

Outline (working)

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Ok guys time to make a Paximagus outline

Overall plot: Michael takes down the theocracy and replaces it with something more to his liking

Arc one: Michael tries to take it down from the inside

Plot: Michael becomes a priest

Michael becomes concerned about the government at a young age
He decides hes gonig to change things
He wants to become head preist and use his power to make things not so terrible for everyone
So he works very hard to get noticed
And he *is* noticed, and becomes a priest with everyone expecting he'll take over one day

Character interactions

Antagonism with nicholas
Friends with claire
Claire will be taken as a server at this time

Plot: michael progresses through training and the ranks

This will involve his training
This is where he makes friends with the one dude who will become the antagonist later
This is where he starts to discover things about the theocracy and learns how to manipulate it

Character interactions

Legal partnership with second
Antagonism with nicholas
Mentorship by the chief priest
Friendship with the other dude
Reunite with claire

Plot: michael becomes head preist

Michael will get impatient and off the chief priest in some way
Probably poison because that's just how he rolls
This leaves him as the obvious candidate to replace her, and he does
This is where he starts to falter
He becomes overly cautious/paranoid and stays in power for a number of months (idk how many) without changing anything
He thinks he's just trying to win the trust of the other priests, and that he'll begin to change things later

Character interactions

Legal partnership with second
Antagonism with nicholas is not as intense as it was before, as nicholas has backed off a little and is waiting for his chance to take michael down.
Friendship with the later antagonist u kno the one
Complicated relationship with claire. Ill have to think about that one more later

Plot: michael is overthrown

Nicholas conspires with second (wow get a name for her gosh) and gets her to turn michael in as unworthy (that way she gets immunity from serverdom)
So they conduct a surprise arrest and michael is super surprised and hurt
He gets arrested coming back from his first trip to the outside world
He manages to talk his way out of execution and the authorities let him go (at some time when there arent a lot of them around)
He escapes with claire

Character interactions

Legal partnership with second
Second and nicholas conspiracy
Antagonism with nicholas is suddenly back and more intense than ever before
Later antagonist dude is pretty much forgotten here. Their friendship was strongest when they first got to know each other.
still relationship with claire

Arc two: Michael tries to take it down by violent revolution

Plot: michael joins the preeexisting resistance movement

Claire kind of takes charge of their safety and well being at this point
Michael and claire try to get into the resistance movement and they have a hard time of it
Claire gets to know someone, though, and she brings michael in also
The resistance leaders are wary of him, obviously
They know he isnt a spy
But they don't think hes up to any good
Michael manages to convince them that he's in for real
They believe him but they don't let him have the amount of power he wants
Also, at this time nicholas comes to power, which makes michael soooo mad
Nicholas figures that even though m did escape (does he know this?) he won't cause any problems because he'll be hiding

Plot: michael takes over the resistance movement

Michael decides he doesn't have enough power
He talks with the lower resistance movement members and begins to win their trust

He stirs up antagonism against the current resistance leaders
Time for a coup!!! He gets his new followers to basically kill off all the other resistance leaders
He has now secured a position for himself as the absolute leader of the resistance
However the ever cautious michael doesn't do anything yet as he wants to gather more members
MEANWHILE...

Nicholas is in power as the chief priest
He institutes a moderately new policy that slightly tweaks some theology, you know, just to test the waters
Michael's old friend, happening to be of the uberconservative inclination, catches a whiff of this and is downright alarmed. Nicholas's father backs the friend up.
He makes a big deal out of it, and two sides form among the priests. Some support Nicholas and some the other dude

Plot: Michael joins up with Nicholas

Nicholas decides he has to do something
He knows that a fairly sizable resistance movement exists out there
He makes a public statement saying the theocracy has to go, and some of the priests even agree with him
He makes an exit, taking many priests with him and leaving the government in chaos. They seek out the resistance movement and find Michael there
Michael is shocked. Nicholas is shocked. Everyone, shocked.
(meanwhile the antagonist dude takes over and declares a state of emergency)
Michael and Nicholas go through a process of understanding what the other one has been up to for all these years

They now share leadership of the resistance movement, which is much larger than it was before thanks to Nicholas's grand exit

I'll have to have the other characters (An-dara, second, etc) choose sides too

Plot: Michael and Nicholas overthrow with force the theocracy

Here is where I haven't thought things through very well
They decide that they need to fool the gov into thinking the resistance movement is weak
They decide on a small attack on some important government building. Perhaps where the unworthies are held?

Anyway they attack it with a small number of the movement. They make it clear that they are the ones behind it and they have faith that they will have success.

The attack is an extravagant failure. It was supposed to be

But now the gov feels more secure and comfortable. Little do they know. Haha.

Now it's time for the real attack

Like the invasion of Normandy, they make sure false information makes it to the government

They're going to begin the day with another small attack on a surprise location

Then they're going to use their real forces to attack someplace actually important, and they do.

They break into the building where the important government people are and they run around trying to find them

Nicholas does the honors and dispatches with antagonist dude.

Michael realizes that he's not the main character anymore and he doesn't like this but he has to deal

At the end of the coup every important character who was on the other side is dead.

Plot: a new government is formed/will be formed

Well now what

So this last bit will either be Michael and Nicholas sorting out who's in power or I can stop it before then and just say that they achieved their goal of overthrowing the theocracy

Michael wants all the power for himself but he knows he's not going to get it

Nicholas had become the real public figurehead of the revolution because of his media antics he used when he stepped down. In essence, while Michael's deposition was kept hush-hush, Nicholas's was quite public and people had strong feelings about him one way or the other.

So let's assume the first idea. We're going to sort out who's in power

Nicholas is more popular than Michael, and he wants to be the main person in power

However, he knows about Michael offering the first chief and the other rebellion leaders. Michael is dangerous when he doesn't have the power he wants.

So what Nicholas will try to do is create a situation where he and Michael have equal amounts of power in theory, but not really in practice. I believe this is called Consuls. They will be Consuls in this new oligarchic government.

Even though neither wants to they will create a senate of priests and representatives from each uniform color. This is to pacify those who are worried about them having too much power

Sequel: Nicholas acts like he is the new prophet of the Paximagus and they have to deal with the outside world/an invasion/a natural disaster that forces them to talk to the people outside