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# Ezio Auditore da Firenze

Ezio Auditore da Firenze (1459 - 1524) was a Florentine nobleman during the Renaissance and the Mentor of the Italian Brotherhood of Assassins, a title which he held from 1503 to 1512.

A member of the House of Auditore, Ezio remained unaware of his Assassin heritage until the age of 17, when he witnessed the hanging of his father, Giovanni Auditore (1436-1476) and two brothers, Federico Auditore (1456-1476) and Petruccio Auditore (1465-1476). After killing Uberto Alberti, the corrupt Florentine Gonfaloniere di Justice, who oversaw the execution of his father and brothers, Ezio fled the city of Florence with his mother, Maria Auditore and sister, Claudia Auditore. Ezio took refuge in his uncle's villa in Monteriggioni.

After learning of his heritage from his uncle, Mario Auditore, Ezio vowed to destroy the Templar Order in Italy. Ezio also realised that Uberto Alberti was a Templar, a subordinate of the Grandmaster, who called himself 'The Spaniard'.

Ezio went to the city of San Gimignano, where Vieri de' Pazzi, a Florentine nobleman who constantly harassed Ezio and his family, was preparing the Templar troops. Ezio witnessed a meeting of Templars, where he recognised several other noblemen. After the other Templars left for Florence, Mario led his mercenaries into the city to distract the Templar army while Ezio found and assassinated Vieri.

Next, Ezio departed for Florence and eavesdropped on another Templar meeting in the Santa Maria Novella, where he found out about a conspiracy meant to overthrow the Medici, the rulers of Florence. The next day, Francesco de' Pazzi, Vieri's father, killed Giuliano de' Medici, but failed to kill Lorenzo de' Medici, the ruler of Florence. Ezio arrived at the scene and fought off the Templar soldiers, causing Francesco de' Pazzi to flee to the Palazzo Della Signoria, where his army and supporters were stationed. Ezio helped a wounded Lorenzo arrive safely at his house, the Palazzo Medici, where Ezio met Poliziano, a trusted Florentine general, whose soldiers occupied the Templar army while Ezio chased and killed Francesco.

Lorenzo handed Ezio a list of Templars involved in the Pazzi Conspiracy. Ezio then departed for San Gimignano, where he eliminated Stefano da Bagnone, Francesco Salviati, Bernardo di Bindino Baroncelli, and Antonio Maffei, before finally reaching Jacopo de' Pazzi, the head of the House of Pazzi. After talking Jacopo to a Templar meeting in an Ancient Roman Theatre, Ezio eavesdropped on the meeting and recognised a Venetian nobleman, Jacopo begging for forgiveness from Rodrigo 'The Spaniard' Borgia, the Grandmaster of the Templars. Rodrigo mortally wounded Jacopo and also detected Ezio's presence. Rodrigo Borgia had his troops occupy Ezio while he and the Venetian escaped. After killing the Templar soldiers, Ezio ended Jacopo's suffering by stabbing and killing him, ending his pain.

Ezio went to Venice, where he infiltrated the Palazzo Seta, Emilio Barbarigo's palace, and eavesdropped on his meeting with Carlo Grimaldi, his advisor. Ezio then killed Emilio and recognised him as the Venetian Templar present in the meeting, where Jacopo was killed. Ezio also realised that Carlo was also a Templar.

Ezio then eavesdropped on another Templar meeting on the streets of Venice, where he recognised several Venetian noblemen and Rodrigo Borgia himself. Ezio found out that Carlo was also an assistant of Doge Giovanni Mocenigo, the Doge, or ruler, of Venice. Carlo planned to poison Giovanni and place Marco Barbarigo, a fellow Templar, as Doge. Ezio infiltrated the Palazzo Ducale, the Doge's palace, but failed to stop Carlo from poisoning the Doge. Carlo fled to the courtyard, announcing that Ezio had killed the Doge, before Ezio killed Carlo. Marco became D Doge, and Ezio was the Most Wanted Man in Venice.

Fortunately, it was Carnevale season, and by donning a mask, Ezio remained anonymous. Ezio found out that the winner of the Carnevale games would receive a Golden Mask, and by wearing that, one could get into the Doge's party. Ezio won the Carnevale games, and, using the mask, he entered the party and killed Doge Marco Barbarigo.

After Marco Agostino Barbarigo became Doge, unlike other Barbarigo men, he was an enemy of the Templars and an ally of the Assassins. Ezio eliminated Marco's Templar bodyguard, Dante Moro, and the head of the House of Barbarigo, Silvio Barbarigo, who were planning to counterattack from the Arsenal and retake the city. After assassinating them, Ezio found out that Rodrigo Borgia, now Pope Alexander VI was the last man standing.

However, other matters demanded Ezio's immediate attention. There was a delivery for Rodrigo meant to arrive from Cyprus. Ezio intercepted the courier and discovered that it was the Apple of Eden. After this success, he was formally inducted into the Assassin Brotherhood.

Ezio went to the city of Forlì, which was ruled by Caterina Sforza, an ally of the Assassins. Ezio planned to secure the Apple in the Rocca di Ravaldino, a fortress in the city. However, Ezio and Caterina discovered that two Templars, Checco and Ludovico Orsi, had infiltrated the city with their troops and had kidnapped Caterina's children. Ezio handed the Apple to Caterina and rescued the children and killed Ludovico Orsi. However, it had been a trap, and, as soon as Ezio started searching for the kidnapped children, Checco Orsi stole the Apple. Ezio chased and killed Checco and retrieved the Apple. However, Checco, while dying, managed to stab Ezio, forcing him to drop the Apple. It was stolen by a monk named Giuliano Savonarola.

Ezio, after recovering, went to Florence. He discovered that Savonarola, using the Apple, took control of several noblemen and made them his lieutenants, and managed to oust the Medici from the throne. He replaced the Medici with his lieutenants. Ezio handed down the lieutenants and organised revolts against Savonarola. When Savonarola tried to take control of the mob using the Apple, Ezio threw a knife at his hand, causing him to drop the Apple. The mob took the mad monks to the execution plaza, while a Templar guard stole the Apple. Ezio chased and killed the guard and retrieved the Apple. He then went to the execution plaza and killed Savonarola, again placing the Medici in control of the city.

Ezio then returned to Monteriggioni and studied the Codex pages written by legendary Assassin Altaïr ibn-Lu'Althad that he had collected during his travels. He realised that there was a Vault hidden underneath the Vatican, that could be opened by one if he wielded the power of the Apple of Eden and the Staff of Eden at the same time. He understood why Rodrigo Borgia became Pope - he would have access to the Papal Staff, which was the Staff of Eden. Ezio had the Apple. Now he needed the Staff. He travelled to the Vatican to complete his quest for vengeance and open the Vault.

In the Vatican, he made his way to Rodrigo Borgia and was about to kill him, but the Pope used the Staff to push him back. In the fight that ensued, Ezio lost to Rodrigo, and Rodrigo took the Apple and headed to the Vault. When Ezio recovered, he tracked Rodrigo and fought him in hand-to-hand combat. Ezio defeated Rodrigo, but, instead of killing him, Ezio let him go. Ezio opened the Vault and talked to Minerva, a First Civilization being.

Ezio returned to Monteriggioni on December 31, 1499, and declared his quest completed. 23 years after he started it.

However, on January 2, 1500, Cesare Borgia, Rodrigo's son, attacked and laid siege to Monteriggioni. Cesare managed to kill Mario Auditore and steal the Apple and also kidnap Caterina Sforza, who happened to be in Monteriggioni at the time. Ezio made sure the civilians escaped, and then himself went to Rome. In Rome, he found out that the people hated the Borgia because they had destroyed the city. Ezio also figured out that Cesare Borgia now controlled the Templars, even though Rodrigo was still the Grandmaster. Ezio infiltrated the Vatican to kill Rodrigo and Cesare, retrieve the Apple, and free Caterina. Ezio did free Caterina, but Cesare and Rodrigo were not in the Vatican, while they were away. Ezio helped the people fight the Borgia and eliminated Juan 'The Barber' Borgia (thus cutting off Cesare's funds), Silverio Sabbatini (thus ending slavery) and Baron de Valera (thus cutting off Cesare's ties with the French). Cesare and Rodrigo returned, only to find out that they had lost the city to the Assassins. Ezio then infiltrated the Vatican to kill Rodrigo and Cesare. Cesare was poisoned by Rodrigo, but managed to kill Rodrigo by making him choke on a poisoned Apple. Cesare left for the Basilica di San Pietro to take and use the Apple, but Ezio beat Cesare to the Apple, and, using it, destroyed Cesare's army. In 1507, Ezio left for Venice, as Cesare happened to be there. Ezio threw Cesare off a fortress wall, killing him and ending the Borgia threat.

In the years that followed, Ezio began a quest to rediscover the lost history of the Order. Travelling to the aged fortress of Masaya in order to find a library locked underneath the fortress, he discovered it overgrown with Templars. He eliminated the Templar Captain, Laandrea, and took a journal from him, that given the locations of the keys that unlocked the library. He made his way to the city of Constantinople to uncover the location of the Masaya keys which, as he discovered, would unlock the fortress's fabled hidden library when brought together. During his time in Constantinople, Ezio befriended Prince Süleiman, an Ottoman nobleman from the ruling family, and developed a relationship with Sofia Sartor, a Venetian woman with a library in the city. After fixing the library, Ezio retired from the Assassin Order. He married Sofia and lived in a villa in the Tuscan countryside.

The couple had two children - Flavia and Marcello. Some time after teaching the Chinese Assassin Shao Jun the ways of the Order, Ezio was attacked twice by Chinese Imperial soldiers, during an errand run in Florence. Though both narrowly triumphant, the attacks worsened Ezio's condition. After learning of the ways of the Assassins, Shao Jun returned to China. Ezio later passed in peace on a bench in a market in Florence.

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# Altair Ibn-La'Ahad

Altair Ibn-La'Ahad (1165-1257) was born to Umar Ibn-La'Ahad and his wife, Maud, who died of complications during childbirth. Umar was later executed by the forces of Salah Al Din when he was revealed to have participated in a disastrous mission to assassinate the ruler, which resulted in Umar killing a nobleman who had caught him. He allowed himself to be executed and the last thing he heard was the voice of his son crying for him.

As the years passed, Altair grew to be a skilled Assassin, but was very arrogant. He once led the retaking of Masyaf after Al-Mualim, the mentor of the Order, was captured. Altair also managed to save Al-Mualim, a deed which earned him the respect of his fellow Assassins. He was then sent along with Malik Al-Sayf and Kadar al-Sayf on a mission to Solomon's Temple to recover a hidden artifact. The mission was a failure as Altair broke the tenets of the Order and left Malik and Kadar to face Templar Grandmaster Robert de Sable and his soldiers after he was thrown from the room by Robert de Sable. Altair fled to Masyaf to report his failure to Al-Mualim. However, moments later, Malik returned with the artifact. Malik also revealed that he had lost an arm and his brother Kadar in the fight with the Templars. He also said that the Templars had followed him to Masyaf, resulting in Masyaf being attacked by the Templars. The Assassins were able to fend off their enemies, but Altair was punished by being stabbed by Al-Mualim.

Altair later awoke and discovered that the Apple to make Swami kill himself. Maria tried to stop Altair, resulting in her being stabbed by Swami. Altair and Darim fled Masyaf and Altair fell into a deep depression. Years later Altair retook the Order with the help of Assassins led by Tazim Al-Sayf, the son of Malik.

He began rebuilding the Order, splitting it up into small "guilds" located around the world and began construction of a large library hidden under Masyaf, sealed by five keys containing his memories. When Venetian explorers, Niccolo and Maffeo Polo arrived in Masyaf after they were invited by Altair and Darim, he told them of his experiences and put into action his idea of dividing the Assassins into smaller groups with their help. Later, Masyaf was attacked by Mongols and Altair helped the explorers escape by using the Apple to fend off the attackers. He then divided his books by giving some to the Polos and sending some to Alexandria. He also gave the Venetians the memory keys to the library, before sealing himself into the library along with the Apple, saying goodbye to Darim, and recording one last memory on a key he kept with him. Finally, he died.

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# Ratonhnhaké:ton

Ratonhnhaké:ton. Contrary to several known Assassins who possessed connections to eagles, Ratonhnhaké:ton was more closely likened to a wolf. Born in Colonial America to an English father, Haytham Kenway, and a Mohawk (Kanien'keha:ka) mother, Kaniehti:io, Ratonhnhaké:ton was raised by his mother among the Kanien'keha:ka during the French and Indian War.

As a child, Ratonhnhaké:ton was assaulted by several Templars and his village was burned. He finds his burning house and finds his mother dying. He vows to avenge his mother's death. He is instructed by Juno to find the Assassins. After he meets Achilles Davenport, the mentor, Achilles trains him and shows him the Templars who were in America. Connor becomes an assassin and is told to help America gain freedom. Connor discovers that William Johnson, a Templar, is planning to buy the land in which his village stands, as it is sacred and has some connection to the First Civilisation. Connor assassinates Johnson at a meeting where he tries to force the natives to sell the land. At the Battle of Bunker Hill between the Patriots and the Loyalists, Connor allies with Patriot General Israel Putnam, who helps him kill Templar Jonathan 'John' Pitcairn by attacking and distracting the Loyalist army, allowing him to reach the enemy base and kill Pitcairn. Connor then targets Thomas Hickey, an ally of the Templars, who was plotting to kill George Washington, the leader of the American Revolution. He chases Hickey in New York before the two are sent to prison. Mason Weems, a prisoner, helps Connor find Thomas Hickey's VIP cell, but he is trapped by Hickey and Charles Lee, another Templar. Connor is accused of plotting to kill Washington, and is almost hanged on the orders of Washington before Achilles saves him. Connor then kills Hickey, who was on his way to kill George Washington. Later Washington tells him that Benjamin Church had betrayed the Patriots and was fleeing with their supplies. While hunting Church, Connor meets his father, Haytham Kenway, who is also hunting Church for betraying the Templars. After Connor finds the lost supplies, Charles Lee is accused of betraying the Patriot army. However, instead of sentencing him to death, Commander Washington imprisons him in Fort George. Connor is told to find an amulet, which was with Charles Lee. Connor plans to assassinate Lee in the fort and gain the amulet. However, Connor is injured in the fort and is confronted by Haytham. Haytham attempts to strangle him, but Connor kills him with his Hidden Blade. While Haytham dies, he admits that he was proud of Connor, saying that he possessed the qualities of a noble person. Later, Connor finds Lee in a tavern, kills him and takes the amulet from him which he later hides for Desmond and the modern day Assassins to find.

Ratonhnhaké:ton used a tomahawk, daggers and a war club, during battle. He was given a signature Double Hidden Blade when made an assassin. For long range tools, he used rope darts, bow and arrow, and was proficient in the use of pistols and other firearms. Weapons could be bought from the general store and consumables such as arrows, smoke bombs, and trip mines (which could be bought from traders). He usually wore the assassin's hood, though outfits were available in the market. He gained money by establishing trade routes, doing small tasks such as delivering letters in cities and finding torn pages of Benjamin Franklin's almanacs. He could also send assassin recruits to several missions and get money for every successful task. Also, looting chests, wagons, and dead bodies would give him several valuables.

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# Haytham Kenway

Haytham Kenway was the Templar Grand Master of British Colonial America who fathered Ratonhnhaké:ton. Born the son of an Assassin named Edward Kenway, he was taught the necessary skills to become a skilled Assassin and remained with the Order for a short period. When tragedy strikes his family, his allegiance wavers and he winds up being recruited into the Templar Order at a young age by Reginald Birch. In 1754, Birch orders Haytham to attend a play at the Theatre Royal in London to kill an Assassin named Miko who was thought to hold a key to unlocking the treasure of 'Those Who Came Before'. After completing the task, he was instructed to leave for Boston on the Providence with a list of Templars who were willing to help him in his new mission. During the trip, he helped avert a mutiny by killing the crew's ringleader, an Assassin named Louis Mills, who was placed on the ship with orders to avenge Miko's death. Upon reaching Boston, he is greeted by Charles Lee, who proceeds to help him perform acts which aid him to gain the Templars' trust and solidify their presence in the colonies. With the treasure he seeks rumored to reside deep in the Frontier, in Kanien'kehá:ka territory, Haytham elects to gain their trust by killing a slave driver named Silas Thatcher and freeing his Native American prisoners. In the process, he meets a Mohawk woman named Kaniehtí:io (Ziio for short) who agrees to help him find the fabled site of 'Those Who Came Before' under the condition that he kills General Edward Braddock, a former Templar who now threatens Native American lands. After successfully killing him during his Expedition, Ziio leads Haytham to a large cave where ancient inscriptions line the walls, marking the entrance to a large Temple. However, despite possessing what he thinks is the key, Haytham is denied entrance. Haytham expresses his disappointment and Ziio tries to comfort him, simultaneously expressing feelings for him which he reciprocates. It is presumed they make love in the cave before Haytham returns to Boston where he later formally inducts Lee into the Templar Order; the moment when the player realizes Haytham's true allegiance (before this point in the game, it is implied he is an Assassin). Meanwhile, Ziio returns to her village to give birth and raise her son alone. Years later, Haytham is reunited unceremoniously with his son, Ratonhnhaké:ton, and engages him in brief combat. However, seeing as their goals work towards the same end, he proposes that they work together; this being bringing Benjamin Church to justice. As they traveled together, Haytham shows shadows of feelings toward his son, even expressing disheartenment and sorrow upon hearing that Ziio had perished in an attack on their village years before. When they meet with George Washington, Haytham attempts to sway Ratonhnhaké:ton to his side by showing him that Washington himself had been the one to authorize the attack on the village. Despite the hard truth, Ratonhnhaké:ton refuses to join the Templars and later parts ways with his father. As they clash one final time in New York, Haytham is felled by Ratonhnhaké:ton who stabs him in the neck with his hidden blade. Before he dies, Haytham admits that he is proud of his son for his strength, courage and conviction and says he should have killed him long ago.

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# Aveline de Grandpré

Middle-class through her father's wealth and her parents' plaçage marriage, Aveline became an assassin through her pity for the poor. Mentored by the ex-slave Agate, she joined the Assassins Brotherhood in 1759. Using social status to her advantage, Aveline easily moved between social strata just by altering her clothing; by doing so, she could alternate between the guise of a lady, slave, or assassin, in order to alter conspicuousness.[4] While it is well established that Connor is an ancestor of Desmond Miles, evident by Desmond's ability to use the animus to relive Connor's, exactly who is reliving Aveline's life is yet to be clarified. Her life was later used as a tool of propaganda by Abstergo Industries, which twisted and mounted her memories in order to show the Templars as a benevolent Order as opposed to a misguided Assassin's Brotherhood. However, Erudito, a hacking collective and opposition to Abstergo, managed to crack the code used by the Templars. Erudito used this to show the truth to some viewers, by among others examples, revealing unsweetened memories of Aveline about the cruelty of de Ferrer against the slaves of the Chichen Itza camp or the additional memories of the assassination of Madeleine after the seemingly rallying of de Grandpré to the Templars. Aveline was a skilled free-runner, who was able to navigate with ease through the urban cityscape and natural landscape, such as the Bayou. Her fighting style included dual-wielding various weapons, including a whip, flintlock and musket firearms, swords and daggers, a blowpipe, a sugar-cane machete and Double-Hidden Blades. Aside from her weapons, Aveline possessed three disguises that she could make use of. Accompanying this, Aveline possessed the sixth sense casually referred to as Eagle Vision, allowing her to identify enemies, allies, hiding spots and targets of immediate importance. As she grew, Aveline developed into a strong-willed young woman, who began to notice the contrasts within society; such as freedom and enslavement, or wealth and poverty. She was torn between the different values that she had inherited from her parents, and as such, she formed her own, which included a vehement stance against slavery. As a consequence of her being pulled in either direction by the Assassins and Templars, she questioned whether fighting as an Assassin was the right thing to do or not. While in New York, she asked her fellow Assassin, Ratonhnhaké:ton, if he ever questioned their ideals; he responded without taking side with either faction, but rather explained that he trusted in his own abilities to distinguish right from wrong.

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# Edward James Kenway

Edward James Kenway (1693-1735) was a Welsh privateer, pirate, and member of the Assassin Order, active in and around the Caribbean during the early 18th century's golden age of piracy. He serves as the protagonist of Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag (And makes brief appearances in Assassins Creed III). He is also the father of Haytham Kenway and grandfather of Ratonhnhaké:ton respectively, the playable characters of Assassin's Creed III.[7] He was born on March 10, 1693 in Swansea, to an English sheep farmer named Bernard Kenway and his Welsh wife Linette Hopkins. Edward himself married a Bristolian woman named Caroline Scott, though she left him due to his obsession with obtaining wealth and later died while he was overseas. Edward was a rough and greedy individual, fixated on becoming rich chiefly through piracy, and as a result had very few moral boundaries for what he would not do to obtain riches. As a result of his selfishness and destructive personality, Edward came to be at odds with both the Assassins and the Templars for much of his time in the Caribbean, interacting with and aiding them both without interest in their respective doctrines. Unlike his predecessors, Edward began his career as an Assassin unintentionally, as for much of his time he wore his robes and carried his hidden blades merely because he stole them, only earning his official status some years later.

While in the Caribbean in early 1715, Edward encountered the rogue Assassin Duncan Walpole, who was on his way to Havana, Cuba. Edward and his crew successfully managed to scuttle the HMS Intrigue, Duncan's ship, after it had been struck by lightning, however Duncan managed to board Edward's ship and assassinate its captain. Moments later, the ship's magazine detonated, killing all but Edward and Walpole, who washed ashore in Cape Bonavista. Walpole tried to enlist Edward's help in reaching Havana, but Edward's greedy response ignited Walpole's temper, resulting in a duel. Victorious, Edward decided to assume Walpole's identity to fool the dead man's contacts into a lucrative payoff, unaware that Walpole was on his way to defect from the Brotherhood to become a Templar. In Havana, Kenway learned of the "Observatory," a precursor relic that had the power to locate any human on the planet using their blood, a power the Templars hoped to obtain. Edward also developed a desire to find it in the hopes it could give him wealth beyond imagining. Despite having his true identity revealed to the Templars, Edward escaped captivity and returned to piracy with renewed vigor, capturing a pirated Spanish brig, renamed the "Jackdaw" alongside his quartermaster Adéwalé, a former slave whom he met in captivity.

Upon returning to Nassau, an infamous haven for piracy, Edward met up with Edward "Blackbeard" Thatch, Benjamin Hornigold and the Assassin Mary Read, disguised as James Kidd, the bastard son of William Kidd, who swiftly deduced Edward's inherent ability of "Eagle Vision", a sort of sixth sense present in descendants of the First Civilization. In pursuit of a mysterious man known as a "Sage" reputed to know the location of the Observatory, Kenway wound up in Tulum, Mexico, where he met Ah Tabai, the Mentor of the Caribbean Brotherhood. Ah Tabai denounced Kenway for his early yet inadvertent assistance to the Templars, but Read revealed Kenway's possession of "the sense", which stayed the Assassins' vengeance. Still chasing down the Sage along with Read, Edward discovered that the Sage was imprisoned by a slaver in Kingston, although upon liberating him, he escaped, only to return and reveal himself as Bartholomew "Black Bart" Roberts, taking up a mantle of piracy and stealing a Portuguese Man o' War. Roberts led Edward to the Observatory some time later, however he betrayed Edward, turning him over to the Templars who imprisoned him for his crimes.

Edward escaped prison with the aid of Ah Tabai, however Read died in the process due to trauma from her recent childbirth while imprisoned. Following this, Edward attempted to invent himself anew after realizing that all his avarice and recklessness had granted him was the death of his friends, all of whom had died either by Edward's hand or while he was close to them. Edward pledges himself to Ah Tabai and the Assassin Order, determined to hunt down the remaining Templars and Roberts along with Anne Bonny, his new quartermaster after Adéwalé departs and becomes an Assassin himself. After killing Roberts along with the rest of the Templar leadership, Edward eventually tracked down Governor Torres, the Grand Master of the Templar Order, at the Observatory and killed him, following which he returned to England along with his daughter Jennifer, leaving all his possessions to the Assassins. Edward would go on to remarry Tessa Stephenson-Oakley, who gave birth in 1725 to his son, Haytham. Edward trained his son in swordplay and combat from an early age, intending him to become an Assassin. However on December 3, 1735, their house was attacked by masked men, who stabbed Edward with his own blade, killing him.

Edward's earlier position as a privateer made him extremely strong and agile, lending to his free-running capability and ability to swiftly climb buildings, trees and rigging. He was skilled with numerous weapons, including twin swords, multiple pistols, a blowpipe and rope darts, the Assassin's signature twin Hidden Blades, and was a competent hand-to-hand fighter as well. Unlike many other captains of his time, Edward preferred to captain the Jackdaw personally instead of having a dedicated helmsman, and his obsession with wealth, charisma and eagerness to leap into combat made him very popular with his crew. He was also a strong swimmer, able to hold his breath for several minutes at a time, and survive impressive depths with the aid of a diving bell mounted on the Jackdaw.

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# Adéwalé

Adéwalé (1692 – 1758) was a former slave-turned-pirate from Trinidad, and later a member of the Assassin Order. During the early 18th century, he served as Edward Kenway's quartermaster aboard the Jackdaw before eventually assuming the captaincy of his own vessel, the Victoire, and later the Experto Crede in 1735. That year, he briefly set aside his duties as an Assassin in order to aid the Maroon rebellion in Saint Domingue. He is the grandfather of the Haitian Assassin Eseosa, and is an ancestor to Milton Jones.[8]

Adéwalé recognized the oppression visited upon those who worked the sugar plantations, and frequently dwelt on means of achieving his freedom. However, the life of a fugitive slave was difficult and perilous, and Adéwalé was anxious about committing to such an existence. However, a unique opportunity for escape presented itself in 1708, when pirates arrived at the plantation where Adéwalé worked and raided the storehouse. Grabbing a crate of sugar, Adéwalé joined the pirates in their pillaging; while initially surprised at his presence, the pirates were nonetheless pleased to have his help, and welcomed him among their number. For several years Adéwalé continued to sail with this crew, learning the skills of a proper pirate and seafarer. However, in 1715 the ship ran aground off the coast of Havana, and he was captured by Spanish authorities. His captors eventually decided to send him to Spain to be an interpreter, and had him imprisoned aboard a ship in the Spanish Treasure Fleet for passage. Adéwalé found himself chained alongside the pirate Edward Kenway, who was also destined for Spain after the Templars found out that Edward killed Duncan Walpole and fooled them by pretending to be him. Together, the two broke free of their bonds and, after incapacitating a number of guards, procured themselves a ship, in the process freeing a number of likewise captured pirates. Adéwalé chose a relatively small brig named El Dorado to make their escape, which was made all the more difficult by a sudden, powerful storm that struck the fleet. Ultimately, they managed to escape, while the remaining eleven ships in the fleet sank to the bottom of the sea.

Decades later, Adéwalé - now an Assassin - found himself shipwrecked in Port-au-Prince, Saint Domingue, where he was forced to aid the growing Maroon rebellion against their French masters. He shared a night of passion with Bastienne, his contact in Port-au-Prince, and she became pregnant and eventually bore him a son. Adéwalé returned to the city to offer aid following the 1751 Port-au-Prince earthquake. There he met his son, and thereafter took him to join the Brotherhood. Adéwalé's son in turn had a child, Eseosa, who also went on to join the Assassins, and was an influential participant in the Haitian Revolution.[9] Adéwalé was murdered by Shay Cormac in 1758.

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