

Camille Shen, "Control"

Shen's childhood was privileged yet hellish. Her Asian background made her an outcast in Washington, while her mixed blood from her father's side made her mother despise her. She was filled with a passion for power and success, and helped turned the Signal Group into what it is today, but after the incident in 1986 she became disillusioned with the actual mission. Twenty five years later she is now a total unbeliever, to the point where she actively hampers progress on uncovering the alien agenda. Why bother, after all, when she owns the President of the United States and most of the intelligence agencies of the world?

There are only two flies in her shadow government ointment: one, she can't forgive Ludillo, and he remains a powerful part of the conspiracy and has some power over Alex, and two, she can't totally do without Jefferson Hale. And Jefferson Hale wants to uncover the truth behind the Signal, which would end everything.



VALUES

DUTY d4	<i>I believe in nothing</i>
GLORY d6	<i>Don't sass me, you peon</i>
JUSTICE d8	<i>Life is what you take</i>
LOVE d4	<i>Is for Hallmark cards</i>
POWER d10	<i>Is all that matters</i>
TRUTH d4	<i>I'll tell you what I want you to believe</i>

RELATIONSHIPS

I regret that I created the monster DR HARRIS has become d6
I brought ALEX GONZALES in to help me defeat my enemies and cover my ass d8
I am seducing DAVID GONZALES into my world and my bed, in either order d8
JEFFERSON HALE will fall in line soon enough d8

RESOURCES

Board Room of Shadowy Figures 2d6 (Information, Control)
POTUS 2d8 (Funding, Access)

DISTINCTIONS

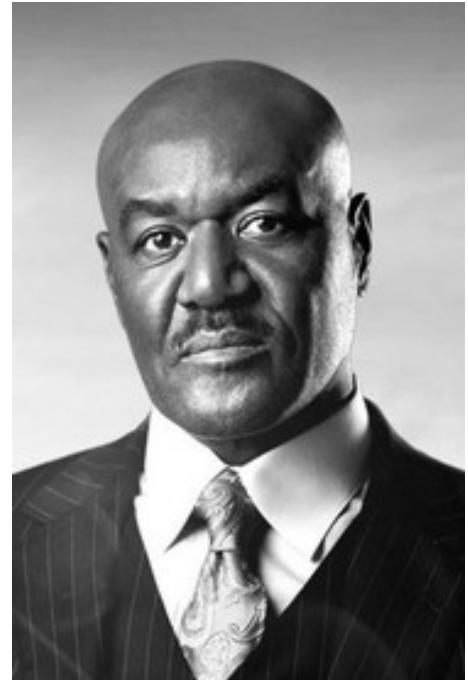
SANGFROID d10
GREEDY d8

Origin – Rich, Upbringing – Toxic, Attitude – Arrogant, Ambition - Succeed, LCE – Tragedy

Jefferson Hale, Communications Director

It used to be easy to spot the scariest person in the room – it was always Shen, because had all the cards. But Hale has the fire and the fury not to need the right hand. Few people on earth can match his skill at communication management – he's won more presidential elections than you've had hot meals - and nobody in the Signal Group can match his passion. He intends not only to run the conspiracy entirely unseen and operate as a untouchable shadow world government but to also uncover the alien plot and bring it down and into the open if necessary. He plays every move as if his life depended on its outcome, and yours certainly does. Shen gets power for power's sake, Hale only cares about results. Shen wants the job to never end, Hale wants it done as soon as possible. So far the tension has not boiled over. So far.

Hale thinks he has everything under control, but the arrival of a new intern confuses him, and he has no idea his tame reporter is investigating the President and if they find the photos, the ship could start sinking fast.



VALUES

DUTY d6	<i>I respect authority if it deserves it</i>
GLORY d4	<i>This isn't about me, you idiot</i>
JUSTICE d4	<i>Fairness is the enemy of success</i>
LOVE d4	<i>Is a weakness</i>
POWER d8	<i>Power is control, control is power</i>
TRUTH d10	<i>Image is everything</i>

RELATIONSHIPS

Controller SHEN is washed up and I need to find a way to take her out d10
I am watching DR HARRIS very very closely to see if he is a liability d6
ALEX GONZALES remains an X-factor d8
The presence of ROSEMARY is an insult to my proficiency; I will destroy her and whoever sent her d4

RESOURCES

The Hub, from where I run everything 2d8 (Image Massaging, Spying on People)
Respected reporter at the Washington Post 2d6 (Outlet, Hiding My Moves)

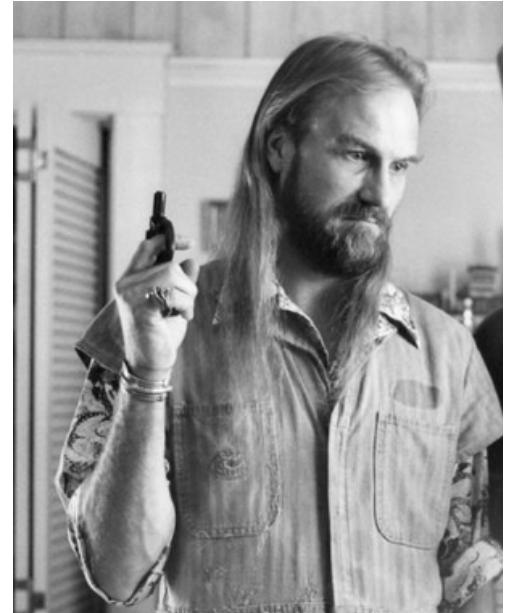
DISTINCTIONS

INTIMIDATING d8
MANIPULATIVE d8
COLD-BLOODED d8

Origin – Gifted, Upbringing – Encouraged, Attitude – Dedicated, Ambition - Succeed, LCE – Advance

Dr Harris Mills aka “The Zookeeper”, Special Projects

When Harris was 14 he was busted by the DEA making designer LSD for California druglords. He was recruited immediately into the CIA and spent most of the 80s and 90s running drug deals through the crater left by Iran-Contra and friends. If you popped a tab in those decades, you probably had a dose of “Mills Pills”. It made him rich and powerful but not happy, because he was never truly allowed to explore the limits of weaponized pharmacology. Then he stumbled onto the Signal and was recruited by Madam Shen and given a toy chest the size of the military-industrial complex. He’s very, very happy now. Only wrinkles in his life is Alex Gonzales twin brother David has the photos of him selling drugs to the previous President’s special forces squad and the current President would love to settle Mills and get some handy PR on his predecessor. Mills is fixing it: he has already started lacing David’s coffee with something he calls Batch Z.



Back in the CIA they used to call him the Zookeeper because he was never without test subjects. It was meant pejoratively but he enjoys it. Mills is sociopathic, cruel, sadistic and definitely insane. In the Group’s “Toolshed” he maintains an abusive dominating relationship with a staffer called Brad which Mills uses as a test subject. Neither Brad (after the drug damage) nor Mills knows Brad is the reported-missing son of Alex’s mentor, Jack “The Confessor” Ludillo. Brad wishes he was Alex, who gets all the attention.

VALUES

DUTY d4	<i>My duty is to myself</i>
GLORY d4	<i>My work will live on no doubt</i>
JUSTICE d4	<i>Is determined by the victory</i>
LOVE d10	<i>I am following my bliss and my bliss is hurting people</i>
POWER d6	<i>Power buys me knowledge</i>
TRUTH d8	<i>I cannot wait to see all of it come together</i>

RELATIONSHIPS

The purpose JEFFERSON HALE serves is a mystery I must unravel d6
CAMILLE SHEN is my personal Santa Claus d8
A young person like ALEX GONZALES is a wonderful new toy d6
My daughter ROSEMARY should knuckle down and make something of her life d6

RESOURCES

Black Ops of the Past 2d10 (Information, Contacts)
Intern Brad 2d8 (Satisfying My Sadism, Testing Experiments)

DISTINCTIONS

DISCRETIONARY BUDGET d8
THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE WORLD d6
VISIONARY d8

Origin – Ordinary, Upbringing – Nurtured, Attitude – Mysterious, Ambition - Understand, LCE – PM

Alex Gonzales, The Rookie

They call him The Inquisitor, because he's got a passion for the cause so great he makes unbelievers nervous just to be near him. And he has a way of getting people to open up and confess their greatest sins. Similar skills are possessed by his mentor Jack Ludillo, who took the young FBI agent under his wing after his son disappeared, and isn't entirely happy that Alex is now also part of the Signal Group. But Shen wanted Alex, and Shen gets what she wants. And Alex wanted it too. A quiet, curious child, he always knew he was destined for greatness, to go down in history like a martyr, or even a God. And here, at last, is the path to Olympus. If he be worthy, he will rule.

Alex believes his path to ascension and the ascension itself is ultimately about sacrifice: to keep his twin brother David safe and blind to the dark truths of the world. He has no idea that he is already involved, having uncovered some of Dr Mills' dark past, a threat that eventually leads to the Signal Group, nor that both Mills and Shen are "handling" this.



VALUES

DUTY d8	<i>I believe in the cause</i>
GLORY d10	<i>My actions will prove my devotion</i>
JUSTICE d4	<i>Is God's domain</i>
LOVE d4	<i>Is for David, not me</i>
POWER d8	<i>I want what they have</i>
TRUTH d4	<i>Truth is preserved by a bodyguard of lies</i>

RELATIONSHIPS

I need to protect DAVID from this dark world d6
To get to the top I need to impress JEFFERSON HALE d8
I wish CAMILLE SHEN would stop touching me like that d6
I want to study at the knee of DR HARRIS d4

RESOURCES

Jack "The Confessor" Ludillo, a big player in the Signal Group (Mentoring, Protection) 2d6
The Toolshed 2d8 (Torture, Gadgets)
The Bunker 2d6 (Hiding My Trump Cards, Safety)

DISTINCTIONS

CONFESSOR d6
INTRUSION d6
MASOCHIST d8

Origin – Strange, Upbringing – Neglected, Attitude – Curious, Ambition - Understand, LCE – Destiny

Rosemary Mills, The Intern

Somewhere along the way, a successful CIA agent is expected to have a wife and children, and Doctor Mills was happy to follow protocol. He wasn't cold or selfish towards his children, he just never saw them as very important or as individual humans. When Rosemary needed a job, he brought her into the Signal Group without any concern for what that might do to her, or how Hale would react. Rosemary plays the ingénue but she is not stupid and she knows her safety in such an organization cannot be left to chance or to one person; she is playing Hale and Shen against each other to make sure, whoever wins, she stays and rises.

VALUES

DUTY d8	<i>I will make my father proud</i>
GLORY d8	<i>Overlook me at your peril</i>
JUSTICE d6	<i>If I do good work I will be rewarded</i>
LOVE d6	<i>Is a goal to be achieved</i>
POWER d4	<i>Is not something I have any experience with</i>
TRUTH d4	<i>Lying is how the world works</i>



RELATIONSHIPS

To my surprise I am deeply in love with ALEX GONZALES d8
My father DR MILLS has a legacy here that I have to live up to d4
Ms SHEN may be my future d6
Or it might be JEFFERSON HALE d6

RESOURCES

The Hub 2d8 (Doing My Job, Playing Hale against Shen)

DISTINCTIONS

ATTRACTIVE d8
EYE FOR DETAIL d8

Origin – Ordinary, Upbringing – Neglected, Attitude – Dedicated, Ambition - Fit in, LCE – First Contact

David Gonzales, The Outsider

David and Alex have identical DNA and the same parents, but lived very different lives. When David almost died from a childhood illness, he became the feted child while Alex was ignored. As a result, David became reckless, arrogant and assured of his immortal glory.

Leavening his narcissism with charm meant everything came easy to him, including his brother's love. It is not an affection he returns, however, and whenever Alex has something, David takes it, almost by reflex. Having just got a sense that his brother is in some kind of powerful organization, David is now planning on kidnapping his brother and impersonating him at work. He considers this entirely justified to solve the mystery he just uncovered about the ex-President after stumbling onto some incriminating photos.



VALUES

DUTY d4	<i>People love me no matter what</i>
GLORY d10	<i>Don't you know how awesome I am?</i>
JUSTICE d4	<i>Life is a lottery and I always win it</i>
LOVE d6	<i>Worship me or go away</i>
POWER d8	<i>Is fun</i>
TRUTH d4	<i>I'm whoever I want you to see me as</i>

RELATIONSHIPS

Everything ALEX has I take from him d10

ROSEMARY is one of those things I'm going to take d4

DR HARRIS MILLS is part of a deep conspiracy and I must expose his evil d8

Learning everything I can about Alex's boss MS SHEN will help my plans d6

RESOURCES

The Gonzales Family House 2d6 (Coming Up Roses, Pressuring My Brother)

DISTINCTIONS

INVESTIGATOR d8

LIKEABLE d8

RECKLESS d10

Origin – Gifted, Upbringing – Encouraged, Attitude – Reckless, Ambition - Destroy, LCE – Power Manifestation