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City of Akratya

Akratya was once the greatest city of the First Men: a dynamic metropolis, teeming with life, pulsing to the rhythm of technology and cosmopolitanism - but also a grimy city, surrounded by concrete and subjected to the hedonism that gripped the last days of the First Civilization. Its numerous skyscrapers cover the entire horizon.

With the end of the First Civilization, the city was abandoned. Fearing the "forbidden knowledge" of the First Men, the Church of Death surrounded the city with walls. Thus, the city remained for centuries, until refugees persecuted by the Church began to hide in its ruins.

Life Laboratories

It is an ancient technological center focused on human health located inside the city of Akratya, now in ruins. Its primary function was to ensure the well-being and quality of life of the First Men, while also serving as a scientific station for theoretical research. The First Men couldn't die - but their bodies were not invulnerable either. In this way, a health center like this helped relieving the most immediate sufferings of these people.

With the sudden collapse of the First Civilization, centers like this became of tremendous importance: it was no longer a matter of guaranteeing quality of life, but of maintaining life itself. Overnight, hospitals were filled with people who were injured, sick or dying. Their structure was not planned with this situation in mind, and before long they fell into chaos, along with the cities that housed them.

With the abandonment of Akratya, the hospital, with all its equipment, was left to rot. Survivors looted what they could from these centers - such as medicine and supplies - but could not take the heaviest machinery. These became nothing but ruins.

But the secrets of the First Men's advanced medicine remained in these places, and over the centuries more than a few ventured to these centers in search of the so called "forbidden knowledge". Many "healers" ventured into the ruins, in search of "magical substances" or "miraculous contraptions" that could bring healing to their villages, afflicted by some deadly pestilence.

But such searches were strictly prohibited by the Church of Death, and transgressors were punished in an exemplary manner. In fact, it was common for the Church to order purges and hunts against these people. Hundreds of "witches" and "healers" ended their lives dying in a bonfire, burned along with the tomes and technological devices they had brought from a First Civilization hospital.

Centuries later, craving the forbidden knowledge of the First Civilization, the Essenciamancers occupied what they came to call the "Life Laboratories", and there,

using what was left of ancient technology mixed with their medieval tools and their power to manipulate magic, began their macabre experiments.