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NYC GANG THREAT ASSESSMENT

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Resource allocation to combat activities of The Cutters in The Pit area of Manhattan by Long Island Violent Gang Task Force under review. Also request Assistant Director's consideration of alternate targets of investigation:

Ancients. NYC-area elf go-gang chapter, under regional command of "Colonel" Lucky Liam of Boston. Engaged in activities typical of Ancients' *modi operandi*. Strong focus on redistribution of weapons exiting Brooklyn Navy Yards (cross-reference NCIS Node). Leadership: Zozo (African-American elf male, DOB: 07/09/22). Tag: Modified Neo-Anarchist "A". Areas of operation: New York City area, excluding Manhattan, including Newark and Jersey City.

High-C Stunters. Corp gang of young middle and upper-middle class males. Illegal activities primarily limited to burglary, Matrix crime, distribution of CalHot chips, robbery and vandalism. Unconfirmed reports of assault. Leadership: Jamie "EZ-27" Konkel (Caucasian dwarf male, DOB: 10/02/57). Tag: Three Diamonds. Areas of operation: Manhattan.

Latin Queens. Radical Zen-Marian Feminista collective derived from local incarnation of the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation. For past two decades group has abandoned some traditional social activist and minority-based pro-feminist movements to focus on corporate endeavors (i.e. drug and chip distribution, extortion, male prostitution). Loose ties have been noted with local Order of St. Sylvester. Leadership: Erika Rios (Latino elf female, DOB: 08/05/36). Tag: Burning heart and crown. Areas of operation: Bronx.

Oggs. Prominent wizzer set that rose from the remains of the Zataras gang in 2070. Often utilized as third-party magic support by local gangs and crime families. Targeted for felony related arson, astral assault, Awakened narcotic distribution, lethal magic use and manslaughter. Leadership: Rachel Banner (Caucasian human female, DOB: 04/30/53). Tag: Ultraviolet evil eye. Areas of operation: Brooklyn, East Staten Island, Queens, South Bronx.

The Revs. Go-gang and illegal street racing club. Along with organizing unsanctioned competitions, the gang utilizes heavily modified automobiles for ground-based, high-speed hijacking, courier and smuggling operations. The majority of members are riggers or drivers with augmented reflexes. Leadership: The Reverend Jimmy-Michael Barney (Caucasian human male, DOB: 03/04/35). Tag: Burning tire. Areas of operation: New York City area, excluding Manhattan.

> The good Reverend was kicked out of seminary after crashing a stolen Westwind into the rectory during a drunken bender.
> Turbo Bunny

Sons of Sauron. NYC-area chapter of pro-ork movement. Primarily recruits members from disenfranchised ork neighborhoods and NYC correctional facilities including Rikers Island and the Brooklyn and Queens Detention Complexes. Responsible for race-related hate-crimes against non-orks as well as prostitution and narcotic/chip smuggling and distribution. Leadership: Cassius P. Marrow (Caucasian ork male, DOB: 11/22/49). Tag: Burning eye. Areas of operation: Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens.

Troika. Three Russo-Japanese sets that formed a tight confederation in 2059. Triumvirate "war council" represents interests of each faction. Ranks consist of unified Russian, ork and troll, and former Yakuza vassal *bosozoku*. Engaged in drug/chip distribution, extortion, gun-running and smuggling. Leadership: Grigory Stomakhin (Caucasian human male, DOB: 09/25/42), Joseph "3Joe" Barayev (Caucasian ork male, DOB: 12/20/44), and Yoshihiro Goto (Asian human male, DOB: 05/21/51). Tag: Three-pronged red star. Areas of operation: Brooklyn, North Queens, South Bronx.

Yardies. Afro-Carib gang and large conduit for narcotics into the NYC area. Also heavily involved in prostitution and (meta)human sex trafficking. Violent rivalry with the Afro-Carib Spangler Posse syndicate. Leadership maintains direct communication with Rahshan, head of their British counterparts. Leadership: Omtose (African-American troll male, DOB: 10/08/48). Tag: Stylized Gothic "Y" glyph. Areas of operation: Brooklyn, Queens.

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CRIMINAL SYNDICATES

Posted by: 2XL

MAFIA

When you're tangled with the syndicates always remember: New York City is *the* Mafia town. Just as provoking the Wanabuchi-rengo in Neo-Tokyo or the Red Dragon Association in Hong Kong can be a lethal mistake, pissing off the Five Families is a fast way to end up stuffed in a drain in the East River or buried in a shallow grave in a Connecticut forest. With that said running with the mob is a profitable venture if you watch your mouth and honor your contracts.

> The Goombas are only into that *l'onore e il rispetto* shit because no one on our side of the law respects them. They're more legit nowadays than they ever were.
> Kane

> Uh, last time I checked legit business owners don't mash your knees in when you cut them off in rush hour traffic.
> Snopes

The New York Mafia is living in a second Golden Age, one it hasn't seen in a century. The Bonanno, Carnetti, Colombo, Genovese, and Lucchese families set policy for organized crime all along the Atlantic seaboard. After the Food Riots, the Quake, VITAS, the Awakening, new governments, and two Crashes, the mob took advantage of the disarray to re-sink its talons deep into the fabric of New York society. However, this time, they've been a bit wiser about it. While they maintain some outposts of goodwill in the former boroughs, such as funding the St. James Cathedral Basilica, they've concentrated their operations to Manhattan, upstate, Newark and Philadelphia. The most profitable of their legitimate operations include "pump and dump" brokerage deals and almost a near-monopoly on city services.

> Wait right there. Shiawase has the waste management contract for Manhattan.
> Baka Dabora

> Technically it does and the trucks are Shiawase Envirotech property. But the drivers and waste handlers are all employees of Carnetti Enterprises. With its attention focused on a multitude of other contracts Shiawase decided it wasn't profitable to spend the time rooting the Carnettis out. Carnetti is also sub-contracted to handle most public utility and maintenance projects.
> Mr. Bonds

> The MDC hates their guts. They'd give anything to get the mobsters off their clean little island but they've never had luck with it. The Big Five are too deeply entrenched. When Renraku arrived on the East Coast in the '30s, mob leg-breakers would show up at Newark to intercept workers coming in on international flights. The Japanese maintenance techs were warned to get back on their semi-ballistics and go home. A few made it through the blockades of skull-crackers but most turned tail. As a result Carnetti got the waste drone maintenance sub-contract.
> Snopes

> The New York Mafia also invests heavily in megacorporate stocks. If they aren't pumping shares, they're using them to bully their way through shareholder meetings.
> Mr. Bonds

While the Big Five acquire most of their earnings through the legal (and usually unethical) business world they have, by far, the biggest slice of the Rotten Apple pie when it comes to vice in Manhattan. Casinos, bars, strip clubs, massage parlors, and high class prostitution are the purview of the Lucchese and Bonanno Families. Outside of Chinatown, which it has left to the Triads, every non-corporate controlled den of sin is Mob run.

If you haven't bothered checking a newsfeed in, oh, *forever*, here are the recent happenings with the dons of the Five Families: Francis "Pretty" Carnetti, President of Carnetti Enterprises, is in talks with Franklin Associates about folding the companies into a joint, mafia-controlled partnership. Peter "Rocky" Massarone of the Colombo Family is at St. Luke's Hospital and has taken a downward turn. His nephew, Vito "Buddha" Zerilli, is expected to take the crown shortly.

> The ork lifespan being what it is, the Colombo Family has seen more turnovers in leadership since the Awakening than the other Big Five.
> Pentito

The daughter of Eugene "Blue Jeans" Spagnelli of the Lucchese Family is currently engaged to the son of David Jacobs, the ECSE Commissioner. That should make for an interesting Christmas gathering. "Large" Tony Curto of the Genovese Family and Joseph "Smiles" Fitzpatrick of the Bonannos have been working to cement relationships with the "Sixth Family" in Montreal, under Alain Guillaume.

If you're looking to make a connection with the Families you could do worse than Lorraine Cogliano, a junior partner at Ripley Houston, LLC. Not only is she a shark lawyer she moonlights as a lieutenant for a Colombo crew. Inspired by Dona Rowena O'Malley in Seattle, young Lorraine's star is on the rise and she's looking to make *capo* within the year. Keep your nose clean and she's willing to assist an able-bodied runner.

> Cogliano is into the ladies. Her current *goomar* is a table dancer at Sacred Geometry in SoHo and she can put you in touch for a nice tip.

> Kat O'Nine Tails

TRIADS

The Large Circle League isn't the only Triad presence in the New York area but it's the most influential. The Large Circle keeps a low but persistent profile, wisely choosing to stay off the Mafia's radar. It controls the Chinatown gray market and gaming establishments but the lion's share of its members are actually middle-managers in the various corporate entities on the island. This includes all of the members of the MDC. In fact the Large Circle's Glass Sandal is actually a Shiawase suit.

> When he's not in a board room you can find the League's White Paper Fan, Chin He, sipping tea in the Lucky Star 99. But stay frosty as his natural inclination is to be suspicious of strangers who ask too many questions. And he never gives away a secret for free.

> Haze

The League's bread and butter activity is information brokerage. Their client list is long and diverse and includes more than a few corporations and governments. They also maintain a satellite operation in the Flushing area of Queens. This group is a little more hard-core than their corporate brothers and is actively engaged in run-of-the-mill extortion, racketeering and blackmail. They also handle whatever drug and BTL trade they can slip by the Mafia.

Two smaller Triads are based in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. The Ghost Shadows and the White Tigers exist in a criminal symbiosis. The White Tigers have organized a string of counterfeiting shops, using slave labor to create knock-off electronic tchotchkes and sub-standard, fake-label domestic products. These items are shipped around the world but the local Ghost Shadows are the White Tigers' largest customers. The Ghost Shadows vend these counterfeits via seemingly innocuous Matrix catalogue sites, promising large rewards and monetary success to anyone who buys in as a sales representative. Once a buyer is shipped his order he is promised he will be added to a waiting list for even better products... if he can recruit new members to the sales force. The token products cannot be sold for a profit and all that's really being purchased is the reward of being removed from the list by gathering more participants. Once the scheme hits its inevitable saturation point, 90% of the participants never see a dime from their investment.

> A Ponzi Scheme? What kind of moron falls for that in this day and age?

> Slamm-O!

> It's actually an Elevator Scheme. The Ghost Shadows target those who fancy themselves as do-it-yourself entrepreneurs but who have no business experience. These are usually minors and stay-at-home mothers. The Ghost Shadows are quite ingenious in their marketing tactics. They advertise through Matrix nodes trafficked by teens, cheap print publications like comics, and daytime trid programming.

> Dr. Spin

YAKUZA

What gambling in the Rotten Apple that isn't under the Mafia's thumb or in a distinctly ethnic neighborhood is probably run by the Toki-gumi. While the Yakuza are the scourge of the Pacific coasts, their experiences in the New York area have left them fighting for scraps with the Seoulpa Rings. The Nagato Combine in New Jersey finds the Toki clan embarrassing and turns its back on them whenever possible. This, of course, leads to the inevitable cycle of internal Yakuza blood baths followed by reconciliation between the two. The Triads don't even bother to pick fights with them. They assume the Toki and Nagato are good enough at ripping themselves apart.

> As a favor to a comrade I worked a summer as a bodyguard to Ryoichi Toki, the gumi's *oyabun*. I have never been associated with a more demoralized clan. Toki's *kobun* carelessly lost a shipment of betameth to the Seoulpa Rings. *Yubitsume* was the only honorable recourse but the *kobun* refused to lose the finger. So Toki let him off with a light fine. Disgraceful.

> Mihoshi Oni

> It's laughable to think of the Mafia attempting to set up shop in Neo-Tokyo and thrive and the same can be said of the Yaks in New York. Some criminal syndicates simply won't accept not being top dog. That whole honor thing again. They will bash themselves against the immovable cultural wall and keep hitting it until they break themselves. In this the Yaks and the Mob are kindred.

> Snopes

> Word is that Old Man Nagato may soon be cleaning house and moving in. He figures if they cut out the rot, the Yakuza can start fresh in NYC. Be on the look-out for the boys and girls in the black pajamas.

> Haze

> You know they don't actually wear black, right?

> Mihoshi Oni

Oddly enough, the Yakuza make a great deal of money in finders' fees from the mafiosos. They often guide Japanese and other Asian tourists and corp workers to gambling establishments run by the Mafia rather than from their own. Yakuza gaming in Manhattan and the Boroughs is usually limited to pachinko, off-site horse betting or digital arcades. They also have a small business setting up illegal (i.e. non-taxable) Matrix gambling machines in independent bars and coffee houses. The owners get a cut of the profits so it's an effective scheme. But these operations are small-time compared to the elaborate gambling palaces of the mob.

Imperial Japanese pornography is censored in ways that smut in the West is not so there's a large market for the production of porno simsense, trids and BTLs. SINless women of European descent have found the Yakuza to be a source of steady money if they're willing to perform in adult oriented fare. The final product is then smuggled into Japan for distribution. The Yakuza also operate several *bunraku* parlors spread throughout the Boroughs. Most of these parlors are very secretive and service only a select group of clientele. New clients can only be invited in and the *kumi-in* who manage the *bunraku* use staff hackers to run extensive background checks.

> The Toki-gumi wants to stay on the Five Families' good side. By keeping their sex industries secluded and secretive they aren't attempting to blatantly compete with them. However, the Lucchese Family disagrees and is willing to pay anyone who can sniff out a *bunraku* and shut it down.

> Pentito

The local Yakuza are timid when it comes to gun-running. Their numbers are small as is and getting busted for toting un-registered hardware weakens their position in the New York underworld even more. To get around this, the Toki-gumi has taken to ammunition smuggling. Despite the lower returns on investment it seems to work well for them. Most corporate and state laws concerning projectiles that aren't actually loaded into a weapon are murky. And even possessing seriously restricted ammo without a permit usually results only in fines and/or short jail sentences.

> My go-to man for ex-ex in NYC is an older guy named Minoro Katsuro. He was on his university sumo team and even though he's into middle-age he doesn't intimidate easy.

> Sticks

SEOULPA RINGS

Many of the former Korean Yakuza fled to the East Coast after the Schism, forming their own Seoulpa Rings which were modeled after the organizations in Seattle. The differences between the New York Rings and the Yakuza stem from a sense of betrayal and differences in ideology rather than contrasting goals. While the New York Seoulpa Rings are more street gang than "family," they're more progressive and proactive than the local Yakuza. Members are mostly Korean but the Rings typically have no hang-ups regarding metatype, race, nationality or gender. They actively recruit smaller Asian gangs as thralls, including the Laotians and Vietnamese. Also, a good quarter of their members are female.

> In other words if you're useful and loyal, you're in. Doesn't matter if you're in "outie" or an "innie."
Yay!

> /dev/grrl

> You can always spot the Laotians in any Seoulpa Ring. They're the ones with the pink pompadours. I haven't managed to figure out the cultural connection though...

> Kat O'Nine Tails

While the Mafia, Triads and Yakuza play high roller, with their legions of corporate accountants, madams, casino bosses and inside traders, the Seoulpa Rings are more than happy to sweep up any street level action in Manhattan. In Terminal and The Pit, half the dealers, pimps, pickpockets, crooked landlords and short con artists pay up to the Daejon Ring for protection. The current *hyeongnim* ("Big Brother") of the Daejon is a *mudang* shaman named Joel Sang. Sang hustled the streets of Terminal from the age of ten and when he discovered he had the Talent the Ring pulled him in. Aggressive by nature, Sang is a thorn in the side of the Five Families. He will actively butt heads with Mafia soldiers over dock territory in the Lower East Side, BTL distribution in Little Italy, or wherever he feels like stirring up trouble.

> Little Italy? Talk about sticking your head in the dragon's mouth.

> Sticks

- > The Daejong Ring is small, around forty members, but mighty. They have been known to use lightning fast guerilla actions in their mob wars, including coordinated conjuring, drive-bys and bombings. Half the time the wiseguys don't even see them coming.
- > 2XL

Two other Rings of note in the New York area are the Ulsan and Mokp'o Rings. The Ulsan is active in New Jersey and the Mokp'o across the Bronx and Queens. Along with the usual drug dealing, prostitution and protection rackets, these Rings invest heavily in wrestling and mixed-martial-arts events. They will set up bouts for the hot fighter of the week and even provide loans to promotions teams with fading fortunes. Many of the venues are connected to one or more Rings and the Ring leadership gets its cut of the ticket sales.

VORY V ZAKONE

The Mafia, the Yakuza, the Triads and the Seoulpa Rings are active across Manhattan and one or more Boroughs. But the Boroughs have their own syndicates, both ethnic and home-grown. And many, if not all of them, may soon pose a threat to the larger sharks.

The Vor have existed in Brooklyn's Brighton Beach in some form since the 1970s. When President Nixon successfully negotiated with General Secretary Brezhnev for the lawful emigration of Soviet Jews, what became known as "Little Odessa" saw a rapid influx of Russian immigrants. And with the immigrants came the organized criminals of their homeland.

Over the century, leadership of the Russian mob changed as quickly as throats were cut. The Zamyatin Syndicate has managed to stay at the top for the past eight years with a combination of luck, muscle and a strong mind for business. Led by its charismatic *tsar*, Valery Shishkin, these Western Vor have controlling interest in the Brighton Beach restaurant, nightclub and bar scene and several Matrix-based banking services. Shishkin owns Nastasya's, a popular local eatery, of which he has designed the menu.

- > Try the borscht! Nastasya's management also stocks several excellent Black Sea caviars.
- > Traveler Jones

With his white beard, spicy cologne and penchant for red sweaters, Shishkin could pass for a kindly grandfather or Santa Claus. But beneath the jovial Old World patina beats the heart of a killer. During the Euro Wars young Valery Shishkin led a mercenary unit in Chechnya. Shishkin was feared for his ruthlessness and complete disregard for civilized rules of engagement. It was during this time that he discovered selling displaced refugee women on the slave market was more profitable than killing Islamist soldiers. Fleeing the International Court he migrated to New York at the end of the war and set up shop.

Shishkin's lieutenant is a former Evo company woman named Vera Noukahev. Her megacorporate connections have allowed the Zamyatin Syndicate to expand its legitimate operations outside the Brooklyn area. Noukahev's past is filled with rumor but very few facts. What we do know is that she personally oversees the syndicate's slaving operations. The New York City area's Z-Zones are her hunting grounds. Her prey are orphaned children and very young women. She has arrangements with crooked orphanages and group homes that don't mind a few residents disappearing at a given time. Most of these poor souls end up on the international sex slave markets but some of the choice ones stay in the area as local prostitutes.

FOUR-NINE ARCHONS

The Four-Nine Archons (aka 49ers or R-Coz) pride themselves as a civic-based organization. The syndicate was originally a street gang founded sometime between 2034 and 2036 by two ork youth named LeSean Wiggins and Julio Clagon in Co-op City. The Arcology Forty-Nine Gang, as it was then called, was an attempt by Klett and Clagon to combat the violence perpetrated by anti-metahuman street gangs as well fascist groups like National Action. By the beginning of the '40s, when Clagon began to lead the organization and changed the name, they had become one of the most dangerous gangs in the Bronx. Clagon transformed the group into a pro-meta nationalist group but still involved it in street crime and narcotics as well as community development.

Today, the Archons maintain a roster of nearly 2,500 members. The gang has long since grown into an organized syndicate with crew bosses maintaining discipline, the narcotics distribution chain and financial order. It's also well entrenched in the day-to-day life of the Bronx public housing arcologies. Archon members provide security, financial support, voter registration drives, after-school care and pro-education activities for the impoverished area residents who, in turn, refuse to cooperate with law-enforcement investigations into the narcotics and prostitution rings. Arcology Tenant Presidents are often seen meeting with Archon crew leaders. The two sides are considered to be the area's real power-brokers.

- > One of the more interesting examples of the Archon/arco-tenant dynamic is that of the younger syndicate members, who are in their teens and early 20s, hooking up with the arcologys' older, single women. Most of *them* are in their 40s and 50s.
- > Kat O'Nine Tails
- > Ewwwww! Really?
- > /dev/grrl

- > Those women are usually lonely single mothers. It also works out for the Archons. If they need a place to stash drugs, chips or guns the ladies won't rat out their boyfriends to the cops. Also, those Co-op City arcologies are arcology in name only. They're very drafty in winter when the Atlantic winds hit and it's comforting to have a warm body to cuddle with in bed.
- > Kat O'Nine Tails

The syndicate's original leadership is six feet under. The highest ranking members, its leadership council, reside in large suburban homes they purchased for their parents in Nassau County. The best contact a shadowrunner could make with the Archons is with one of the Co-op City crew bosses named DX. DX is a savvy, levelheaded young ork with a good mind for business. His most trusted advisor is his crew's accountant, a troll who goes by Fuzzy Bone.

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Field Interview 21 – NYU PhD Thesis: “Economics of Criminal Behavior in Young Metahumans”

Subject: “DX”

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Interviewer: What do you feel is the greatest impediment in the culture of American Orks?

DX: Trog.

Interviewer: Pardon me?

DX: Trog. I'm a trog. “American Orks” put on ties and live in the suburbs. I'm a trog.

Interviewer: You don't find that term to be offensive?

DX: <<laughs>> Motherfucker, I went to college and I graduated. I went into sales at Pulaski, the soy technology company. I worked hard, really hard. But I saw under-qualified human after under-qualified human get promoted while I was stuck where I was at. Fuck that shit. If that doesn't make me a trog I don't know what does. I came back home and joined up with the Archons. Now I'm making more money than any of those breeders and I feel like I'm a part of something that's doing some good in the world.

Fuzzy Bone: I went to college but I dropped out. Dumbest mistake I ever made. Now I'm in community college taking accounting courses. I hope they're harder over at your fancy school because I've got straight A's right now. <<laughs>>

Interviewer: Seriously?

Fuzzy Bone: Yeah, man. I like being a Four-Nine Archon but I don't want to be in the game forever.

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JEWISH MAFIA

Jewish criminals have been involved with the traditional Mafia since its inception. It was an American Jew named Meyer Lansky who helped develop the Commission in the 1930s. Most modern Jewish mobsters have acclimated to the Roman Catholic Mafia and have been brought into their fold. However, these Jews have been non-religious in practice. The Orthodox Jews of Brooklyn's Borough Park hold on to their faith, practices and traditions and have disengaged themselves from much of secular society. As Borough Park contains the largest number of Orthodox Jews outside of Israel, the community has developed its own insulated criminal network.

The head of the Kosher Nostra is Zeev Gonen, a man whom the *Brooklyn Rail* has declared their Local Philanthropist of the Year for three years running. A successful independent entrepreneur, Gonen is rarely seen in public without his wife and daughters at his side. But behind the wholesomeness of this Orthodox family is a business consisting of money laundering, smuggling, data forging and loan sharking. Gonen's eldest daughter Shoshana, an NYU grad student pursuing her doctorate in Computer Science, is a talented hacker working the Matrix side of her father's endeavors. Rumor has it that Shoshana is being groomed by her old man to take over the family business when he retires.

Gonen not only has the support of the Borough Park residents he also coordinates the neighborhood *Shomrim* (safety patrol). As the community has special dispensation from the local government to provide its own law-enforcement, the *Shomrim* are the area's volunteer police squad. They also act as Gonen's eyes, ears and arms.

- > *Shomrim* are easy to spot. If you see a handsome young man with a close cut beard and a dark hat, sporting several thousand nuyen worth of muscle and bone 'ware, stay on his good side.

> Kat O'Nine Tails

OTHER NEW YORK SYNDICATES

Claiming territory in Brooklyn's Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood, the founders of the Spangler Posse were members of smaller Caribbean drug outfits. They fled the region to New York in the '40s when the influence of the Mafia's Batista family spread beyond the shores of Cuba. Now they're the Five Families' problem. The Spangler Posse operates in a fashion similar to its rivals, the Yardies. But where the Yardies embrace cyberware, the Spangler Posse finds augmentation an affront to Jah and a “yoke of Babylon.” It embraces magic in all of its forms and while it doesn't turn away the non-Awakened, its leaders are

typically adepts or mages of the Rastafarian tradition. Given that, it shouldn't be surprising to note that the distribution and refinement of drugs, specifically Awakened and BADs, is their stock in trade.

- > Jango St. John, the Spangler Posse's current chief, is connected to Mário Gomez of the Olaya Cartel. And like 'ware, they find BTLs distasteful and prefer to stay away from them.
- > Glasswalker

The Greenpoint Crew is technically a crime syndicate in that they're "organized" (sort of) and a family but that's where the similarities end. The Krol brothers of Brooklyn are stereotypically old-school when it comes to crime. Gun-running, fencing, extortion and armed robbery; if you only need a fist and a pair of feet to accomplish the task, this set of ork quintuplets does it. Without subtlety or finesse. Their grandparents were employed by the Colombo Family as leg breakers but decided to strike out on their own. The Colombos will call on the Krols from time to time when a Mafia soldier or shadowrunner doesn't send the right message. The eldest brother and leader, Ostap, was recently caught on camera beating a local merchant into a coma with a golf club. The next eldest, Karol, has stepped up as boss while Ostap serves out a nickel on Rikers.

- > The first one with a "How many Poles does it take..." joke gets a bullet in the gut. These guys are as Polish as a soy-kielbasa. They've been in North America for generations and only play up the whole "Old Country" angle to work the sympathies of the dominant Polish population in the Greenpoint area.
- > Red Anya

The newest kids in the New York crime scene are the Bachchan Family in Queens. The organization is currently very small but is gaining recruits from the local Pakistani and Indian populations as well as disenfranchised metahumans and SURGE. Crime boss Apoorva Bachchan is a Class III SURGE who took the form of a ganesha during the Year of the Comet. Bachchan is involved in several crooked real-estate and land redevelopment deals and has links back home to simsense and trid production companies in Mumbai. Bachchan's lieutenant, Kumara, oversees the clan's Matrix-related crime schemes including illegal pornography and BTL distribution.

- > The Family are fans of Bollywood-style performances so during the Festival of Lights Bachchan sponsors a Queens-wide dance competition. It gets a lot of play in the press.
- > Sunshine