

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the climate and planet size?

Northern hemisphere, lower quadrant, sun effectively the same as earth's, smaller than earth, majority of the planet is oceanic, 75-80%

What is the state of women's rights?

Rough equality in human society, shapeshifters revere women, who serve as their leaders in a matriarchal society with most of the political and economic power, ants are genderless, wolves make cultural distinctions in roles but that does not suggest inferiority/superiority

Who are important historical figures of Markova?

Arnold Cass - invented the mythane engine

Lord Austin I - first big push for mythane technology

What do the people use for cloth?

Generally use cotton, Shapeshifters - use silk, furs/pelts

What are their major farm products?

Silkworms, dyes used in trade in the desert, large herd animals, cattle, wheat, wet rice in swampland

Is transportation performed with magic? Is it aerial or surface? What impact does this have on knowledge of landscape and infrastructure?

Mythane powered tether system, convenient for later development of railroads, early development of flying (wright brothers), boats in use

Is there a set area for the colossi movements and habits?

They remove land from the east and north colossi, stationary islands at the north suggest the colossi feeding habits, and the remnants of their feeding, migrate and then return to the shore, oceanic breeding ground, shallower water

Do colossi fight?

Rarely, they are non-combative, it would not really be helpful

Are shapeshifters a part of the country?

Uneasy knowledge of each other, but very little contact

How is the magic defined more concretely? That are its limits?

Mythane crystals power machinery in a way incompatible with traditional mechanics. Used as a superpower fuel, the mythane also exists in more non-traditional applications: hexes, curses, fortune-telling (crystal myth), telekinetic object manipulation, toys, conjuring and summoning, robot/mechanic animal substitutes, prosthetic limbs replicating human function, enhances function, magical weapon projectiles, can be used in forms similar to traditional weapons, soldiers carry staffs imbued with mythane firepower, each battalion carrying specialized staffs. Mythane weapons are capable of manipulating elements and laws of physics

What limits does the government put on using mythane for magical purposes?

Individuals require a license to purchase the technology with which to apply the destructive powers of mythane. Separate regulations exist for personal/civilian and military uses of these technologies.

How far into the crisis are we?

After nearly a century from its initial moments, the crisis has stabilized, having left behind the chaotic massacres of citizens for food and fuel. Left smoldering in the ruins is a society struggling with its own evil impulses.

What are the life spans of the residents of Markova?

Humans: approximately 60 years

Wolves: approximately 50 years

Ants: approximately 15 years, but collective memory continues

Shapeshifters: same as human

Do we have instances where the colossi grab or return earth in history?

Extremely rare event, it did occur fifteen years ago.

Are there lost civilizations?

There are abandoned towns along the frontier

Is there magical resistance?

You create specialized wards, which resist magical effects

Characterize the medicine, currency, and cost of magic?

During its prosperous past, the government backed a copper currency featuring Lord Austin. During the height of the crisis, the population depended largely on a barter system. As the new city states developed, each adopted its own design of the copper coins, featuring the seal of the mythane baron who is dominant in that region. The moon city used sun/moon images on opposite sides. The value of the coin is based on the content of copper, and is called a virgin. Alchemists and counterfeiters are punished to the fullest extent of the law, and it is extremely difficult anyway. The canins don't have a set system, but they are basically communist amongst themselves and use a barter system elsewhere. the Nomads barter between clans, and use a family system within clans.

How many colossi are there?

Approximately two dozen

How old is the ant civilization?

As old if not older than humans

Do the wolves migrate or congregate anywhere?

Some are in packs, others wander, but none are completely alone

How many of each species are there comparatively?

Canins and humans are about the same, more ants than anything but aren't spreading out, but staying in hive; a small number of shapeshifters

How big are colossi?

Can grow as large as Rhode Island, but there are smaller colossi