

# NINJAK • SHADOWMAN RAPTURE™

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Journeying to the Deadside is always a difficult experience, but these days it's even more dangerous than usual. Tama the Geomancer, Ninjak, Punk Mambo, and Rex the Razer are racing against the clock to stop the evil being, Babel, from piercing the heavens and reaching the Liveside, an act that would unleash chaos on earth. On top of everything, one of the team's strongest assets, Magpie, has been captured by the enemy. Now Babel is offering to free the former Shadowman from the ancient Loa that has been both a blessing and a curse upon the Boniface family for generations...



## TAMA

Tama is a Geomancer -- an enigmatic mystic able to speak with the Earth and communicate with all living things. In the distant future, Gilad, The Eternal Warrior, sent Tama back in time with the The Book of the Geomancer -- a powerful tome which she uses to shape the Earth's future.



## NINJAK

Born Colin King, Ninjak is a ruthless, charming superspy currently serving as MI-6's leading agent for hire. If there's an impossible task, Ninjak is your man. He and Punk Mambo have already ventured to the Deadside once, in order to retrieve a team of missing MI-6 agents.



## PUNK MAMBO

A Mohawk-sporting voodoo priestess, Punk commands many magical abilities and defenses, including enhanced senses, astral projection, and the casting of illusions and spells. She has also now bonded with a Loa she can command. Punk Mambo is familiar with the Deadside and ventured there with Ninjak in order to save a team of MI-6 agents.



## SHADOWMAN AKA MAGPIE

Jack Boniface was a young man in New Orleans who found that he was the latest inheritor of an immensely powerful Loa, which he bonded with to become Shadowman. Eventually he was bound to a Necromancer named Master Darque and driven to serve him as a menacing figure known as Magpie. However, he sought to rid himself of the Loa and Master Darque's control -- and was recovered from the Deadside by Ninjak and Punk Mambo.




## REX THE RAZER

An inhabitant of The Deadside. Rex is a prolific warrior and legendary conquerer, who has served as the inspiration behind innumerable stories, songs and legends. He seized The Tower of Babel as his own, unaware of the darkness that lurked beneath its halls, and subsequently lost not only his queen Rojette, but his kingdom as well.




## BABEL


An ancient evil from Mesopotamia. Babel is a master of language and speaks the killing words, remarks that bring death at their very sound. They lead a cult of followers called Bereavers, and seek to use the tower to pierce the heavens and reach the Liveside, regardless of the horror and havoc this act would wreck upon the earth.



THE LOA ARE BUILDING THIS THING... BUT THERE'S SOMETHING DOWN HERE THAT'S RUNNING THE ENGINE. THE UNDERGODS. WE'VE GOT TO GET THEM BEFORE WE TACKLE BABEL...



WHICH WAY DO WE GO? ANY IDEAS, NINJAK?



SCANNED BOTH STAIRWELLS AND THEY SEEM IDENTICAL IN EVERY WAY. BOTH LEAD TO THE TOP. LOOKS LIKE IT'S EITHER THE LADY OR THE TIGER.



THAT STORY IS SO SEXIST.

IT'S A CLASSIC TAKE ON THE HUMAN DILEMMA...



SURE. SAYS THE EXTREME TORTURE-EXPERT.

FORGIVE ME. I TORTURED BEREAVERS. BEREAVERS...WHO *KILL WITH WORDS*.



ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE WAY, TAMA? WHY THIS STAIR-WELL?

IT SMELLS A LITTLE MORE LIKE ROTTEN EGGS.

WHICH USUALLY I AVOID. BUT REMEMBER.

WE'RE *LOOKING* FOR THE BAD STUFF THIS TIME.

AND MY BOOK WAS POINTING IN THIS DIRECTION.



SO WE'RE JUST GOING TO *WALK* UP THE STEPS? I DID THE MATH ON THIS PLACE AND IT DOESN'T ADD UP. THE DIMENSIONS INSIDE DON'T MATCH THE OUTER...

FOR ONCE, CAN YOU PLEASE STOP TRYIN' TO MAKE SENSE OF THIS PLACE. IT'S THE *DEADSIDE*, JAK. FORGET ABOUT IT.



QUIET... DID YOU HEAR THAT?

CHANGE IN ATMOSPHERE... SMELLS LIKE ELECTRICITY.



WE MUST BE GETTING CLOSE...



TO THE POWER SOURCE...

...PARA  
LACTANTIBUS  
UTERI MEI... MY  
BABIES MUST  
FUEL THE FIRES...  
OF HEAVEN'S  
ENGINE...!



...UTERI MEI...  
YOUR LIVES TO  
OPEN HEAVEN'S  
MAW!

UH  
YEAH. THIS  
IS IT.



**IMPETUS!**



