

CAVECLAN



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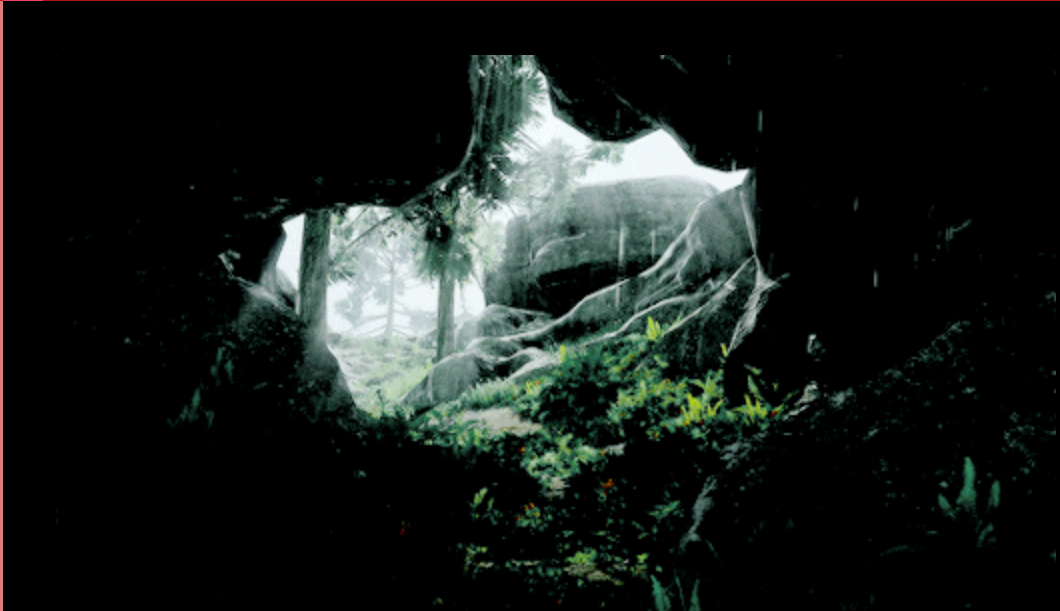


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-star's Reign [B.H. - -]

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FASHION & CUSTOMS

Paints:

Some cats in Caveclan enjoy wearing paints in their fur. The number of glowing mushrooms in the cavernous system is plentiful and many of them enjoy donning their colors. It isn't permanent, so it can be quite the task to continue reapplying. Some cats may just do it for fashion, some may do it for a meaning, and some may not do it at all.

Hayley [9/20/20]



TERRITORY

Teeth's Collide

Teeth's Collide marks the coming together of two rivers. In the middle of these rivers is land that is plentiful, lush, and vibrant with prey. Caveclan controls only a small portion of this land, but they know it has the most bountiful of flora and fauna... if you're willing to risk swimming across the first "Tooth" of the rivers to reach it.

Hayley [9/20/20]

Tearfall Stream

Its ominous name often refers to the high rapids being deadly. This section of the river is tumultuous and littered with jagged rocks along the water's bottom. Cats generally avoid this river for fishing, despite it being their main food source, and prefer to fish from the nearby lakes. MeadowClan has been especially ruthless

about maintaining this border, so it's inadvisable to hunt here for fear of being accused of theft.

Rumor says that there during early morning hours when the river is covered in a dense blanket of fog, some spot the ghostly figure of a grieving Queen whose over adventurous children drowned. In her grief, some suspect she may have allowed herself to drown alongside them.

-Eden [9/12/20]

Tilling Sands

The Tilling Sands are largely untraversed by Caveclan. There's not much there... it's mostly barren. An elder's tale claims that if one feels lost, they can find themselves among the wasteland of sands. As a whole, the clan typically avoids this area.

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Waking Trees

The Waking Trees are a place of peace. Many cats go here to think and reflect. Here, the birch trees rise above all else, their canopies whispering softly in the slightest of breezes. This is considered a sacred place and it is often used for ceremonies, if the celebrating cat prefers to do so above ground.

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Mossystone's Wrestle

Mossystone's Wrestle is a valley within Caveclan's territory. Here, the flora is soft but short and very little prey seems to traverse here- offering no distractions. This is where apprentices are brought for combat training, due to its safety.

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Goldsong Lake

Goldsong Lake is a place of relaxation for the cats of Caveclan. This is typically one of the first places a new mentor and apprentice pairing travel to. It's especially popular at sunrise and sunset, when the shimmering water seems to turn into liquid gold. It's quite a haul through the mountains to reach it, but it's worth it in the long run.

Hayley [9/20/20]

Cave's Keep

Cave's Keep is the cavernous system where Caveclan felines call home. It's relatively small, the quarters rather close-knit. The leader's den is the smallest of them all, really only enough for Batstar herself to sleep in (her long legs take up all the space.) The warriors den is more roomy, though cats often have a snuggle buddy due to the closer quarters.

The apprentice den is even more roomy- likely to keep hormonal youngsters from fighting over space. The elders' den is relatively small, but sports its own trickle of constantly flowing water so that they don't have to leave camp if they wish. This can also be said of the nursery, though the nursery is much larger than the rest of the dens, with shallow pools for lounging or drinking. The clan's nursing felines are quite spoiled!

Hayley [9/20/20]

Moonfire

Moonfire is the heart and soul of Caveclan territory. Moonfire is surrounded by an open clearing within the caverns, with a vacant ceiling so that the sky can be seen and light can pour in. The Moonfire itself is a massive fire opal that has been exposed due to wear and tear from nature. It is here that all clans come for medicine cat meetings and where leaders receive new lives. Caveclan is fiercely protective of the Moonfire. To disrespect it is highly punishable.

Hayley [9/20/20]



INTERCLAN LORE

SwampClan [+]

Swampclan and Caveclan have a mutual alliance. It is not uncommon for the two clans to be friendly and support one another when times are tough. Both clans are not particularly vocal about cross-clan relationships and Batstar disapproves of them, but they have happened between these two clans.

FieldClan [/]

The relationship between Fieldclan and Caveclan is neutral. They live peacefully, having little interaction with one another. There is no reason for strife or friendship. Just neutrality.

MeadowClan [/]

The relationship with Meadowclan is neutrality, bordering on alliance. They don't have too many interactions with one another, but their current leaders seem to get along well. The two clans share a similar nature and mindset about many things.

Halcyon [-]

Spite. Caveclan felines are generally not very trusting and they have strong suspicions of these strangers that have suddenly come to share their borders. Interaction is avoided, for now...

DIALECT

Slang

The Brights: Kittens

The 'paws: Apprentices

The Passed: Warriors

The Faded: Elders

The Bound: Mated pairs

The Bearing: Felines expecting kits

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CEREMONIES & TRADITIONS

The Brightening:

[Birth:]

The Brightening marks the birth of a litter. Each kitten is blessed by the medicine cat. In past days, under the previous leader, kittens did not receive a prefix until they have completed the Coming. Batstar has since changed this, considering it cruel. Parents are now allowed to give their kits a prefix, though it is more of an identifying factor than anything- a way to tell their kittens apart when speaking to or about them. Their prefix will change once they've completed the Coming. Their suffix is the traditional -kit.

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The Coming:

[Kit to Apprentice]

The Coming marks the beginning of a kitten's apprenticeship. Previously they have lived within the caverns that Caveclan calls home, accustomed to darkness and safety. When they turn six moons, they are given a mentor by Batstar. Said

mentor will then take them to the surface, where they will live together for the next week. This is intended not only to familiarize the apprentice with the territory and allow them to get accustomed to more sunlight, but to also strengthen the bond between mentor and apprentice. In previous times, the leader would have given the apprentices their prefixes at this time, but this has changed. Batstar now allows them to name themselves. The only stipulation is that it must have meaning. Their suffix is the traditional -paw.

The Passage:

[Apprentice to warrior:]

The Passage is the equivalent of a warrior's final assessment. Just like in their Coming, they must live on the surface for a week. This time, they are not supervised. They are left to their own devices. It's either fly or die at this point. The apprentice must return with some sort of memento to show their accomplishment. They are then able to choose their own suffix- again, as long as it holds meaning. Of course, there are ways to cheat the system with this trial, but if Batstar suspects that someone has cheated she is liable to send them back out even at a later date... and she won't go easy on them.

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The Fading:

[Warrior to elder:]

The Fading has a rather morbid name, but it doesn't insinuate what one may think. Rather than the fading of life, it hints at the fading of responsibilities and duties- to a period of relaxation. Elders are highly respected in Caveclan for their wisdom and to be disrespectful to one is scorned. Elders often still hold a purpose in the clan, even if technically Faded. Many of them enjoy helping out in the nursery or medicine cat den. It all depends upon the cat.

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The Celebration:

[Funeral + Remembrance:]

When an elder passes, they are celebrated. A funeral is performed and tales are given by those who have them. Usually there's a theme to the funeral. If they were named after a bird, feathers from said bird would be used as decoration. If they wore their own personal paints, those colors would be used and attendees would don it as well.

Hayley [9/20/20]

The Hidden:

Ceremonies regarding leadership + medicine cats:

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Hayley [9/20/20]

The Binding:

Mateship

Mateship is a big deal in Caveclan, for it signifies dedication towards one another. Cats are encouraged to court one another before they become mates, to strengthen their bond and ensure that this is what they want. Terminating a mateship is highly frowned upon in recent times, though Batstar has become more lax. During the Binding, the pair to become mates have a strand of ivy binding one of their forelegs together. They must navigate the cavern system like this for three days, learning to travel and to fend for themselves while bound together. It is an ultimate test of patience. If the two pass the Binding, they are given the medicine cat's blessing to become mates. Flings are highly disapproved of, especially if resulting in kits. Crossclan mateships are highly frowned upon but dealt with in a case by case manner.

Hayley [9/20/20]

