

By Kevin Siembieda

You guys and gals are doing great helping Palladium get through our cash flow crunch. Please keep it up. Sales are up and down, but overall they've been very strong and helpful.

The Rifter® Subscription Drive is going gangbusters. As I have been saying, **The Rifter®** is a wonderful source for gaming ideas, adventures, new villains, monsters, magic, powers, etc., as well as finding ideas to keep your games fresh and set you thinking along new avenues. It's also an awesome way to help Palladium and get a whole lot back in return. Subscribe now, and you get four issues of The Rifter®, plus a FREE Gift (there is a small charge for shipping and handling). What are you waiting for?

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The Rifter

® today.

Surging back stock sales! We've been seeing titles sell across the full range of Palladium products, in all its product lines, as well as T-shirts, prints and other items. Most sales are 1-4 items, but we've seen some big orders of a dozen or more as well. Awesome.

Pre-Orders for upcoming books also strong. We are seeing a lot of pre-orders for all the upcoming titles. Though we do NOT charge your card until a week or two prior to the actual shipping of the book, pre-orders help us to gauge demand and determine how many we should print, and let us know what we can expect when the book is ready to ship. Most of all, it tells us we are on the right track and that these are titles you want. And fear not, we're planning new titles for ALL our game lines.

My voice is back! Well, mostly. It's not quite as strong as normal and is still a little raspy, but my voice is back. For about three days over the weekend I sounded like Christian Bale's "Batman" voice. Of course, this got me going through the office growling in a deep, hoarse whisper, "I am the Batman." I talked about this in a *Murmur from the Megaverse* ® and revealed I even assigned the Palladium staff identities from the Batman comic books. Hey, it's

bad enough being sick, figured I might as well have some fun with it. I took most of Friday, part of Saturday and all of Sunday off and rested like my doctor told me to, so I was feeling much better by Monday.

More good news from the doctors. I am doing great managing my diabetes. I've dropped weight, changed my diet, exercise daily and the results are blood levels dropping back to within (or near) the normal range. I still have a ways to go, and I'm only starting my Diabetes Education classes, but looking great. I say "great" because that's the word my doctor and diabetes educators have both used. Apparently, most people drag their feet or make small lifestyle changes very slowly. Instead, I jumped in with both feet and made dramatic, sweeping changes immediately. Hey, I want to be healthy. Bad enough I had been an idiot and was pushing myself too hard and eating like garbage to the point that I gave myself diabetes in the first place. That's the crazy thing about this disease, **a) it is preventable, and**

b)
once you have the disease (grrrrr) you really can *manage it* with diet and exercise.

The doctor is already talking about reducing the medication (a pill) I take and possibly getting off of it completely if I can continue to show I'm managing it with diet and exercise. The exercise part kills me too. Until diabetes hit, I just could NOT find time to exercise. What an idiot! Now I exercise for a lousy 30 minutes a day, usually walking at a brisk pace and it has made a world of difference. A crummy 30 minutes is all it takes every day. How could I not find the time before? Actually, with all the demands on my time, it is hard to make the time, but I MUST for my health, so I do. Same thing with cutting my hours down to 12 hour days, six days a week. That too has made a big difference. I hope you guys and gals do likewise. Sorry, I don't mean to go on and on about it, I'm just very pleased with myself. :)

UPDATE: Kathryn Kozora is doing better. Kay called me last Sunday, but I couldn't talk because I had no voice! She said she would call back this week sometime. She sounded great and said she was doing much better. I assume that means her lung cancer is finally responding to the heavy chemotherapy. I'll learn more soon.

UPDATE: Online Sales. We did great last week and we're doing well this week, so keep 'em coming. This might be a good time to try that new game or pick up related sourcebooks in conjunction with that new release you're planning on getting. And don't forget about subscribing to **The Rifter®**. I think you'll find it rewarding on many levels. My

thanks to everyone who has been part of this much needed surge – you are fantastic.

A strange sales trend. I don't know why, but starting with the Christmas Surprise Packages, there has been a sharp increase in sales of the **After the Bomb® RPG** and sourcebooks. I am happy to see this because it is the last, great role-playing game created by *Erick Wujcik*, and it is pure fun to play.

Honestly, I'm not quite sure why AtB ever fell out of favor. I suspect the whole *Ninja Turtle-mania*, with the Ninja Turtles® becoming what I call "kiddified," played a big part. As the **Ninja Turtles**® changed from being a super-cool, cult comic read by teens and adults into the New Mickey Mouse for kids ages 3-10, the older demographic fled from the **TMNT® RPG**. I suspect because the **After the Bomb**® setting was so closely associated with **TMNT**® that the line suffered too. That's why I had Erick Wujcik re-write, improve and update the entire concept into a high-tech, modern setting where "the bomb" is the "gene-bomb," creating, new intelligent, mutant animal life forms via genetic manipulation. As usual, Erick knocked it out of the park creating the fun and epic **After the Bomb® Role-Playing Game**.

Initial sales weren't bad, but they trailed off and the game setting has languished. That always surprised me, because, **1.** The subject of clones and genetic manipulation is very topical. **2.** The RPG is just plain great and so much fun to play.

3. AtB is an excellent starter game for people who have never played an RPG.
4. If nothing else, the **After the Bomb® RPG** and the related sourcebooks are excellent for creating mutant characters for **Heroes Unlimited**™!
5. AtB is phenomenal whether played as a game or as a sourcebook for other games. The mutant

animal creation system can be used to create
aliens, D-Bees
and unique characters for settings as diverse as

Robotech®, **Rifts®**

and

Phase World

® to

Heroes Unlimited™, **Nightbane®**

and

Palladium Fantasy®.

6.

The scenarios and possibilities for these mutant characters are endless and soooo much fun to play. I'm glad people are rediscovering

After the Bomb®

– one of Erick Wujcik's most fun game designs – and loving it.

UPDATE: The Rifter® #57 ships tomorrow. It is outstanding and you need to buy a copy!

Start your subscription with it or just buy it as a stand-alone issue, because it is filled with a ton of useful source material. Like what, you ask?

Like 20 dangerous monsters designed for the **Palladium Fantasy RPG®** – BUT many come with **Rifts®/M.D.C.**

conversion notes

and these "Fantasy" monsters can just as easily be dropped into your

Heroes Unlimited™, **Nightbane**

® and even

Beyond the Supernatural

™ campaign.

Rifts

® conversions (whether they are provided or you do them yourself) means the monstrosities can be used in the

Phase World®/Three Galaxies™ setting, Robotech®, Chaos Earth

™ and any alien environment. Furthermore,

The Rifter

® is where you can find source material for the games for which so many of you keep asking for new stuff like

BTS™, **Nightbane®**, **Splicers**

®,

Palladium Fantasy

® and

Heroes Unlimited

™, and is an excellent way to give your imagination fuel. Subscribe to it, you will not be

disappointed.

[Click here](#) for complete details and information.

UPDATE: Rifts® World Book 32: Lemuria – Bigger and Better. My getting ill didn't help this deadline nor did my decision to expand

Rifts® Lemurian

to
192 pages
. It is the only way to keep EVERYTHING that belongs in this book. I had toyed with cutting out a few hunks and releasing it as a 48 page Lemuria Sourcebook, but I would hate to do it. It's nice to have all the Lemuria stuff in one nice, neat, big package, so that's what I've decided to do. That also means raising the price from \$20.95 to \$24.95 retail, but it is so worth it, and cheaper than two books.

Oh my gosh, this book is good. The closer I get to finishing **Rifts® Lemuria** the more impressed I am with it. Even sections that might sound ho-hum, like the *Lemurian Biomancy Gardens*, have one cool idea or toy for players and Game Masters after another. And I don't mean just a cool, weird plant. There is often something you can take from the plant and use in magic or as a weapon, or for healing. Sweet, sweet stuff. As I've been saying for weeks,

Rifts® Lemuria

is brimming with new weapons, new Biomancy and Ocean Magic spells, new Symbiotes, never-before-seen living power armor, exotic creatures, sea dragons and monsters wrapped in an exotic history and setting. And since Lemurians are amphibious, there are all kinds of items in this book that can be used on

dry land

as well as below the waves. I hope to have Lemuria wrapped up by this weekend and to the printer next week. That means it will be a February release. Worth the wait.

UPDATE: Dead Reign™ Sourcebook 3: Endless Dead™. I actually did some work on this book last Friday while Matthew was going over a bunch of

Rifts® Lemuria

stuff for me.

Endless Dead

™ is another book that will blow your mind. On track for a February release.

UPDATE: Rifts® Vampires Sourcebook. We have one great book coming after another, and this is one of them. It immediately follows Endless Dead™ and should please all the Rifts® players who have been anxiously waiting for it. A March release.

UPDATE: Rifts® World Book: The Black Market. Matthew is done with the final draft. I need to start assigning the artwork. March release.

UPDATE: Rifts® World Book: Northern Gun™ One. Matthew Clements is wild about **NG One** and **Two**. So will you be. It's slated for a March release.

UPDATE: Robotech® Genesis Pits™ Sourcebook. Irvin Jackson should turn in the finished manuscript in a few weeks. March or April release.

UPDATE: Rifts®/Minion War™: Megaverse® in Flames™. This book will blow your mind. That's all I can say right now. April release.

UPDATE: Splicers®. The manuscript for two Splicers® sourcebooks arrived today. Fear not, we plan to get the books in the pipeline out before we start looking at new material, but you can look forward to **Splicers® sourcebooks** later this year. (Along with sourcebooks for *Chaos Earth™*, *Beyond the Supernatural™* and *Palladium Fantasy®*).

UPDATE: VisionCon – Springfield, Missouri, February 16-19 – Kevin Siembieda, *Gaming Guest of Honor*.

Yep, I'm the gaming guest of honor at what will be a fun time for all. I know it's real, because my flight and travel information arrived early this week.

In addition to me, Jolly and Barbara Blackburn (KoDT) and a host of other interesting guests, I spoke with *Madman Mike Leonard*, and he says he's planning on braving the two hour drive to be at VisionCon for at least one day (probably Saturday). Writer

Mark Oberle

and a few other Palladium creators said they plan to be there too. I'll be at VisionCon all day

Friday, Saturday

and most of

Sunday

. I'll be sharing a table with

Jolly

and

Barbara Blackburn,

and available to chat and sign autographs when I'm not in a panel talk or running a game. I

hope to see a lot of Palladium fans.

<http://www.visioncon.net>

for more information about VisionCon.

UPDATE: Palladium Open House (POH), May 4, 5 & 6, 2012. This is the event you should be planning on attending. The Palladium Open House is dedicated to role-playing, fun and lasting memories. Come on over for one day or the entire weekend, but come on over.

Note:

See the POH description at the end of this Weekly Update for more info.

POH V.I.P. Thursday tickets go on sale February 1, 2012. That's next Wednesday. This is the last of them and they are expected to go fast, so be prepared to place your order. VIP Night is May 3, 2012, starts around 3:00 in the afternoon, includes a catered dinner, a night of gaming, and first crack at purchases. This event has an extra cost.

[Click here](#) for more information.

Open House Challenge: I want to repeat last week's challenge that some of you should enter the POH costume contest as a *Nightbane®* or *Nightlord*, or other characters from the

Nightbane® RPG . . .

if you dare. And let's see a lot of people entering the Costume Contest Saturday evening.

Don't forget to check out Carmen Bellaire's YouTube video reviews of Palladium product.

Carmen Bellaire and *William "Big Will" Johnson* have started to post video reviews about Palladium role-playing games and sourcebooks. Check them out by going to:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/Maloquinn>

Sneak Previews on DriveThruRPG.com are coming soon, starting with *Rifts® Lemuria*.

There are 90+ backstock titles, including back issues of

The Rifter

®, first edition rule books, other sneak previews and the Rifts® Game Master Kit all available as PDF downloads at reasonable prices.

As you can see, I'm brimming with enthusiasm. You'll understand why as soon as you see the first few new releases of the year. They are epic. Even *The Rifter® #57* is super. But there's more to talk about. The Palladium Open House is coming up FAST. We need Game Masters to run games at the

Open

House

and at

Gen Con Indy

. We have other projects boiling that I'll talk about in upcoming Weekly Updates.

In between, I'll continue to try to post frequent Murmurs from the Megaverse as well as on the Palladium Facebook page. Keep those imaginations burning bright, and game on!

– *Kevin Siembieda, Publisher, Writer and Game Designer*

Food for thought

The 2011 Christmas Surprise Package offer was another great success. By this time I usually stop sharing comments from fans, but there were three among the last batch to place orders during the extension that I want to share. They are the kind of things that keep me going and are another example of the awesomeness of Palladium fans. They have nothing to do with Christmas and everything to do with *courage, friendship and joy*. (Hmmm, re-reading that last sentence, I'd say that has everything to do with Christmas and drinking in the richness of a life worth living.) Again, I thank these fans and all of you who sent comments in Surprise Packages or as Private Messages, online postings, emails and cards. You and your comments are appreciated.

– Kevin Siembieda & the Palladium Crew

S.G. in Arlington, Texas, writes: I just wanted to end my comments with a quote from an article I recently read that made me think of all of you (I hope you don't mind):

“Face Challenges with Courage, C is for courage. Courage becomes a worthwhile and meaningful virtue when it is regarded not so much as a willingness to die manfully, but as a determination to live decently. Said the American essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson: ‘Whatever you do, you need courage. Whatever course you decide on, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising that tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires some of the same courage that a soldier needs. Peace has its victories, but it takes brave men and women to win them.’

“There will be times when you will be frightened and discouraged. You may feel that you are defeated. The odds of obtaining victory may appear overwhelming. At times you may feel like David trying to fight Goliath. But remember – David did win! Courage is required to make an initial thrust toward one's coveted goal, but even greater courage is called for when one stumbles and must make a second effort to achieve. Have the determination to make the effort, the single-mindedness to work toward a worthy goal, and the courage not only to face the challenges that inevitably come but also to make a second effort, should such be required. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says, ‘I'll try again tomorrow.’” –
Thomas S. Monson

Everyone at Palladium Books is a shining example of courage and decency to me. God Bless, and looking forward to a great new year. See you all in May!

W.L. in Olympia, Washington, writes: Greetings again to Santa Kevin & his happy elves . . . I have decided to invest in the future of Palladium, and I see it as a bright one! Though I know from reading the musings that there are some dark clouds looming overhead . . . damn Kevin, you are on a roll. I think the time, energy and effort being put out for Palladium will surely help to cement the solid core of us gamers loyal to Palladium, as well as attract new blood young to role-playing and disenfranchised with the competition. My own finances have been extremely tight this last year, otherwise, I would have bought nearly every new book that came out . . . I

hope your hard work and dedication pays off soon!

T.C. in Lawrenceville, Georgia, writes: It is no surprise for you that times are tough for your players. I am sure you experience the same trials we do. But you should know that your games have allowed me and several friends an inexpensive weekend social activity. Instead of putting our money on movies or concerts, we plan modest group meals and gush over the exploits of Cyber-Knights and Techno-Wizards. You keep up the work and we will keep up the laughs.

Palladium Books 2012 Product Release Schedule

January 2012 Releases

- [The Rifter #57](#) – New – ships tomorrow.

February 2012 Releases

- [Rifts® World Book 32: Lemuria](#) – New – in final production.
- [Dead Reign™ Sourcebook Three: Endless Dead](#)™ – New
- [Rifts® Vampires Sourcebook](#)™ – New

March 2012 Releases

- [Rifts® World Book: The Black Market](#) – New

- [Rifts® World Book: Northern Gun™ One](#) – New (tentative)
- [Robotech® Genesis Pits™ Sourcebook](#) – New (tentative)

April 2012 Releases

- **The Rifter® #58** – New
- [Rifts®/Minion War™: Megaverse® in Flames](#)™ – New (tentative)
- **Rifts® Northern Gun™ Two** – New

May 2012 Releases

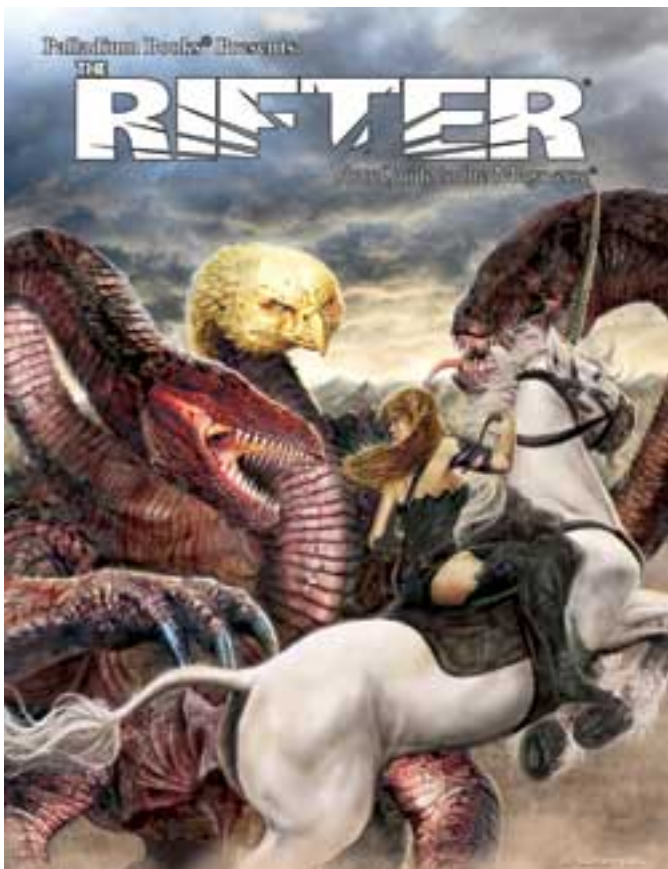
- [Robotech® UEEF Marines Sourcebook](#) (tentative) – New
- [Palladium Open House](#) – May 3-6, 2012 – A gaming extravaganza

All of Palladium's Core Game Lines to be Supported in 2012

The following are in development:

- **Robotech® sourcebooks**
- **Rifts® Antarctica and other sourcebooks**
- **Splicers® Sourcebooks**
- **Heroes Unlimited™ Sourcebooks**
- **Chaos Earth™ Sourcebooks**

- Palladium Fantasy®: Mysteries of Magic™ Two & Three
- Palladium Fantasy®: Land of the Damned™ Three
- Nightbane® Sourcebook
- Beyond the Supernatural™ Sourcebooks
- And other good stuff.



The Rifter® #57 – Ships Friday, January 27

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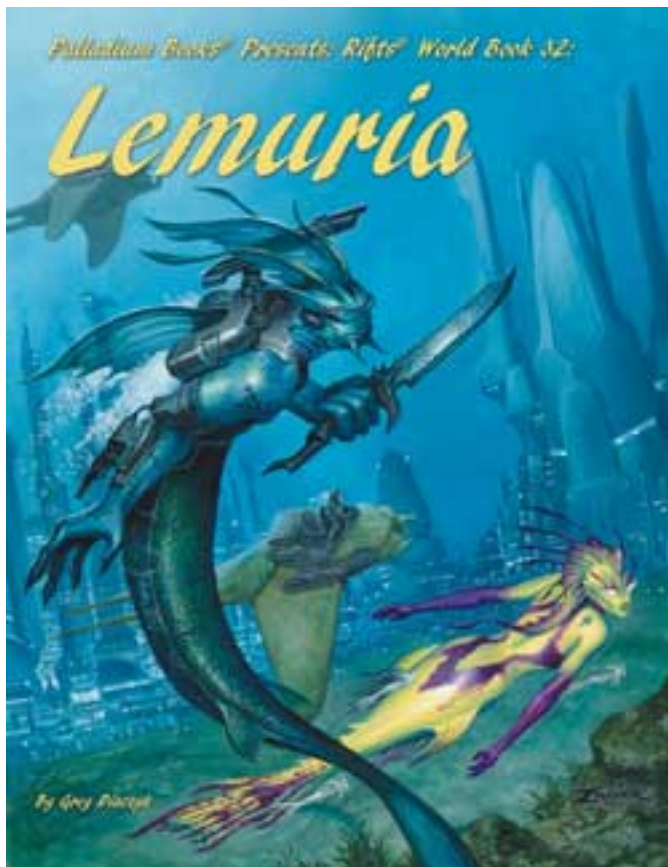
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- **Rifts®** – The Brodkil War Machinist O.C.C.
- **Rifts®** – NGR Anthropological Field Operative O.C.C..
- **News, coming attractions, and more.**
- **Cover by Charles Walton II.**
- **96 pages – still only \$11.95 retail – [Cat. No. 157](#) . January release.**



**NEW! BIGGER! Rifts® World Book: Lemuria™
Ships February**

“I think this book is going to amaze people.” – *Kevin Siembieda*

- The Lemurians, their race, history and society.
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- 50+ new Biomancy spells.
- Biomancer Gardens, herbs and magic.
- Nearly a dozen types of living Bio-Armor (Lemurian power armor).
- The Stone Guardians of Easter Island and other mysteries.
- Stone vehicles and weird weapons and devices.
- Symbiotic creatures and Biomancy constructs; some that enable air-breathers to survive underwater indefinitely.
- New dangers, new challenges, adventure ideas and more.
- Written by Greg Diaczyk with additional material by Matthew Clements and Kevin Siembieda.
- Cover by John Zeleznik.
- Interior art by Chuck Walton, Mike Mumah, Brian and Allen Manning, Kent Burles, Nick Bradshaw and Amy Ashbaugh.

- 192 pages – \$24.95 retail – [Cat. No. 885](#) . February release.



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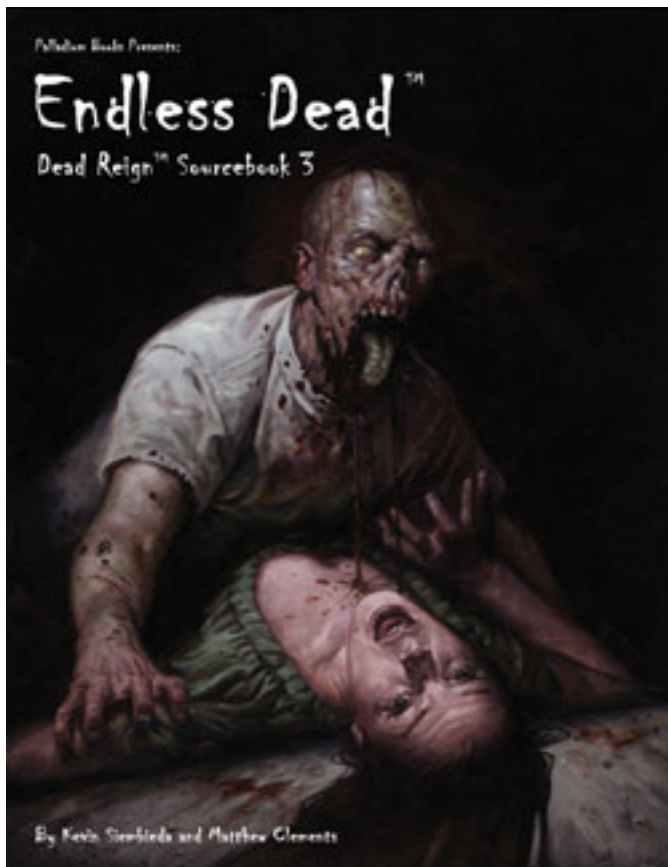
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NEW! Dead Reign™ Sourcebook 3: Endless Dead™ Ships February

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- **Information on vehicles and tables for adding custom armor, weapons and anti-zombie defenses.**
- **Vehicle combat rules and zombie-fighting in vehicles.**
- **Random encounter tables for military bases, police stations, gun stores, buildings, suburbs, industrial parks, small towns, farmland and wilderness.**

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- Written by Kevin Siembieda and Matthew Clements.
- Cover by E.M. Gist. Interior art by Mumah, Bradshaw and others.
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Rifts® Vampires Sourcebook™

Unknown to most humans, deep within Mexico the vampires have established entire kingdoms. There they live like tyrants and gods, dominating an underclass of cattle people used as slaves and food stock. Learn more about the vampires, their rivals, allies and the humans who willingly

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- Information on the Coalition prison system and border security.
- Written by Matthew Clements and Taylor White, with additional material by Kevin Siembieda and Alex Marciniszyn.
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Rifts® World Book: Northern Gun™ One

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- Written by Matthew Clements.
- Interior Artwork by Nick Bradshaw, Chuck Walton and others.
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