

DESCENDANT OF ZAO-XUE

(SALUBRI ONLY)

When the clan's progenitor traveled through the East he embraced two children, Zao-Zei and Zao-Xue. The first was a thief and a warrior, and the latter was a scholar and healer. They and their descendants often focused less on the study and pursuit of Golconda, and more on protecting Cainites from supernatural threats. In the modern era, the descendants of Zao-Xue are known as the Watchers: scholars and chroniclers who serve as knowledgeable shepherds through the dangers that threaten vampiric existence.

• **Hidden Scholar:** Most descendants of Zao-Xue are capable of hiding amongst mortals and establishing hidden locations where they can study supernatural dangers to vampires. With this advantage, you gain four dots selected from the Mask and Haven Backgrounds or their associated Advantages.

•• **Supernatural Encyclopedia:** Descendants of Zao-Xue study other supernatural creatures and specific groups of vampires that may pose a threat to the greater vampire population. Through their unives, they often spend years studying specific creatures, such as werewolves or vampire groups such as the Cult of Lilith. For each dot of the Occult Skill you possess, you may choose one supernatural focus (such as Werewolves, Nosferatu, Church of Set, etc). Whenever you make Lore checks pertaining to any of your supernatural foci, the difficulty of your tests can be no higher than 5. You can't learn personal information, such as the location of a particular vampire's haven or werewolves territory. The Storyteller may choose to tell you the information you are looking to glean is too mysterious or provide incomplete information.

••• **Shadow Network:** The Watchers are adept at fading in and out of their ties to Humanity. They can quickly disappear from one mortal's life and easily insert themselves into another. Once a month you may remove one of your Contacts or Allies from your sheet and replace it with a new Contact or Ally. This new Contact or Ally does not have to be in the same Sphere of Influence(s), but they must be the same cost, with the same (or equivalent) advantages as the one removed.