# CORPORATE CONSPIRACIES

## The Red Market Consortium

### Omni-Horizon

Formed from the merger of two multinational corporations, Omnicorp and Horizon International, Omni-Horizon is an umbrella firm that owns and manages hundreds of smaller and more specialized firms. The corporation is publically involved in the production and distribution of commodities, but they’re also a growing presence in Sideways communities through the Red Market. Omni-Horizon is motivated solely by profit. In its view, Talents and Aspects are just another commodity for trade.

**Plot-Hook: Omni-Horizon will buy or sell any good or service where there’s profit to be found, usually without regard of local laws or individual consequences.**

### D\*Extant

Publically D\*Extant is an R&D firm from Silicon Valley that specializes in technology for the preservation of endangered species. They make it clear that their eventual goal is to clone and resurrect extinct species. D\*Extant is secretly aware of the existence of Outsiders and is fascinated by the past presence of Forgotten Chimera. They are currently leading the research to understand the Forgotten influence on human history and when and why these creatures went extinct on Earth. To aid in this process they have been known to help smuggle Chimera into Inside regions.

**Plot-Hook: The Chimera that D\*Extant bring here aren’t always fully aware of what they’re signing up for. Many of them have no idea they’re expected to be the subject of research or experimentation.**

### Ironwood

Very little is actually known about this military contract firm. Ironwood does top-secret research and development on the military applications of Outsider abilities. They have a close relationship with both BOA and Cirque, supplying them both with cutting edge arms and technology. Ironwood also has a private army of specialists that they contract out for security assignments from other conspiracies. They like to use contracts to build the perfect soldiers for each assignment and they’re always looking for a new weapon and advantages for the battlefield.

**Plot-Hook: Anything that project that involves Ironwood should be viewed with suspicion. They have a demonstrated tendency to profit from violence without moral qualm. They also have no problem subcontracting to freelancers and reward their agents generously.**

### Panoptic Media

In a Sideways world filled with secretive conspiracies, staying informed on current events is no easy feat! Panoptic is a popular international tabloid that’s rarely far from the real truth about the paranormal. Of course, most of the mundane world dismisses the magazine as paranoid or fanciful nonsense. That said, for every story that Panoptic ends up printing for the public there are far more that it sells only to select audiences. When Panoptic collects reports and information that seem critical to various conspiracies they tend to auction that information to the highest bidder. Essentially this style of reporting becomes a form of espionage or blackmail as some organizations pay to learn secrets about their rivals, while others pay just to keep the report from getting out at all.

**Plot-Hook: Panoptic won’t trade in simple rumors. They frequently need some strong evidence or corroborating witnesses to confirm their stories. Considering how damaging some of these stories can be in the right hands, some conspiracies are willing to silence witnesses and destroy evidence to keep the story from reaching Panoptic Media.**

### The Red Arbiters

The Red Arbiters are an ancient guild of scribes and scholars responsible for the creation of the original standards for ritual contracts. They get their name from the red robes that wear during rituals and transactions to indicate their station. The Red Arbiters will provide services for drafting, reviewing, and executing contracts. Any contract that the Arbiters are hired to work on receives protection from their guild and they take claims of fraud and contract violation deadly seriously.