

Chapter 1 : Black Legion Series by Michael G. Thomas

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Black Legion was everything I expected and more. It was fantastic, a worthy sequel to the Talon of Horus, just as amusing and powerful. One of my favorite things about these books is the first person narrative, we From shame and shadow recast, in black and gold reborn. One of my favorite things about these books is the first person narrative, we get to see the evolution of the Black Legion and Ezekyle Abaddon from a perspective of one of his closest brothers in arms, his loyal follower, which implies that this view is subjective to a point. A figure as legendary as the Despoiler can be presented very differently depending on the viewer. Khayon keeps getting more depth to his personality, same for other characters. All of them are very well developed, diverse and unique, you will never confuse one for another. One-dimensional, interchangeable space marines IS a problem in Black Library books, it needs to go. I will avoid spoilers, this review could easily become waaay too long if i tried to describe each thing that i found especially interesting. If I had to pick my absolute favorite part, it would be everything around the Ghosts of Warp, just fascinating. I know I will read it again soon for this book will by all means become a major source of inspiration for my art. If there is one thing, one concept, one sentiment in the marrow of this novel, then it is that. Not casual revenge but the hate that burns inside every veteran of the Long War. While Talon of Horus took its time, caught in the weft and weave of its characters indecision and ennui, Black Legion burns with the desire to be free. The demand to be remembered. Black Legion returns us to Khayon and his drawn out confession to the Inquisition; a format which continues to en Vindicta. Black Legion returns us to Khayon and his drawn out confession to the Inquisition; a format which continues to engage. Often he will drift into asides, or proclaim not to remember, or not to bother expanding upon events- often because they are already known to his captors. His teasing, almost mocking faux-flirtation with his captors and especially Siroca , is enrapturing. His narration feels incredibly human, adding a vitality that other tenses might obscure. The characters we knew from before are joined by new brothers, who sometimes do not get as much time to shine as they ought. Wizeden Ilyaster is everything the Death Guard before him are not, dry and sepulchral instead of wet and glistening. Zaidu was a Night Lord, and comes across as a scheming murderous peacock, like an echo of Telemachon. Others, such as Vortigern, are playful mysteries, defined as much by their origins as their new allegiance. The plot is essentially a two headed beast, caught between the threat of Thagus Daravek, self-proclaimed Lord of Hosts, within the Eye and the looming threat of the Black Templars without. The revelation of the waiting force of Loyalists is very well-handled; serving as the kick-off for the resolution of battles between Abaddon and his rival. The novel is heavily invested with a sense of divine urgency and portent. He wobbles between exhaustion and urgency, his fluctuation girding his ironclad determination. The comparison is often drawn to Horus, of whom Abaddon is such a strong echo. Will he falter like the father? Is he greater than the First and False Warmaster? Is he, in more ways than one, his equal and not simply his heir? Provoking these questions are driving the plot are seminal figures such as Moriana. The prophetess is a study in restrained power, apparently subdued and yet rich with revelation. As one character remarks, she is dangerous because she speaks like a primarch; ripe with surety. After the sublime use of the daemon in Master of Mankind, we can well understand its potency and relevance. It is the key by which the Imperium shall fall and the Emperor be cast down. This looming sense of destiny truly kicks in as a late arc gut punch, which robs us of the familiar and then toys with the emotions it creates. This is then played upon and immediately drawn into a final conflict of breathtaking scale and yet intimate scope. The toying with perspective allows us to enjoy the brutal and visceral melee, itself threaded through with potent emotional beats, and also the just as pressing void war. Black Legion builds upon everything that has gone before it, providing us with all of our favourite characters from the first book as they gain and regain their purpose, becoming something else entirely. The restraint in not simply plunging into the First Black Crusade, and instead building on already solid foundations shows that this is not simply a series of

rote recollection, but a monumental undertaking with narrative bones and plot beats that hearken back to some of the earliest laid down lore. ADB once again displays his talent for character building and world creation; for re-imagining the familiar and re-contextualising so much of what we already know. In the shadow of the Fall of Cadia, there is perhaps nothing as relevant and evocative for modern 40k. Khayon meets a new foe, and sows the seeds of a conflict to come. To see Khayon confront these antagonists is an almost guilty pleasure, like a "Who would win" argument come to life; one that will have dire ramifications going forward.

Chapter 2 : Black Legion (Novel Series) - Warhammer 40k - Lexicanum

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The Black Legion, at that time still known as the Sons of Horus, became the primary instrument of its Primarch, the Warmaster Horus, to overthrow the Emperor of Mankind and seize control of the Imperium in the name of Chaos. Such are the crimes of the Black Legion that it is easy to forget that the past was very different, and that there was a time when its Astartes and their perfidious master Horus were lauded above all of the other warriors of the Legiones Astartes, and were considered the most favoured servants of the Emperor of Mankind. They were as stalwart and indefatigable as any of the servants of the Emperor and their actions exemplified what it meant to be a warrior of the Space Marine Legions. The Black Legion is now one of the Traitor Legions of Chaos Space Marines who are united in the pursuit of the single purpose of overthrowing the Imperium. They oppose the infighting that consumes so many of their brethren amongst the other Traitor Legions, for the Astartes of the Black Legion are the greatest servants of Chaos Undivided. They are always brought together in great numbers to work the will of their Warmaster of Chaos, Abaddon the Despoiler, the heir of Horus. Horus eventually instituted this change following his conversion to the service of the Dark Gods of Chaos on the world of Davin. The new name was chosen after the Astartes of the Sons of Horus painted their Power Armour black in grief at the death of their Primarch Horus and shame at their failure to overthrow the False Emperor and seize control of the galaxy in the name of the Ruinous Powers. The Black Legion are at once the inheritors of the most glorious legacies of the Great Crusade, and the vilest treacheries of the Horus Heresy. Their Primarch was the Warmaster Horus himself, once celebrated as the greatest of the sons of the Emperor, and later despised as the basest of Traitors. Of all the infant Primarchs scattered to the corners of the galaxy before the process of their creation was completed, Horus grew up closest to Terra. Thus, Horus grew to maturity amongst the anarchic gangers that populated the post-industrial nightmare of a world honeycombed with long-extinct mines and dominated by decaying hive city spires. It was from the hyper violent gang-scum of Cthonia that many of the earliest inductees into the Space Marine Legions were taken, and it was there that the Emperor found the first and most beloved of His lost sons. For thirty standard years, the Emperor and Horus fought the opening campaigns of the Great Crusade side by side, the Primarch learning at the foot of his sire. Horus was well-suited to the task, and the lessons he had learned in the previous three Terran decades served him well. As one by one the Primarchs were united with their sire and their brothers, Horus came increasingly to be regarded as the greatest of their number, the first among equals. While many of his brothers and the Legions created in their image were gifted in particular fields of military endeavour, Horus was a natural leader, his greatest genius his ability to meld seemingly divergent allies into a coherent whole. This skill was not only of use on the battlefield, for it carried over into contacts with the peoples the Great Crusade met. So great was the victory that his Legion, originally called the Luna Wolves, was renamed the Sons of Horus. The Emperor returned to Terra to oversee the next phase of the creation of his interstellar empire, but on the Feral World of Davin, Horus was struck down by some malady sufficiently virulent to affect even a superhumanly resilient Primarch. Horus emerged from his illness changed, and the practise of establishing Warrior Lodges spread throughout the Legions. With it, apparently, spread whatever Chaos taint had corrupted the Warmaster, and the fate of the galaxy was sealed. As the pre-eminent Primarch, Horus had always enjoyed the confidence of his brothers, even when internecine rivalries had caused disputes. It appears that through a masterful series of manipulations and deceptions, Horus subverted the loyalties of those Primarchs personally closest to him, whilst simultaneously diverting or undermining those others, such as Rogal Dorn, Roboute Guilliman and Sanguinius, who would oppose his treachery. Others still must surely have been the work of the Ruinous Powers themselves, turning their unknowable attentions upon the domains beyond the Empyrean and exerting their will upon them. It was at Istvaan V that the Warmaster finally revealed his true colours. The first wave of the Legions sent to confront

Horus made planetfall, only to discover themselves in the midst of treachery. The second wave, consisting of the Word Bearers , Iron Warriors , Alpha Legion , and World Eaters turned upon their embattled brothers, and the result was the infamous Drop Site Massacre , one of the darkest moments not only of the Horus Heresy, but of the entire history of Mankind. The ensuing civil war pitched the whole Imperium into anarchy and chaos. It was not only the Legions aligned to Horus that rebelled, for the Warrior Lodges and the Chaotic taint in general had spread far and wide by the time of the Drop Site Massacre. As events neared their tragic conclusion, those Legions not committed to the defence of Terra raced through the Warp, converging on the homeworld of Mankind in such numbers that the Traitors, massed to assault the Imperial Palace , would be defeated. At the last, Horus lowered the shields of his Battle Barge , effectively inviting the Emperor to teleport aboard and confront His treacherous gene-son. In the battle that followed, Horus was slain at the hand of his sire, his soul psychically annihilated so that not a shred of its essence remained. But in defeating the Primarch, the Emperor had suffered such wounds that only His ascension to the life-sustaining Golden Throne could keep death at bay. All the while, the Legion suffered the jealous attacks of their former allies during the so-called Legion War. The Traitors changed their name once more, this time in reference to the fact that their armour was now adorned black, calling themselves the Black Legion. Through his actions, Abaddon re-invigorated the Legion, reviving the old notion that none could stand in their way and that they would one day inherit the galaxy itself. When the warbands of the Black Legion gather under the wrathful banner of Abaddon the Despoiler, the words of Horus are ever heard upon their lips -- let the galaxy burn. Contents Legion History "You will try. We are the Luna Wolves, and this Legion is the anvil upon which you will be broken. We are the anvil.. He drew these new troops in part from the forces that had already unified Terra during the Unification Wars of the late 30th Millennium, from willing Terran volunteers like those who comprised the XVIth Space Marine Legion who were implanted with the gene-seed of their missing Primarch Horus like all the Astartes of the First Founding. Perpetual conflict and the harshness of life on the desolate margins of Terran society had given these people the hard edge of ruthlessness and independence that would serve a Space Marine well. The XVIth Legion made war with abrasive aggression. Perhaps through the influence of their genetic heritage or the use the Emperor put them to, the Space Marines of the XVIth Legion became synonymous with sudden and overwhelming shock assaults. To the XVIth Legion fell the swift prosecution of battle and the bloody termination of campaigns. Their attacks were preemptive as often as they were part of an existing conflict, their forces either the first deadly threat unleashed by the Imperium or preserved to enact a final, killing blow. The First Pacification of Luna was perhaps the most famous of these early victories for the XVIth Legion, but the breaking of the Coriolis Enclaves and the Five Winter left scars in the collective consciousness of Terran society that persist even now. It is said that the Astartes of the XVIth Legion were unleashed to begin and end wars their enemies did not even know they were fighting. They would come out of the night or in the dawn, carried in the holds of Stormbirds and Storm Eagles , flanked by squadrons of escorting Lightning Crows. Those who witnessed such attacks say that the XVIth Legion were fighting eye-to-eye with the enemy before the thunder of their first volley of missiles and shell-strikes had faded. The warriors who fought these battles were of a character wholly in keeping with their reputation. Proud, little given to humour or empathy, nor to mysticism or even the ritual of the military elite, they were a breed apart from the true human forces that had fought at their side. Their aggression was clear in their every action, but so was the strength of the control that held it in check, and the needs of that ancient age easily accommodated such a belligerent and cantankerous attitude. At some time the notion of the Emperor sending His "wolves" to break intractable or potential enemies took root in the consciousness of the new-born Imperium of Man, with the Pacification of Luna in the late 30th Millennium -- considered by many the first battle of the Great Crusade -- its apocryphal source. The wearing of pelts of such augmented canid predators increasingly marked out the field commanders and officers of the Luna Wolves. The XVIth would not be the only Space Marine Legion to bear such a title and embrace this imagery as their own, but they were the first. In this case, the new pool of Aspirants was found amongst the adolescent human males drawn from the violent hive city gangs inhabiting an ancient former Mining World that had devolved into a Feral World called Cthonia. As a result, Cthonia had been colonised, built upon, tunnelled and mined since the dawn of human

interstellar space travel millennia before the beginning of the Dark Age of Technology. The planet that remained was largely useless and abandoned, completely riddled with catacombs, crumbling industrial plant and exhausted mine-workings. Horus Lupercal Horus , the true Primarch of the Luna Wolves , was the first of the Primarchs to be recovered by the Emperor, having been cast in his gestation capsule through the Warp much closer to Terra on Cthonia than the others by the Ruinous Powers , and he was found at a much younger age. Whereas the early history of many Primarchs is extensively if unevenly documented, the same cannot be said of Horus. Beyond these manifest facts, agreement between the early Imperial sources is decidedly lacking, some even placing Horus on Cthonia as a foundling. Another source claims that Horus returned to Terra itself. Other highly creditable claims state that the Emperor found Horus, the first of His lost sons, but neither source specifies where, or the location of this finding. The Emperor spent much time with His protege, teaching and encouraging him. Horus was soon placed in command of the XVIth Legion, which had already come to be known as the Luna Wolves -- 10, Astartes created from his own genetic code. With these superhuman warriors to lead, Horus accompanied the Emperor for the first thirty standard years of the Great Crusade that had begun in ca. M30, and together they forged the initial interstellar expansion of the young Imperium of Man. Cthonia, relatively close to Terra in the void, and with whom some minor intermittent contact had been maintained even through the Age of Strife , had its murderous and strife-torn population marked by one of the first Expeditionary Fleets to leave the Sol System. To fuel the growth of the early Space Marine Legions , the Imperium took full advantage of the bounty that Cthonia provided. At the time of the First Founding , Cthonia already helped provide the necessary flesh for the Selenar gene-wrights of Luna to fuel the growth of the early Legiones Astartes. It was more common for the first Space Marine Aspirants to be adolescent volunteers from Terra, and later in the Crusade, after the rediscovery of the Primarchs, from Feral or Feudal Worlds. Yet, after the usual psycho-hypnotic indoctrination and mental conditioning process, the Luna Wolves created from the men of Cthonia emerged as excellent and ferociously powerful Space Marines. As the Terran Legionaries fell in battle, their voices and the more ordered military traditions they had been trained in became fewer and fainter within the XVIth Legion. Examples of this change came slowly. The topknots and mohawks commonly sported by Cthonian ganger head-hunters became common throughout the ranks of the Luna Wolves as both additions to their armour and as personal decoration. Perhaps most tellingly, the Cthonian word for cutting the throat of an enemy gang-killer in single combat -- "aebathan" -- became a common term in the ranks to describe the completion of a campaign. The strength of the Luna Wolves in battle did not change or weaken after the inclusion of the Cthonians; if anything the Legion seemed to become even more potent over time. The Legion strove to maintain the required flexibility needed to allow them to fight any war or enemy they might encounter on their own terms, but where possible the application of sudden and overwhelming force was usually their favoured form of attack, and that of their Primarch. A star system targeted for Imperial Compliance would often fall to the Legion in a single engagement: Tactical threats were systematically identified, isolated, outflanked, encircled and destroyed with merciless precision and close-quarter savagery which spoke of apex pack predators splitting a herd and gutting its members with lightning fury. Time and again, the Luna Wolves would break resistance on a world and move on to the next campaign with barely a backward glance. They prosecuted battles with the same savage mentality and ferocity displayed during the gang-wars of Cthonia where prisoners were simply unwanted mouths to feed. War was a matter of identifying the strength and leadership of the enemy, isolating it and then obliterating it. Brutal it might have been, but to the Space Marines of the Luna Wolves it was a matter of necessity; wars were either brutal and short or they became long and wasteful. The Luna Wolves waged war during the Great Crusade for over standard years until the dawn of the 31st Millennium, pushing back the darkness which had swallowed mankind during the Age of Strife with fire and blood. Across tens of thousands of battles the Luna Wolves were rarely defeated. In every mode of deployment they excelled, whether as the spearhead of a star cluster-sized assault or as an individual squad supporting a grand formation of the Imperial Army. Other Legions, sometimes hostile to the interference of their fellow Space Marines, would request campaign placement amongst the Luna Wolves and welcome it in return. Horus demonstrated an almost preternatural talent for wielding the relative strengths of the other Legions to their best advantage on a strategic level. Horus

was said by some to be without peer as a commander and a ruler within the Imperium, surpassed only by the Emperor Himself. Certainly he was rare amongst the Primarchs in that Horus commanded the respect and the loyalty of all, and backed it up with strategic and tactical genius. Others commanded larger Legions, saw more deeply, excelled beyond Horus in certain crafts of warfare and lore, or perhaps drew greater fraternal affection from his Astartes, but only Horus could hold every view and ideal of Mankind in his mind simultaneously. Even the most difficult and aggressive of Primarchs like Angron and Konrad Curze are known to have deferred to Horus on many matters. Triumph of Ullanor "You are like a son and together we have all but conquered the galaxy. Now the time has come for me to retire to Terra. My work as a soldier is done and now passes to you for I have great tasks to perform in my earthly sanctum. I name you Warmaster and from this day forth all of my armies and generals shall take orders from you as if the words came from mine own mouth.

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The Black Legion series combines my background in computing, ancient history and European martial arts with the famous story of Xenophon and the Ten thousand mercenaries. I wanted to create a rich and exciting story inspired by the political machinations of Heinlein and the military plot of The.

You can do what you like, okay? I think the artwork just went on sale , by the way. Amazon just took an age to update it it still shows as A: TToH in a few places, but is mostly corrected on the various national Amazon sites. This thrilling update was brought to you by the letters A, D, and B. For now, enjoy its terrible and lovely beauty. I like how subtle and understated it is. But my last three have been this one, The Talon of Horus, and Armageddon. Anyway, more details as they come in. Details have come in. On another note, remember my Deathwatch Campaign? Brother-Intendant Deiphobus of the Minotaurs is rolling along with some slow painting progress. Better photos coming soon: With Princess Leia in the background. The rough plan very, very rough, remember is to open the Black Legion Series with a trilogy: It could last for years and years. I originally pitched it as novels, but my editors have mentioned that it might work better as a long-running series. The scale terrified me, the way it would terrify anyone with at least half an eye towards all the possibilities on the table. Right up to wherever I want to take it. It could go anywhere. The story of the Black Legion is the story of the Chaos Marines themselves, the Armies of the Damned, across 10, years of spite, sin, and war. The story of the last days of the Sons of Horus, driven to extinction by the Traitor Legions, yet reborn from the same bloodlines.

Chapter 4 : The black legion series : 40kLore

The Black Legion series is a planned trilogy of novels, written by Aaron Dembski-Bowden focusing on Ezekyle Abaddon, former First Captain of the Sons of Horus, in the immediate aftermath of the Horus Heresy.

Pre-Heresy[edit] OK. Power Armor maintained and ready? Well, off to the next Black Cru He did what again? When they were still loyalists, there were known as the greatest and most powerful legion during the Great Crusade , the Luna Wolves. This epithet they earned during the pacification of Luna , the first battle of the Great Crusade, against the local gene-cults, as when the cults conceded defeat they asked the Emperor to "call off his wolves. This gave him almost complete control of all the space marine legions and the Imperial Forces. He renamed his Legion the Sons of Horus, and ordered them to repaint their armour from grey-white to to a green, or maybe green-grey, colour scheme that no one seems to know how to paint properly. Forge World paint theirs a teal colour, but there are examples of green-grey, jade, and a Wehrmacht-style feldgrau out there too - and then some older art just takes the lazy approach and makes them straight-up grey. The Heresy[edit] After Horus was severely wounded on Davin, he received visions from the Chaos Gods who told him that the Emperor would cast him and his brother Primarchs aside once he attained full God-hood. After seemingly being easily convinced by them, Horus turned traitor. He corrupted half of his brother Primarchs, the majority of the Imperial army and half of the Adeptus Mechanicus to his side. The war lasted seven years and turned a lot of the galaxy into a meat grinder. The Sons of Horus at this point were openly worshiping Horus and had big plans on ruling the galaxy. You know, instead of saying "Well Horus is dead but so is your Emperor" and continuing to attack the Imperial Palace where they might have won. Kinda the whole reason Horus wanted to finish it decisively. Post-Heresy[edit] When the Traitors fled to the Eye of Terror, the blaming each other for the failure at Terra began. The former Justaerin captain Falkus Kibre, with the assistance of several other Chaos warbands, eventually managed to track down Abaddon and the Vengeful Spirit deep within the Eye of Terror, and told him about the theft and cloning of Horus. He knew all this allegedly in a "you found me because I wanted to be found" kind of way. Abaddon was planning on taking command of the Sons of Horus at this point, returning from his self-imposed exile of hunting monsters and thinking about who he is. Welcome to any traitor Marines, regardless of previous rivalries or Chaotic alignments, Slaanesh dude and Khorne dude calling each other bro, etc. Abaddon unified the Sons of Horus soon after and dubbed them the Black Legion. The black either to show mourning for Horus, or segregation from him. Either way is fine. Possessed became huge in the Legion, although not without a rocky start, as daemons were pissed when Astartes would switch gods. Unaligned daemon beasts are probably the best way to go. The Sorcerers got a hold of this quickly enough and formed a regulated possessed guild known as The Tormented, not so open market anymore. The founding members came from a variety of different legions. In their first Black Crusade they killed Dorn allegedly, picked up goth Excalibur, and caused a number of the High Lords of Terra to get hemorrhoids from the butt clenching. After the crusade the Black Legion broke up and warbands did their own shit. Until the Second Black Crusade. Abaddon knows that his forces are not large enough or organized enough to break through the massive quantities of Imperial forces that stand between him and Terra, and thus plans to cause enough chaos heh to allow legions of daemons to enter realspace and overwhelm the defenders of the Imperium. This has received a mixed reception among the fanbase. A Black legionnaire in the thick of combat on Cadia. Prior to Talon, there had only ever been five awesome members of the Black Legion: And the middle two are kind of iffy on the cool factor. Neroth is a whiny bitch, but he makes up for it by shitting free doombolts. Culture[edit] The Luna Wolves had a culture that was based primarily on that of the hive gangs of their home planet, Cthonia. There are two informal institutions of note in the Luna Wolves: The Mournival was a group of four captains who acted as advisers to Horus. They were selected based on their temperaments, each of them supposedly embodying one of the Four Humors, bodily fluids that in ancient times were said to govern the emotions of men. The Warrior Lodges were based off the totem-animal cults of the planet Davin, which was conquered by the Luna Wolves and the Word Bearers who would later create similar societies in other legions as a means of spreading Chaos corruption. They were

secret societies where the Luna Wolves could associate outside of the chains of command and speak freely without fear of reprisal. Several in the legion, such as Garviel Loken, disapproved of their secrecy, a suspicion that turned out to be justified when traitor marines started using them to conspire in secret. The Black Legion, however, has no overarching culture, being a collection of whatever warbands from whatever Legions pledge their loyalty to Abaddon and paint their armor black. This is as Abaddon intends, as he believes that Chaos Space Marines should have the freedom to follow the traditions of their forefathers or defy them as they please. The only thing that unites them is a dedicated conviction to the Long War. Several Sons of Horus warbands refused to join the Black Legion and continued to wear their original colors. The Black Legion refers to these remnants Leadership[edit] While Abaddon is the undisputed Master of the Black Legion, even he has lieutenants that assist him in leading its disparate factions. He was captured at some point prior to the 13th Black Crusade, where he went insane from captivity well, more insane. He surrendered to the Inquisition just before the 13th Black Crusade, to deliver a message to the Emperor: Probably the closest thing to a friend that Khayon had, he was killed by the Blood Angels on Mackan during the 7th Black Crusade. Yes, a woman has a position of leadership among the largest coalition of Chaos Space Marine Warbands. Ceraxia is a giant scorpion-taur cyborg with multiple arms ala a Shokan who dwarfs the frames of her CSM allies such was her grandeur that upon meeting, Iskandar compared her to a certain ancient multi armed goddess with golden faceplate and all. Mere woman she is not. Oh, to see the reaction of the Dark Angels. Some wild daemons of Khorne sliced him in half, forcing Abaddon to place him in a Chaos Dreadnought. A former Inquisitor who helped found the resurrectionist faction of the Inquisition and spread the Cult of the Saviour Emperor after the Horus Heresy. A member in name alone, as she answers only to the Chaos Gods themselves. Moriana is divisive among the Ezekarion, with some Iskandar, Amurael, and Lheorvine openly mistrusting her, while others welcome her for their own reasons Sargon and Ashur-Kai valuing her prophetic visions, while Telemachon allies with her as a means of advancing his own ambitions. The roles of the Chosen are complementary to one another, ensuring the synergy of the Black Legion command. The Chosen of Abaddon have a lot of political power in the legion and usually a chosen general of Slaanesh, for example, will claim command over all Slaaneshi Astartes in the Black Legion. Not necessarily a part of the Ezekarion but definitely another branch of the Black Legion government. The current four are- Devram Korda: Serving as the vanguard general that first makes landfall in a planet about to be curb stomped. He has a very, very impressive resume. Serving as a Chaos fortune teller and all things esoteric. Looks through the Warp and decides where to attack next and such. Jokes aside he, is very powerful. Keeps chaos lords in line. Skyrak is very Nurgle. The guy that scrapes the bottom of the barrel after a planet has been conquered for every single resource and every drop of blood. Dragging Imperials in chains and erecting Chaos shit. Also functions as the admiral of the Black Fleet and usually as the head of the Khorne marines of the Black Legion known as the Hounds of Abaddon. It should be noted that this book offered the only way that Chaos can get an Eternal Warrior character without incredibly lucky rolling on the Chaos Boon Table. The rules from said supplement, however, have since been recollected and expanded upon in the "Traitor Legions" supplement. This retains the usual elite-focused army by making Terminators and Chosen troops, while giving them permanent hatred against Loyalist scum. And their decurion gives them first turn deep strike! Daily Rituals of the Black Legion[edit] Each Black Legionnaire is checked on their mutation levels. Their dead bodies are promptly used as sex toys by any Slaanesh worshippers. A prayer is done for each Chaos God, thus it is extra long. The Black Legion hone in on their shooting skills upon captured Imperial Citizens. The Black Legion fight and train within gladiatorial rounds. The Black Legion are tasked on which planet to invade, who to kill, who to take prisoner, and for what end. A short break is accompanied with cookies made from the remains of puppies and beverages distilled from the tears of crying children. A prayer is held which is just as long, although more varied depending on each marines preference, so it generally resembles a massive just as planned brawl, orgy disease fest. Chaos Burgers are ordered in the dozen. A special one hour period is held exclusively for the Black Legion to bitch at the Emperor and why he stinks. Big E just laughs at this and gives them the psionic middle finger. Some marines will put on performances where they pretend to have their arms drop off. The Black Legionnaires rest in their spiked beds.

Chapter 5 : Black Legion Â« Aaron Dembski-Bowden

This is the follow up to "The Talon of Horus". The first book was good but nothing amazing. The sequel? Awesome! This is the foundational story for the Black Legion and how they differ from the other Chaos Legions (the original 9 traitor legions).

Reviewing books, films, video games and all things science fiction. Monday, 21 October Part 1 can be found here covering the rules As a whole, the Black Legion is mostly regarded as a joke within the fandom. Rather than just consisting of the remnants of the Sons of Horus, the Black Legion is a true crusading force. Built out of members of the other traitor legions, renegades and traitors, they have considerable strength but more than that they have unity. Beyond perhaps the Word Bearers, Alpha Legion and Iron Warriors they remain the only sizable group to maintain any real cohesion. Better yet, they actually have some role within the legion as a larger force. The book details a fair number of these factions in turn with brief but very well written points covering each. Black Legion completely denies the idea of Black Legion warbands, and it in fact it finally explains some points people have questioned before. Chief among these is what happened to the elements still loyal to Horus when Abaddon took control of the Black Legion. It gives just enough to make them interesting but no more, not going overboard on its focus nor leaving them woefully underdeveloped as other books might. When confronting one such warband to bring them into compliance with his Legion, Abaddon is described as refusing the brute force tactics he is traditionally known for. Instead he opts to gain their trust first through a longer means which gives him additional advantages, then behead its leader. A process which, while taking longer, gave Abaddon far more in the long term. This is what a sizable chunk of the book is really about: Showing Abaddon being more than the thug and failure he is often perceived as, and instead as someone playing a much longer game. The idea the Despoiler has constantly been winning victories through achieving secondary targets in his Black Crusades is hardly a new one. Black Legion is however the first time that a book has been able to really present the idea in a truly believable way. First by directly attacking Terra rather than establishing a true base of power, then getting himself killed when he sought to being a swift death to the Emperor. Ultimately the fluff in Codex: We now know why Abaddon is in command, what happened involving him and the daemon primarchs of the other legions. Better yet, the exact objectives of previous crusades are now known, and make a great deal of sense overall with the testing of defences and building alliances with other corrupted forces. The only real times the book ever tries to truly push for new additions is in minor ways. Rather than it being directed against the Imperial Fists however, it was instead sent against the Iron Hands with a newly established feud between the forces. This new establishment of a feud seems odd, but it is at least left vague enough to be expanded upon. The other big flaw is that events where Abaddon is victorious do have the habit of being extremely one sided. There are three main reason this does work however. The first is that, unlike the usual products of the hack Ward which fill too many armybooks, they lack bombastic statements of skill above their enemies and winning almost purely through that. Namely that Abaddon supposedly lost every major campaign in ten thousand years of war. You really need to see Codex: However, it is none the less the best lore we have seen in a supplement to date and the standard against any future books should be measured. Also, as a special mention, the art of this book is fantastic. With vastly fewer re-used pieces from others than in Codex: Iyanden, the new additions truly help to make the supplement codex worth your money. Artwork features everything from the days of the Horus Heresy to the Gothic War and beyond, and the pieces which are re-used are normally only fan favourites. Notably a piece which was used as the covers for Codex: Eye of Terror and third edition Codex:

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Background[edit] In , the release of D. In particular, it expanded its influence into the industrial regions of the urban Midwest. Throughout the s, cities like Detroit, Cleveland and Indianapolis saw a rise in Klan membership and activity, until a scandal in the national leadership caused membership to drop rapidly. Initially, the Black Legion was part of the Klan. It was founded in the s, in the Appalachian region of East Central Ohio , by William Shepard, who formed a paramilitary force called the Black Guard. Its original mission was to protect regional officers of the Ku Klux Klan. Like the KKK, the Black Legion was largely made up of native-born white men in the Midwest, many of whom were originally from the South. Having been displaced from the culture and economy of the rural South, these men felt increasingly alienated as they were consigned to unskilled labor on the lower rungs of the industrial economy of major cities such as Detroit. They resented having to compete for jobs and housing with black migrants and Jewish and Catholic immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe. Their enemies list "included all immigrants, Catholics , Jews and blacks , nontraditional Protestant faiths, labor unions , farm cooperatives and various fraternal groups. Black Legion members created a network for jobs and influence. In addition, as a secret vigilante group, the Black Legion members operated in gangs in order to enforce their view of society, sometimes attacking immigrants to intimidate them at work, or to enforce their idea of moral behavior. They generally opposed socialism and union organizing, and had a reputation for frequent violence against alleged enemies, whether political or social. From to , they were rumored to be responsible for some unsolved deaths, which had been officially attributed to suicide or unknown perpetrators. Throughout and perhaps fueled by the economic and social upheaval of Great Depression , the Black Legion continued to expand across Michigan until the mids, when its estimated membership peaked at between 20, and 30, In general, Black Legion members were native-born Protestant men, many of whom had previously migrated from the South. One-third of its members lived in the city of Detroit, which had also been a strong center of KKK activity in the s. The Michigan Legion was organized along military lines, with 5 brigades, 16 regiments, 64 battalions, and companies. It boasted a membership of one million Legionnaires in Michigan, but observers estimated that it only had between 20, and 30, members. Poole, a Works Progress Administration organizer, was kidnapped from his home by a gang of Black Legion members. They claimed that Poole, a French Catholic married to a Protestant woman, beat his wife, and that they intended to punish him for it. Dayton Dean pleaded guilty and testified against numerous other members; ten others were convicted of the murder. Dean and the others were all sentenced to life in prison. One man was acquitted. Ten other men were convicted, nine by a jury and one in a bench trial. Dean and the others convicted were sentenced to life in prison. Dean provided considerable testimony to authorities about other activities of the Black Legion. Prejudiced against Catholics and immigrants, he and his collaborators had never learned that Becky Poole, a blue-eyed blonde, had a great-grandfather who was African American. Another 37 men of the Legion were prosecuted for related crimes, convicted and sentenced to prison terms. The trials revealed the wide network of Black Legion members in local governments, particularly in Highland Park, Michigan. Members included a former mayor, chief of police, and city councilman, in addition to persons in civil service jobs. Following the convictions, membership in the Legion dropped quickly; its reign of terror ended in the Detroit area. They uncovered the far-reaching network of Black Legion members in local governments for instance, N. Ray Markland was a former mayor of Highland Park , [5] businesses and public organizations, including law enforcement. He was a black man found killed outside Putnam Township, Michigan on May 26, Members were also indicted for a conspiracy to murder Arthur Kingsley, a Highland Park publisher of a community paper and candidate for mayor of the suburb in . According to testimony, the extensive network of Black Legion members in Highland Park included the chief of police and a city councilman. All received prison terms, markedly reducing the power of the Black Legion in Detroit and Michigan. Members also described numerous plans to disrupt legitimate political meetings and similar activities. For instance, an article in The Sydney Morning Herald on May 25, , reported that the Black

Legion was a secret society whose members practiced ritual murder: A secret society that practices ritual murder, and is known as the Black Legion, has been discovered in Detroit. A number of its members are to be charged with murder. It is believed by the police to be an offshoot of the Ku Klux Klan and to have more than 10, members. Its aim is to oppose negroes, Roman Catholics, and Jews. Black Legion , a feature film, starring Humphrey Bogart , was based on the events of the Charles Poole murder, though names and details of the case were changed for the film. It depicted the devastating impact of terrorist groups like the Black Legion on an ordinary American man, his family, his neighbors, and his coworkers. The National Board of Review named Black Legion as the best film of , and Humphrey Bogart as the best actor for his work in the film. Malcolm X was six when his father died in ; he believed his father was killed by the Black Legion. The Black Legion" The TV series Damnation features the group. Trump Proved Me Wrong". The New York Times.

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The Talon of Horus. I can hardly believe it, but I started The Talon of Horus today. The book I've been wanting to write since forever. The rough plan (very, very rough, remember) is to open the Black Legion Series with a trilogy: The Talon of Horus, The Black Legion, and Chaos Ascendant.