe, who admits he chose the Tsáchila village for specimen collection; she spares him. [Systemic Malice]

2020 — Musashi tracks Yoritomo to a Jomon ziggurat in the Grand Bara, Djibouti, where Yoritomo seizes the Essence of Ikazuchi and escapes after their duel sets the robot-double factory burning; Musashi vows the clan will not abandon the hunt. [Systemic Malice]

2020, days later — President Hayes clears Axel's name and orders Firestorm to take real rest; six days later, on Catalina Island, Blaze dreams of a vast black dragon reforming as a tall man wreathed in shadow and flame who speaks from inside her own skin. [Systemic Malice]

31 October 2020 — Dahm is broken out of Gartloch Asylum; the Dragon Lord reunites his council in the Himalayas and orders mass production for Operation Shadow Hand — 5,000 Phase Three units ready. [Shadow Dancer #6]

14 April 2021 — Union Lizard assassins ambush Kato Hitoshi in Metro City; Haggar, Guy and Cody intervene. [Shadow Dancer #6]

15 April 2021 — Musashi receives Guy's message, flies to New York, and meets Haggar, Guy and Cody. [Shadow Dancer #6]

15–16 April 2021 — Kato dies in hospital overnight; Musashi vows revenge, adopts Yamato, Sodom is killed, Union Lizard and Mad Gear fight, and Musashi leaves for Neo London. [Shadow Dancer #6]

19 April 2021 — Firestorm lands at New Heathrow, meets Deezee Kujaku, fights Union Lizard thugs, and ambushes Bruce Danch at Marble Arch; Skate is badly cut, and Danch reveals the Churchill Building headquarters; Musashi joins Firestorm. [Shadow Dancer #6]

19–20 April 2021 — Firestorm and Musashi storm the Churchill Building; Sauros reveals Socharis, the Dragon Lord, and Jet kills Max Hatchett before Blaze destroys Jet and Musashi kills Sauros. [Shadow Dancer #6]

1 May 2021 — Musashi arrives at Firestorm HQ in Colorado; Dr. Gilbert Zan returns, rebuilt by MI6 as a golden android, and reports Socharis is rallying the Syndicate Remnant with Dahm. [Shadow Hand #7]

3 May 2021 — Firestorm meets Sham Mohammad in New York, infiltrates the Vinci Dungeon, confronts Ash, the drug-using head of Neo Chaos, found in bed with a woman named Enola, clearly high, and sees the resurrected Leon Shiva escape by helicopter. [Shadow Hand #7]

4 May 2021 — Skate Hunter is shot dead by Mr. X with a Tommy gun in the Second Base audience chamber, after Firestorm crashes there. [Shadow Hand #7; Duality #8]

11 May 2021 — X questions Shiva's loyalty in the Himalayas; the Phase Three Battlegroup of 25,000 Y Robots is launched from Dahm's laboratory to attack every major city. [Shadow Hand #7]

May 2021, shortly after — Shiva and Rudra reveal themselves as siblings and decide to betray X; Firestorm steals a tank, captures Dahm, watches the worldwide robot attacks, sees Dahm shot by Ash; Shiva and Rudra destroy all of X's clone bodies. [Shadow Hand #7]

May 2021, final battle — In the Himalayan fortress, X in battle armour is defeated; Blaze and Shiva's combined superfireball disintegrates X, and Shiva shuts down all Y Robots worldwide. The 2021 superfireball creates the Vanguard, a quantum entanglement between Blaze, Shiva and Mr. X. [Shadow Hand #7; The Vanguard Awakens #13]

11 July 2021 — Axel and Blaze marry in Los Angeles, Blaze pregnant. *Conflict flagged: the wedding is dated 11 July 2021 here, but other passages imply a much earlier wedding, around 2015, and the appendix places it in 2018–2021.* [Shadow Hand #7]

2021 (nine years before 2030) — Skate Hunter's body is exhumed months after his funeral and restored to life by Onihime and Yasha as Anthrax. [Behind the World #9]



Dr. Gilbert Zan. Art by @shane1977drury, via @soronline.

6 The quiet years and the dream — 2022–2038

The war ends, the team scatters, a son is born — and the story turns inward, to a split mind, a superweapon, and a book that may never have happened.

2022 — Blaze gives birth to Max Stone, named for the fallen Max Hatchett. [Duality #8]

Early 2023 — Firestorm is disbanded; Musashi returns to Japan, Zan to MI6, the others to Los Angeles. [Shadow Hand #7; Duality #8]

c. 2025 — Shiva and Rudra escape from NWO custody and disappear. [Shadow Hand #7]

Early 2027 — Rumours of a Syndicate superweapon bring Firestorm back. [Duality #8]

2–3 April 2027 — On 2 April Axel and Blaze are captured and flown to Shiva's base; on 3 April Shiva reveals the Enigma truth, Rudra's drug revives Enigma, the World Devastator launches, Blaze announces she is pregnant, and Axel splits from Enigma and shoots him; the ship is destroyed, but Blaze miscarries. [Duality #8]

19 April 2027 — In Lyon, the Syndicate is declared defeated, and Axel, Blaze and Adam receive the NWO Medal of Honor. [Duality #8]

29 April 2027 — Adam visits Skate's grave at Rose Hills Cemetery, Whittier (Eddie Hunter, 1998–2021, aged 23); that evening Firestorm disbands at a farewell dinner, Axel and Blaze retiring to raise five-year-old Max. [Duality #8]

2027, epilogue (undated) — Shiva survives the World Devastator in a second escape pod, coming down into ice and being pulled ashore by Anthrax, the resurrected Skate. [Duality #8; Behind the World #9]

c. 2028 (approx.) — Jennifer Stone is born to Axel and Blaze. [Behind the World #9]

2027–2030 — Shiva spends three years travelling the world collecting seven pieces of the Kaeyus Infernus. [Behind the World #9]

2030 — DJ K-Washi's debut album *World Behind the World* is released. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

The events that follow, marked †, are those of Behind the World (#9) as written. Book #10 reframes them as Axel's recurring dreams, planted by the Y Syndicate through K-Washi's music — Axel's conclusion, with Floyd's "symbolic dreams" reading as the alternative. They are listed as the books present them, flagged as dreams, not settled fact.

† **29–31 July 2030** — On 29 July in Vatican City, Enigma murders Shiva and Anthrax murders Zan: Enigma shoots Shiva, then fires a rocket at Zan; on 31 July Deezee Kujaku briefs the FBI; Enigma's scavengers find the eighth Kaeyus Infernus piece, and Anthrax shoots Galsia and Donovan dead. [Behind the World #9]

† **3–5 August 2030** — On 3 August Axel, 38, is recalled from Beverly Hills; on 5 August the team finds the Tablet of Flame in the Valley of the Kings; Enigma kills all ten MI6 agents, Anthrax shoots Adam, Enigma steals the Tablet and traps the survivors, and Adam dies outside. [Behind the World #9]

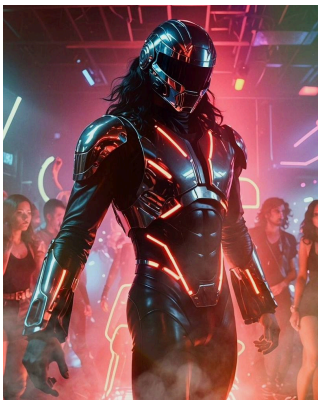
† **9–10 August 2030** — On 9 August Adam is buried in Detroit; on 10 August Enigma's psychic suggestion forces Tina/Amber to jump from the New Bradbury Tower roof and die, and the children are kidnapped; that evening 8-Ball gives Axel and Blaze the completed Kaeyus Infernus. [Behind the World #9]

† **10–11 August 2030** — Axel and Blaze enter Hell Los Angeles; Anthrax saves them from demons, then attacks, and Blaze blasts him over a precipice; on 11 August (approx.), Enigma murders Blaze before Max; Axel beats Enigma to death and carries Blaze's body home. [Behind the World #9]

† **12–14 August 2030** — On 12 August Axel is debriefed in Washington; on 14 August Blaze is buried on Isla del Coco, where she was born, and Axel drives away alone, retiring, with the Nexus never defeated. [Behind the World #9]

c. 2030 (approx.) — Axel and Blaze divorce around this period, and Axel goes into exile in Alaska; their son Max moves in with Adam Hunter's family. [Streets of Rage 4 #10; The Sentinel #11]

c. 2038 — The Trojan-38 pandemic kills about two million people worldwide, and DahmCo supplies the only vaccine. [Prometheus Shadow #12]



DJ K-Washi, whose music carried the Y Syndicate's mind control. Art via @soronline.

7 The Y Syndicate — 2039–2040

Ten years after Mr. X's fall, his children return with a new weapon — music that enslaves minds — and the old team is called back.

March 2039, about two weeks before the main action — Blaze investigates five Y-marked ritual murders in Wood Oak City and follows a lead to crime lord Diva. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039, about three days before the main action — Cherry Hunter, 16, attends a DJ K-Washi concert in Anaheim and receives a text from her father Adam asking her to help Blaze. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039 — Leon Shiva escapes during a prisoner transfer from a coastal prison in China; Axel Stone, late forties and divorced from Blaze, returns to Wood Oak City from exile in Sitka, Alaska, after Blaze contacts him about the Y Syndicate. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039 — At ZanTech Labs, Axel wakes from a dream of Enigma killing Blaze, Dr. Zan, Adam and his sister; Dr. Zan, 80 and dying, briefs the team that the Y Twins claim to be Mr. X's children. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039 — The team fights into Diva's Haze Diablo bar and learns to seek the Grandmaster; the next morning brainwashed detective Robert Murphy tries to arrest Blaze; the next day the team fights the Red Demons, and Don Barbon says the Grandmaster will be at Chinatown Metro at midnight. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039 — Brainwashed police pursue the team into the sewers; at 1 a.m. on 24 March, Murphy, brainwashed again by K-Washi music, attacks the team in the precinct, Bernstein is triggered by a phone call and attacks them too. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039, that midnight — Axel meets Leon Shiva, the Grandmaster of Chinatown, and Shiva explains the plan to broadcast through K-Washi from Y Tower; that night Axel dreams of a cage fight with Max Thunder, whose face becomes Enigma's. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039, the next morning — Estel shows the team a flyer for the LOVE exhibition; they infiltrate it and confront Ms. Y in her penthouse Lair, where the twins reveal their plan to enslave minds through music. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

17 March 2039, 11.30 p.m. — At the Armageddon concert, Adam cuts the power, Axel unmasks DJ K-Washi, and Adam kills it. *Conflict flagged: the book dates the concert 17 March although the narrative*

places it after the 24 March fight. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039, the following morning — Estel's hacked data gives the team the Syndicate's aircraft transponder codes, and Floyd and Dr. Zan narrow the twins' island base to three Pacific islands. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039 — A joint NWO and US Air Force operation strikes the twins' island, and the team storms the castle; Ms. Y executes her security chief Galvice and Axel shoots guard Shadow dead; both Y Twins, about twenty, are captured alive, and Adam messages Zan the mission succeeded. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

March 2039, the next day — At ZanTech Labs, Axel realises his recurring dreams have stopped since K-Washi died, and Zan confirms the Y Syndicate threat is neutralised. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

April 2039, about two weeks later — Murphy is reassured by Blaze, and Axel plays Scrabble with his daughter Jennifer, 10. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

April 2039 — Axel visits the grave of his first wife Shelley Stone, 1986–2014, at Rose Hills Cemetery in Whittier, meets Estel there, and Bernstein hands Blaze a Sons of Darkness calling card. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

2039, months after the Y Twins' capture — The Sons of Darkness bomb a medical research laboratory and a chemical factory, Koobo tries to break into ZanTech Labs, and Blaze travels to Baja California and the South Seas following the cult. [The Sentinel #11]

December 2039 (approx.) — Max Stone, 17, is drawn to the Sons of Darkness and steered toward Koobo, a nine-foot robot. *Conflict flagged: the book frames this as three weeks before the 27 December prologue, although the dated scenes that follow are only one to two weeks earlier.* [The Sentinel #11]

December 2039 (approx.) — Axel goes undercover alone to find Koobo through the Signal gang, is recognised and beaten, wakes imprisoned beneath a mansion, hallucinates the long-dead Mr. X, and breaks out. [The Sentinel #11]

15 December 2039 — At home, Adam shows Cherry an email from Blaze asking Adam and Estel for help with the Sons of Darkness behind Bernstein's back. [The Sentinel #11]

17 December 2039 — Leon Shiva arrives at the Syndicate's old Fourth Base under Katla in Iceland to run Project Zulu; that day Martin Gonzalez and Reid McK are shot dead in a Sons of Darkness bank robbery. [The Sentinel #11]

18–19 December 2039 — On 18 December, at ZanTech Labs, Blaze briefs the team that Koobo leads the Wood Oak cult cell and Axel is already missing, and the team splits; on 19 December Axel returns battered and tells her of his capture by Koobo. [The Sentinel #11]

20 December 2039 — Shiva chairs a holographic Project Zulu meeting at Fourth Base; that night the team raids Eric Truong's mansion, Max first stands with Koobo then turns on him, and Axel, Blaze, Floyd and Max destroy Koobo; Truong is exposed and arrested. [The Sentinel #11]

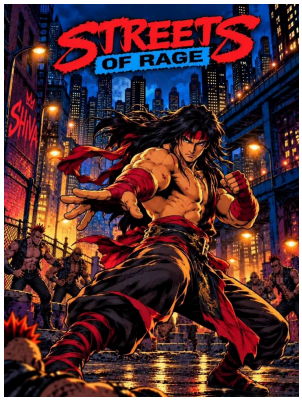
27 December 2039 — In northwestern Mozambique, Adam is shot in the thigh by Sons of Darkness cultists, Estel is wrongly reported dead but survives a head wound, and a US Marine Apache rescues them. [The Sentinel #11]

29 December 2039 — In Subashiri, Japan, Blaze contacts Joe Musashi, 50, Ascended Master of the Oboro Dojo, who agrees to join the Mozambique assault with about a hundred Shinobi to recover the Jomon artifacts. [The Sentinel #11]

c. 30 December 2039 — In Operation Firebird, the Oboro Shinobi assault the stronghold; Blaze knocks Shiva, Onihime and Yasha unconscious; Joe Musashi decapitates Urakabarameel and the team recovers the Jomon artifacts; Shiva, Onihime and Yasha vanish. *Conflict flagged: Adam is back in combat three days after being shot.* [The Sentinel #11]

14 January 2040 — Bernstein closes the Sons of Darkness case and warns Blaze against further foreign incursions, and Murphy shows Blaze a file on a man's body held in quarantine. [The Sentinel #11]

30 January 2040 — The new Stone Dojo opens, Tina Stone teaches Jennifer, 10. [The Sentinel #11]



Leon Shiva. Art by @shane1977drury, via @soronline.

8 The pandemic and DahmCo — 2041–2043

The enemy stops wearing a face: a pandemic, a vaccine, and a corporation owning the cure — and the trigger.

2041 — The NWO makes the Trojan-38 vaccine mandatory. *Conflict flagged: the pandemic was dated to about 2038, leaving the gap to the 2041 mandate unexplained.* [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — Blaze Fielding, now 49, and Murphy investigate a wave of mutated deaths in Wood Oak City, including a quarantined body in drawer 4E at Mercy Hospital, covered in tumours and slime. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — Aomizuchi terrorists seize the Théâtre des Champs-Élysées in Paris; Shiva escapes after using the siege as cover for a handover of the Jomon sword Akujiki; at ZanTech, Adam briefs the team that Project Zulu uses Shinobi artifacts to control the population. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — Axel and Blaze visit Mr. Y in solitary confinement at NWO Penitentiary A2, and he whispers something undisclosed into Blaze's ear; Cherry Hunter, 19, knocks out a Red Signal Brigade gunman; Floyd meets informant Sham Muhammad, who links DahmCo to Shiva. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — Shiva is flown to Fourth Base under Katla and reviews Project Zulu; CIA agent Dr. Elizabeth Garnet, undercover in Prometheus, gives Murphy a memo revealing Trojan-38 was engineered at DahmCo and hidden genetic templates were placed in every dose. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — Axel, Blaze and Floyd infiltrate DahmCo Beta Labs at night; Floyd plants a worm virus and beats Onihime, knocking her over a balcony. *Conflict flagged: Onihime later reappears alive at Fourth Base with no explanation.* [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — At DahmCo, Shiva stabs Axel with a machete, defeats Blaze, and reveals the vaccine lets him trigger a global memory wipe and create Homo Emendus, before letting them live; Adam and Estel

extract the wounded Axel and Blaze, and Axel recovers in ZanTech's Aias Chamber. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — Shiva's speeches are illegally broadcast worldwide, promising a Homo Emendus army, while Wood Oak City riots; Adam and Estel report to Supreme Commander Petrov, who authorises a black-ops operation against Shiva; Walter Donovan, a former Syndicate associate, mutates and self-combusts, which Blaze calls early-stage Homo Emendus. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — At Fourth Base, Shiva inspects his Eugenics Lab, where stasis cylinders hold fully transformed Homo Emendus soldiers; Sham Muhammad explains the Phaeton Effect and tells Blaze DahmCo launched two global-positioning satellites, giving Shiva a network that can pinpoint any vaccinated person. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — A Homo Emendus creature rampages through Wood Oak before Blaze kills it with a full-power fireball; Floyd traces the Project Zulu command signal to southern Iceland, at Fourth Base, and the team decides to assault it. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

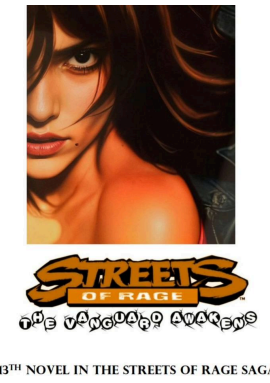
2043 — The team meets below Katla; Floyd, Cherry and Max commandeer a Mack truck and drive into Fourth Base; inside, Shiva and Wolfgang Dahm, 26, head of DahmCo, watch archive footage of the young Blaze, and Shiva says he wants Blaze at his side as his equal. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — The team fights through the cargo bay above Katla's magma chamber; in the Operations room, Shiva breaks Axel's nose and ribs and offers Blaze joint rule; she refuses, their auras collide, knocking Dahm unconscious; when the light clears, Shiva has vanished. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — Blaze faces a review board chaired by Duke Oda of the NWO Justice Department, with Bernstein present; Oda says she probably prevented a catastrophe of Biblical proportions but orders her to take a break from service; one seat beside her is conspicuously empty. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043, four weeks later — Max earns his second-degree black belt at the Stone Dojo. [Prometheus Shadow #12]

2043 — In the epilogue by the Wood Oak City Bridge, Blaze tells Axel and Adam that when her aura collided with Shiva's she saw every city on Earth burning, a change already in motion that cannot be fought or stopped. [Prometheus Shadow #12]



Cover of The Vanguard Awakens, book #13 in the Streets of Rage Saga.

9 The Vanguard era — 2044–2049

The war goes quantum: Mr. X returns as a bodiless consciousness, Shiva in a cloned body, and the team fights him in a city under the Antarctic ice.

April 2044 — Blaze is suspended from the Wood Oak City Police. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2045 — At Xitaclan, Mozambique, Rudra and DahmCo physicist Dr. Elena Voss examine the excavated Colossus. [Revolutions #14]

2048 (main date) — In a DahmCo laboratory in Asia, Onihime and Dr. Hugo Chavez resurrect Leon Shiva in a cloned body; Shiva wakes to find his sister Rudra, believed dead twenty years, alive. *Conflict flagged: characters say Project Zulu was 4 years ago, which would point to 2044.* [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — Rudra, formerly Kagami Shiva, Mr. X's top assassin, survived the World Devastator and created Project Phoenix with Wolfgang Dahm to resurrect Mr. X from ZanTech's stolen copy of his cognitive patterns, as the Shadow Man, and then her brother. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — Blaze is contacted by Deezee of the Collective about the Shadow Man, never shown; Adam Hunter and Estel Aguirre raid Yoritomo's Cyber Zeed stronghold in Djibouti, where Adam kills him; Yoritomo boasts the Syndicate has returned under the Shadow Man. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — Rudra steals Mr. X's cognitive pattern buffering from ZanTech Labs; Yasha detonates a van bomb at City Hall at 8.09 a.m., killing 60 and injuring hundreds, after which six X-Robots open fire on civilians. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — At City Hall, Shiva returns and fights Axel, Onihime knocks Blaze unconscious; Blaze wakes captive in the Omega Facility under Death Valley and is shown the Nexus Core and the Ascension Program by the Shadow Man, Mr. X reborn. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — Genesis intercepts Syndicate transmissions pointing to the Omega Facility; at Pier 17, Axel's team boards the cargo ship *Outer Hong Kong II* and learns the Omega Facility is Site November-7. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — In a black-ops assault on Site November-7, Adam commands three teams, Zephyr breaches the osmium-tungsten door, and Axel's team fights through to find Blaze restrained; Blaze breaks free, destroys all six Obsidian Guard sentinel mechs, and with Axel seemingly vaporises Shiva with a blue quantum fireball, leaving a scorched crater and no body. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — Blaze destroys the twenty-five-foot Colossus battlesuit, and Floyd plugs into the Nexus Core, overloads his implants and shuts it down, silencing the Vanguard; 72 hours later Blaze and Robert Murphy are reinstated as Wood Oak City detectives. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2048 — The Shadow Man frees Ms. Y, his daughter, from NWO Penitentiary A2 through a corrupted prison robot; Mr. Y is not mentioned and is presumably still imprisoned. [The Vanguard Awakens #13]

2049 — Blaze, now 56, prosecutes fentanyl kingpin Villem Antonio. *Conflict flagged: Blaze was 49 in 2043, seven years over six calendar years; Max was 20 in 2043 and 25 in 2049, and Jennifer 13 in 2043 and 17 in 2048 — the ages drift.* [Revolutions #14]

2049 — Blaze dreams of Wood Oak City burning and the Shadow Man telling her he is everywhere she is, waking at 3.02 a.m.; Axel questions Don Barbon of the Red Demons, beats him, and gets nothing. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — Shiva drifts in the Vanguard, where the Shadow Man and a half-transformed Urakabarameel order him to awaken as the Revolution's herald, and he wakes in a new cloned Homo Universalis body, greeted by Rudra and Wolfgang Dahm. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — The freed Y Twins hijack the E-SWAT T-10 robot police; the team destroys the 25-foot Y-MECHA, killing Mr. Y and Ms. Y in its wreckage. *Conflict flagged: only Ms. Y was freed at the end of [The Vanguard Awakens #13]; no scene shows Mr. Y's release.* [Revolutions #14]

2049 — Blaze recovers a fist-sized Jomon quantum relay orb from the Y-MECHA wreckage; at the White House, Dr. Zan briefs President Bill Jackson that the orb's signal matches a second zero-point reactor in Antarctica, in the lost Jomon city of Aurathar, and Jackson orders a reconnaissance flyover within a day. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — Shiva leads Homo Dynamis warriors in a massacre in Neo London, killing more than 5,000 people as Syndicate helicopters bomb the Corporate District, then, fifteen hours later, a similar assault hits Paris. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — Blaze, Axel, Cherry, Floyd and Estel fly from McMurdo and descend eight miles into Aurathar; there Blaze beats Onihime unconscious and Axel beats Yasha unconscious, leaving both broken, their fates not stated. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — The team destroys Neo X; Wolfgang Dahm flees; Floyd fails to hack the Aurathar reactor's ancient code, so Blaze touches the core, becomes a blue flaming eagle, then plays chess against George Xetheus and checkmates him. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — The reactor overloads, Blaze gives the team less than twenty-two minutes to reach minimum safe distance, Adam extracts them, and Aurathar collapses into a massive sinkhole; twelve hours later President Jackson orders the full story classified as a natural disaster. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — Jennifer Stone turns 20 at a birthday party at the Neon Haven bar; in Brazil, Shiva and Rudra regroup at a hidden Amazon outpost, and Shiva decides to step into the Shadow Man's role and attack Wood Oak City. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — At ZanTech Labs, Dr. Zan electrifies Rudra and knocks her unconscious, saving Zephyr; on Main Street, Adam Hunter shoots Shiva in the forehead, killing him, after Axel's uppercut knocks Shiva into a lamppost. *Conflict flagged: Adam is called both Colonel and Master Sergeant in this book.* [Revolutions #14]

2049, twelve hours later — Mayor Samuel Richards announces that Shiva is dead; a week later, at the White House, President Jackson decorates the team: Blaze the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Axel, Cherry and Floyd the Presidential Citizens Medal, and Estel the Medal of Honor. [Revolutions #14]

2049 — Wolfgang Dahm is arrested in an NWO raid, DahmCo is under investigation, and the book ends with the team relaxing on Moon Beach and the Vanguard silent. [Revolutions #14]



Cover of Vanguard Eclipse, book #15 in the Streets of Rage Saga.

10 The final war — 2051–2059

Ten years of silence, then the Vanguard bleeds back into the world — and Blaze is asked to pay the price the prophecy named.

c. 2051 (approx.) — Robert Murphy dies of aggressive cancer linked to Rakushin exposure. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — A Lizardian mutant slaughters Red Demons scavengers in the Wood Oak City sewers; residue matches Project Phoenix and Xitaclan signatures; Blaze, 66, retired outside Wood Oak City, has her Vanguard dreams again after ten years of silence, and global anomalies begin. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — Shiva wakes in his fourth Homo Universalis clone body, his consciousness having drifted in the Vanguard for ten years after Adam shot him in 2049. *Conflict flagged: the clone-body count is never explained, and no account is given of where Shiva's remains came from.* [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — Rudra escapes after ten years imprisoned in an NWO black site outside Neo London, after a power cut opens her magnetic restraints and a rucksack with a black undersuit and a carbon-fibre blade is left for her in an air vent. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — The team reunites at the Stone Dojo and raids the DahmCo distribution hub, destroying the first forty-foot Consciousness Anchor; a large rift opens above the River Highway, and the team fights Rudra and a Neo-Syndicate cell there before she slips away. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — The team assaults a second, ten-times-more-powerful anchor in the Badlands, where Blaze nearly sacrifices herself by merging with the core and is stopped by Jennifer, Axel and Max; Shiva leads a strike team that massacres a ZanTech logistics outpost, and Blaze duels him before he phases out. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — At ZanTech, Dr. Zan translates a Jomon prophecy naming Blaze the fire-woven soul who alone can seal the bridge; Rudra offers a truce to fight feral echo-Lizardians together, then betrays it, disabling Floyd with an electromagnetic pulse and slashing Blaze's side, before Blaze throws her into a wall. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — Blaze is healed in ZanTech's Aias Chamber while she dreams of the Shadow Man; Shiva's forces besiege the Victor Monument Building, Cherry fighting in the digital core alongside the Genesis AI, until she isolates the core and the attackers retreat. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — Floyd and Zephyr defend ZanTech Relay Station Four, Floyd holding the core vault while Zephyr extracts the cores; a Vanguard pulse gives the team shared nightmares of their past traumas. *Note: the nightmare 1996 massacre has Blaze's own fire killing Osma and Quetsalá, conflicting with the 1996 account.* [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059, final night — The team convoys to the main Consciousness Bridge, plants demolition charges, and destroys it, but the bleed worsens because destroying the bridge completes the circuit rather than breaking it. *Conflict flagged: the bridge paradox is never explained.* [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059, final night — Shiva ambushes the exhausted team on the Badlands edge, is driven back and phases away alive; Rudra is found wounded and captured alive, and reveals the second bridge in the Veyron Spire. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059, final night — Mr. X manifests as a colossal wound in the sky; Blaze enters the Vanguard alone and is dragged through her life — Tsáchila in 1996 and Edgemont — while Mr. X offers her painless unity and she refuses. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059, final night — The team follows Blaze into the Vanguard; Axel offers himself as the sacrifice; Blaze refuses, transforms into a vast blue flaming eagle, erases Mr. X's consciousness, and the Vanguard collapses in a whiteout. *Conflict flagged: her survival of the whiteout is unexplained, and the appendix describes Axel's sacrifice as if it happened, though only offered.* [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059, two weeks later — In Neo London, President Bill Jackson tells the world the crisis was a DahmCo offshore chemical spill compounded by rogue AI, and Cherry and Curtis Hunter accept positions in the Department of Homeland Security. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059, two months later — Estel Aguirre is on holiday in Havana with old comrade Spike, Zan bans all Vanguard research at ZanTech, and Jennifer is promoted to captain. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 (ages) — Blaze is 66, Axel 67, Jennifer 29, Adam 67, Estel 54 and Zan 80-plus. *Conflict flagged: Curtis Hunter is described as 20 though the appendix gives 2031, making him about 28; Floyd is called early fifties though the appendix gives 2011, making him 48; Jennifer's birth year drifts.* [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 — No main-team member dies in *Vanguard Eclipse*; Shiva survives and phases away, Rudra is captured alive. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

2059 (appendix) — The appendix calls *Vanguard Eclipse* the saga's final chapter. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Where the main characters stand at the end

Blaze Fielding — Alive at 66, looking about 37, her aura gentle at last. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Axel Stone — Alive at 67, his offered sacrifice refused. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Adam Hunter — Alive at 67. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Cherry Hunter — Alive, joining the Quantum Threat Division. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Floyd Iraia — Alive, his arms damaged and sparking. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Estel Aguirre — Alive, on holiday in Havana. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Dr. Gilbert Zan — Alive at 80-plus, effectively immortal, having banned all Vanguard research at ZanTech. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Jennifer Stone — Alive, promoted to captain. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Max Stone — Alive. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Leon Shiva — Alive, phased away after the final night. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Rudra / Kagami Shiva — Alive, captured and in custody. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Wolfgang Dahm — Fate not shown. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Mr. X / George Xetheus / the Shadow Man — Erased from existence by Blaze. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Mr. Y and Ms. Y — Dead, killed in the Y-MECHA wreckage in 2049. [Revolutions #14]

Onihime and Yasha — Last seen beaten unconscious in Aurathar; their fates are not stated. [Revolutions #14; Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Robert Murphy — Dead c. 2051. [Vanguard Eclipse #15]

Skate Hunter — Dead 4 May 2021, shot by Mr. X; restored to life as Anthrax in the † 2030 account; his fate after 2021 is left open. [Shadow Hand #7; Behind the World #9]

Max Hatchett — Dead 19–20 April 2021, killed by Jet. [Shadow Dancer #6]

Dr. Henry Dahm — Shot dead by Ash in May 2021. [Shadow Hand #7]

Ash — Dead May 2021, killed by Adam. [Shadow Hand #7]

Tina Stone — Alive in the saga's literal history; her † 2030 death is part of the dream framing. [Streets of Rage 4 #10]

The Nexus — Never confronted or defeated; the Dark Realm remains open in the † 2030 account. [Behind the World #9]