LARA

Lara reluctantly comes to Paris in response to Von Croy's appeal for help.

Gets caught up Von Croy's murder. Gets framed.

Sets out to clear her name by finding out who killed Von Croy.

Follows track of Obscura Paintings which Von Croy was researching for someone called Eckhardt .

Gets drawn into dark underworld of Paris and the Monstrum.

Follows clues to Prague and runs into the Cabal. There is obviously something BIG going on.

Lara's priority is no longer to clear her name, but to foil the Cabal and stop Eckhardt's mad plan.

Partners up with Kurtis.

Defeats Eckhardt and ruins his plan to reintroduce the Nephilim race and win world domination.

ECKHARDT

Wants to re-establish the ancient Nephilim race and be its ruler.

He needs to breed the Nephilim using the last dormant Nephilim – The Sleeper.

To awaken the Sleeper he needs to find the five Obscura Paintings

The Paintings contain the five symbols of the Sanglyph.

Combining the Sanglyph symbols with his Alchemy Glove he can awaken the Sleeper.

He uses the Cabal as his main work force promising them longevity.

As the Monstrum he kills:

a/ to rejuvenate his withered husk body.

b/ to 'harvest' pure organic alchemic elements

These pure elements are needed as part of the process for awakening the Sleeper.

KURTIS

Wants to revenge the murder of his father – the last of the Lux Veritatis.

He is following the route to the Obscura Paintings to reach Eckhardt.

Must find the 3rd and last Periapt Shard in order to finish Eckhardt off.

Runs into Lara and combines forces.

Intends to kill or imprison Eckhardt using the three Shards but gives them to Lara to do him in.

KAREL

The last living Nephilim apart from The Sleeper

Wants to see his race re-established.

To do this he helps Eckhardt to complete the task set by the remaining Nephilim centuries ago.

Has infiltrated the Cabal to be close to Eckhardt and control him when necessary.

Karel tries to find the Obscura Paintings first as a way of controlling Eckhardt.
Tricks Boaz, another Cabal member, into a minor conspiracy.

Eckhardt must be allowed to revive The Sleeper.

Karel intends to kill Eckhardt at the conclusion of his work. He will then take over the breeding of the Nephilim and become the supreme ruler of the newly emerging race.

LARA

Karel is used to covering up Eckhardt's Monstrum killings so that Eck can work uninterrupted by police interference.

He kills Von Croy to cover his own tracks from Eckhardt.

He frames Lara because she is conveniently around.

Lara won't stay framed. She's a tough nut and he begins to use her in his plans to subvert and control Eckhardt.

Uses his ShapeShifter power to help Lara out occasionally.

Karel wants Lara at the final confrontation in Prague as his wildcard.

THE CABAL

All five members want immortality.

They work for Eckhardt providing funding, protection and searching for the Obscura Paintings.

They expand and develop the Strahov in Prague as base of operations.

The expect their reward when Eckhardt succeeds in awakening The Sleeper.

When the new Nephilim race is established they will hold key positions in the new order.

NEPHILIM

Last of an ancient and dying race – the hybrid descendents of angels and mortals.

They need to revitalise their race.

1345

When Eckhardt seeks the Nephilim out in Turkey they enter a pact with him. They grant him 100 years of extra life to complete work they can't do themselves – breeding suitable humans.

1445

100 years later Eckhardt tries to double cross them. They stick him in a pit as punishment.

Eckhardt gets trapped there by the Lux Veritatis.

1888

Karel has infiltrated the Cabal in 1888 as a human.

1945

The Nephilim have died out (or been hunted down). Only The Sleeper and Karel. Remain - the last living Nephilim.

Karel engineers the escape of Eckhardt at the end of the war.

Karel 's aim is to help Eckhardt complete his work to rebreed the Nephilim from the Sleeper and then kill him.

2002 ?

Karel is ready to take over Eckhardt's work and become supreme Nephilim ruler.