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# Exalted Return Of Scarlet Empress \*OP





### Synopsis

The Age Turns at Last The Scarlet Empress returns, and unknown to most, she heralds the Yozi Reclamation. Soon, Creation will be plunged into conflict, and whether they support the Empress efforts or oppose her at every turn, the world's Exalted will be at the heart of the struggle. In the end, as the heavens shake and the Blessed Isle burns, what tales will they tell of your deeds? A ready-made series for Exalted®, Second Edition, featuring: o An adventure that spans Creation o Action for each Exalt type, as well as most other Exalted characters, from Mountain Folk to heroic mortals o Stats for the Scarlet Empress herself

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#### Customer Reviews

This campaign presents many endings to the Exalted universe, whether Creation is covered in darkness under the rule of the Ebon Dragon, or the heroes of Creation stop the Reclamation. Much of the so-called "jobbing" in the one star review are actually recommendations of what to do if the player characters are a little under-powered. This product seems to confirm, to me, what playing Exalted feels like, a cross between the bleakness and grittiness of the Berserk manga, the massive spider web of plans that is commonplace in George R.R. Martin's 'A Song of Ice and Fire' series, and the Tengen Toppa Gurren Lagann way which is, "Go beyond the impossible and kick reason to the curb." This book does present many ways how Exalted could end, but that's up to the Storytellers and White Wolf no doubt still has plans for Exalted.

First off, the intent of this book is to be modular/toolbox style in nature, so Storytellers can take what

they need from the book. The book is composed of several chapters:1.) The Cursed Isle2.) Scavanger Lands and the Eastern Front3.) Northern Front4.) Western Front5.) Southern Front6.) Other Realms of Existence7.) End Game - Includes some new primordial and dynasty DB charmsThere is also a free pdf adventure called "Under the Rose" which has a detailed adventure for the "End Game"/The Cursed Isle chapters. This book is the end to the "There is No Metaplot" Metaplot of Exalted. The Return of the Empress is exactly as implied in previous supplements in 1st and 2nd Edition books. I have not run this, but have thoroughly read through it. I feel that overall, given what the book is and set out to do, it did its job fairly well. I am not sure this is the way I want my own game to "end" or how I want to run the 'Return of the Empress', this is an issue I feel that any pregen adventure has. However, the quality of the writing and art is quite good, and overall, it's an enjoyable read. In terms of other 1 star review that it's "all about the solars", well, not exactly. Each chapter deals with how a party of any exalts could handle it. Some places the writers basically say, "Dragon bloods will have a hard time here, but nothing is impossible." Dragon blooded do not have perfect defenses, and have a more limited charm-set, so sorry to say, means that some combat stuff should be harder for them.

This book was done very well; it's exciting, well thought out, and helps to bring together things that have been hinted about throughout the many Exalted books since the initial main book years ago. A must have for any devoted Exalted fan =)

The mechanical aspects dont look broken to any degree and the new charms all look balanced. That said theirs something I cant put my finger on ... the fluff aspects while intricate none of it truly gets me inspired... not sure what... And some of the plot twists like Ses turning out to be a GSP are just incredibly irksome. but on the whole it offers suggestions and a "branching plotline" to make things adaptive if PCs dont "follow the script" and so I highly recomend this book.

I am a long time lover of the Exalted game line. In fact, I generally considered it to be the best RPG currently in existence. Thus, I had high hopes for the Return of the Scarlet Empress, a climax point foreshadowed since the very beginning of first edition. Sadly, my hopes were cruelly dashed by the new editorial "vision" for the Exalted line. While the book has many flaws of OOC characters, dubious turns of event, and intense jobbing, I will sum up its primary flaw in one sentence: "If you aren't a Solar, you don't matter for crap." Entire other Exalt types will either get forcibly shoved to the side ( to the point of the book being almost entirely useless for anyone playing a Sidereal or

Dragon-Blooded), or else have their entire nominal objective spontaneously morph into "Be backup for the Solars." I like Solars as much as anyone else. Solars are awesome. Solars are not the only heroes in the setting.

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