



Name	Mountainspire
Allegiance	Earthwood
Colors	Grey, White, Greenish Grey
Banner	Three mountains (Bottom half greyish green, upper half grey with snowy peaks), the center mountain having a door at the base of it.
Element	Earth and Ice (Primarily Earth)
Trade	Sculpting and Architecture (Primary) Army soldiers (Secondary) Building and Mining (Ancilliary)
Location	Northern Mountains (northwest of War's Peak) Mountain of Endrir (Main estate) Warfang City (Ancillary estate)
Leader	Matriarch Valleris
Heir	Valleren

Founder	Guardian Alprasir
Founding Year	Year 2654
Living Members	94

Mountainspire is an Earth clan, known for their prowess in sculpting and knowledge in architecture.

History

Brief History

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Although sculpting and architecture could be taken up by low, middle, or high class dragons, Alprasir's family was quite wealthy as their work was considered top quality by many and were often employed by temples and clans.

Because of the family's wealth and deeper history, they had a small estate in the Northern Mountains at the base of the Mountain of Endrir that was built a little over 350 years prior to the clan's creation, northwest of War's Peak, however, unlike most estates, theirs was carved into Endrir itself, beneath the earth, not by the moles or by another dragon's claw, but the family itself with their own blood, sweat, and tears, and with each passing generation, the estate was carved deeper and deeper into the mountain. To outsiders, it may seem like a pet project, but to the family, it is their true home.

A significant portion of their wealth is made through selling metals and gems they find within the mountain.

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To this day, the clan still follows tradition in passing down the knowledge of sculpting and architecture, and the Mountainspires are still regarded as the finest sculptors in Warfang and clans are willing to pay top coin for their services.

From as early as possible, children in the clan are taught how to sculpt and the principles of architecture but are also encouraged to develop a style of their own.

The Mountainspire estate has since grown in size and is still regarded as the true home of the Mountainspires.

Cragspine Family

Prehistory

Year 2185 - 2273: Inselviss and the Coming of Cragspine to the North

The family had bought a plot of land at the base of the Mountain of Endrir and began building a small estate. During the following century, the estate would be treated as a vacation home. This family was lead by Inselviss and her four sons: Istharin, Tornir, Denyrr, and Nevelar.

Year 2273 - 2441: Asthenomir and the Carving of Endrir

Asthenomir, unsatisfied with his elemental mastery and carving skill, began to practice by carving into the side of Endrir. He slowly developed a routine of walking to a marked location at the base of the mountain each morning after he awoke and carved away a chunk of stone from the mountainside. He continued this for many moons, at times carving all day or returning to continue at night as a way to relieve stress or release pent-up frustration from daily life until he had carved a decently sized room-like hole into Endrir, it was during one such night after a particularly stressful day that he found himself carving away until he was exhausted, he went outside to gaze upon a full Zella and crescent Adrano reflecting across the lake that stood in front of the mountain, after several minutes he went inside and fell asleep. When he opened his eyes, he stood within a great hall filled with the light of crystals, he walked alongside the giant stone pillars and walls and up the endless stairs and down the maze of corridors, he crossed bridges over waterfalls, and gazed into caves that sparkled with gems and metals and all the riches of the earth. Wherever he went he found himself in awe at the beautiful sights in a great city within the earth itself. Until at last he came upon a great gate at the edge of it all, and when he opened it he saw none other than the reflections of Zella and Adrano across the lake which stood in front of a mountain. It was several moments after that his eyes opened as he awoke, the sun had risen above the jagged horizon and he walked out of his hole in the

mountain and gazed upon the sun reflecting across the lake and breathed in the fresh crisp morning air. He sat there for several minutes and processed what he had experienced, at first it was an extraordinary dream but as he turned back to the mountain, he realized it was a future that he and his descendants could build. He spoke of this to his aunt, Simavari, who was the Matriarch of the family. Being close to her nephew, she was inspired by his dream and saw that his vision bore fruit and so began the true carving of Endrir, for a brighter future for their descendants had been realized, however, this had unknowingly set the family on a dark path. While Asthenomir worked in the name of his descendants, others, those who sought wealth and hungered for power saw his dream as a message from the Ancestors that their claim to the mountain was divine, and so, a seed of self-righteousness had been sown within the family.

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Lithosgnir, father of Alprasir and Alpira was the family elder and would often sit at the top of the Mountain of Endrir in times of contemplation, and when he was looked for, it was often said "he sits at the top of the mountain's spire". Years after his death, at the time of the clan's founding, Alprasir and Alpira named the clan *Mountainspire*, in honor of their late father.

Clan Mountainspire

Year 2654 - 2739

Year 2739 - 2747: Cordillarus and the Days of Madness

There were whispers of Cordillarus' madness, his thirst for power, but at the time, the oldest and/or strongest was chosen as the heir, he was both, so naturally, he was chosen as the heir over his younger sister, despite the fact that he showed no qualities as a leader. Over time, his thirst for power grew, though he did his best to hide this. He desired children but refused to have a Unified. The Matriarch finally gave in to his request and arranged for a reproduction contract. Out of this, he would get one egg, this was enough for him. But as it would turn out, identical twins would hatch from this egg, of which they would be named Mundarren and Correwen. Cordillarus was tough on them and forced them to train their elements constantly. As the twins grew, it became apparent that Mundarren was the stronger of the two. As with Cordillarus, it was for this reason that Mundarren was favored by his father. But Mundarren was not so much of a leader as well, he was obedient and followed his father without question, even if he felt that his father was doing something wrong, if only to avoid incurring Cordillarus' wrath. Correwen, however, seemed to be the polar opposite of his twin. He was considered to be bossy and disobedient, his behavior often warranted lashings from his father and was seen as a problem child. Their father would try to keep them

separated whenever possible, believing that Correwen would drag Mundarren down with him, though this could not keep them apart, and they continued to remain as close as any two siblings could be. However, when Correwen came of age, Cordillarus sent him off to the military to fight in the war against the Apes, which had been declared shortly before the twins had hatched.

Cordillarus' madness continued to worsen as the years passed. When Matriarch Cordillerana passed and Cordillarus was made Patriarch, he basked in his new power which he had desired for so long which further fueled his hunger for power. His madness became more apparent than ever, but none of the elders said anything against him, as it was their belief that each Atriarch was blessed by the ancestors and the mountain. He began to develop this belief that his power should stretch beyond the Endrir into the surrounding region and his madness had grown to the point where he would not hide this belief. This caused a divide within the clan, many, including the elders believed that the Patriarch was exercising his ancestral right. As this went on, his behavior and by extension, the clan's had caused discourse and eventually confrontation amongst their neighbors, most of whom had not yet attained clan status, which in turn fueled Cordillarus' madness further as he perceived this as a challenge of his power. The others believed that his ideas and plans were just as mad as he was, they feared that the clan was becoming too cult-like. Among them were the Patriarch's sons, Mundarren stayed silent and obedient as he had throughout his life, Correwen, however, would not stand for his father's 'egotistical fantasies' as he called them, but he too stayed silent, believing that his father had grown too mad and would deal with Correwen severely if he perceived him to be a threat.

At this point, Mundarren had been named heir by his father as he believed his elemental prowess was greater than his brother's. As a result, he was near his father at all times, though unbeknownst to Cordillarus, Correwen's elemental mastery had grown beyond his twin's. When he learned that his father was planning to attack neighboring families, knowing how devastating this would be, he warned Correwen. Correwen, knowing that this would be a death sentence for the clan, was determined to put an end to his father, but he knew that he couldn't go after his father alone. He knew if he killed his father and took power from both him and his brother, the clan would remain divided and years of fighting would ensue. He urged his brother to take

down his father with him, Mundarren was hesitant and afraid, afraid of his father, but after being constantly urged by his brother, he finally agreed, as he too knew what the consequences of his father's actions would be. Under Correwen's guidance, the twins made a sacred Blood-Stone Oath to kill their father together.

On the 19th day of the Fifth Moon of 2747, the two brothers confronted their father in the Grand Hall and ordered him to stop. Behind them were a handful of their trusted friends and supporters which they had secretly gathered. Cordillarus scoffed at them, bidding Mundarren to remember his place and threatening Correwen with exile. As the Patriarch and his sons argued, members of the clan gathered to witness and as they murmured amongst themselves, the cracks of division had finally begun to split the clan. The twins again ordered him to cease but when he refused, they attacked him. Cordillarus was stunned and soon after filled with rage, he threatened the brothers with severe punishment and attempted to turn Mundarren against Correwen, stating that Correwen had proven himself a threat to the clan and that it was his duty as the clan's Heir to dispose of threats such as him, but to no avail as Mundarren stood against him. Frustrated and weary of the years of forced obedience, complacency, and silence, and above all, his father's harsh treatment and hatred towards Correwen, Mundarren lashed out at Cordillarus, revealing his paw that was wounded in his oath, he rebuked the Patriarch, stating that he was right to say that Mundarren's duty was to protect the clan against threats and that is why he took an oath against him. Correwen, too, revealed his wounded paw, and the clan was appalled that the twins had taken a Blood-Stone Oath against the Patriarch. Correwen and Mundarren lunged and began to fight against their father. Their supporters charged to intercept those who had attempted to take aim at the brothers. Those who shared the twins' beliefs were emboldened and empowered and began to fight against the Patriarch's supporters. As the fighting progressed, additional fights occurred between other clan members. Cordillarus was pushed outside the estate as his sons gave chase, many followed them out and the fighting intensified, as it did, a small pack of the Patriarch's supporters had managed to break away and charged at the twins, Correwen perceiving this, unleashed his full strength which he had kept hidden, much to the surprise and dismay of those around them. Toward the end of the fight, Cordillarus was mortally wounded and fell to the ground. At that moment, both Correwen and Mundarren struck their final blow against him. With Cordillarus dead, his supporters were slowly overcome by those

who supported the brothers. The now-former Patriarch's body was taken away from the estate, as the brothers dragged their father's body through the passes the clan followed behind, the supporters of the brothers ensuring that the mad patriarch's supporters followed, as they pushed on, unease befell the clan as they slowly became aware of the watchers that surrounded them. The brothers began to fear as they felt the walls close in, knowing that their Northern neighbors had become angered and threatened to the point of imminent retaliation, but the two hid their fear and pushed on, hoping they still had time to finally end this. Correwen and Mundarren reached a ravine that had torn the earth and both threw the Mad Patriarch's body into the ravine, which would be known as *The Rifts of the Forsaken*, as a mark of eternal disgrace against him. The elders, terrified that the brothers had gone so far as to make a sacred Blood-Stone Oath against their father, a Patriarch no less, kill him, and disrespect him by throwing his body in a ravine submitted to the brothers and any further fighting had ceased out of fear of incurring the brothers' wrath. The presumed Patriarch Mundarren announced that Correwen would be the Patriarch, not him, for he had long known that his twin was far more qualified to lead the clan, for it was Correwen who led Mundarren to put an end to their father's madness before it destroyed the clan. With the neighboring families closing in, the now Patriarch Correwen would not suffer his clan's indiscretions any longer, and anyone who attempted to speak out against him was swiftly put down. By Correwen's orders, those closest to Cordillarus were rounded up and surrounded by the new patriarch's supporters. Correwen stood in front of the band of Cordillarus' inner circle which consisted of his closest friends, the Stoneward, and the elders who supported him the greatest, along with those who refused to surrender still. He spoke aloud for all to hear, but above all else, he sought to address the dragons of the neighboring families who spied on them, surmising that they were near, **"Heed me, natives of the North! Hear now that the mad patriarch is dead and see that his followers cower before me! This holy folly they have convinced themselves of has met the end of its path to nowhere! Stay yourselves for this so-called 'clan' is nothing more than a clutch of hatchlings! Small, weak, and insolent! They are mine and mine alone to punish, and no comfort will they find from here on out! But this band of filth that snivels before me are kin no more! Have at them, do with these exiles as you please!"** With that, Correwen turned and led the clan away, marching them back to the estate in silence.

and those who were not exiled that chose to follow the former Patriarch were met with Correwen's wrath, the elders most of all, for they had enabled the Mad Patriarch and for Correwen hated them the most next to his father.

Year 2747 - 2874: The Days of Correwen

After the Mad Patriarch had been killed and Correwen took his place, a long arduous path had been laid before him, his clan was in shambles, they had turned their friends into enemies, and they were constantly on the brink of ruin. Almost immediately, Correwen began to rule with an iron fist, cold and unloving towards his family as they were to him. Through his supporters, the new Patriarch forced the former Patriarch's supporters into line, they were kept under tight wraps and monitored closely. As further punishment and as a means to 'uproot the weeds' that had taken hold, all those who followed or supported the Mad Patriarch were denied the right to reproduce, pruning their branches and ending their bloodlines. Many were sent into the military to fight in the war with the Apes, either to die or to come back with a changed worldview.

In 2753, a group of bandits largely composed of those whom Correwen exiled at the end of the Days of Madness attacked Mundarren, believing he was the Patriarch. Although he escaped with a few major injuries, Correwen was distraught as his brother suffered an attack that was meant for him. As a result, Correwen created a symbol which was subsequently carved into his right horn so that he could be easily distinguished as the Patriarch of the clan. After the group of bandits had been identified, they were tracked down and hunted by a group of 10-15 dragons, including Correwen himself. After killing their leader, Correwen brandished his carving to their second in command, stating that it was his mark as the clan's leader, and should they ever come after him again, they wouldn't make the fatal mistake of attacking his twin.

After Correwen passed, his daughter, Valleria, chose to have that same symbol carved into her right horn, believing that she too mustn't shy away from her burdens as the Matriarch. Ever since, this carving has been seen as a symbol of responsibility and courage and was adopted as *Correwen's Emblem*, which would be adorned by every Atriarch that followed.

Year 2874 - ????

Year ??? - 3016

Location



(Map by Just Shooter)

Line of Atriarchs

(Year born - Year died)

Clan founded in 2654 by Guardian Alprasil (2549-2721)

Matriarch Alpira (2551-2693) [sister of Guardian Alprasil]

Matriarch Cordillerana (2605-2739)

Patriarch Cordillarus (2652-2747)

Patriarch Correwen (2702-2874)
Matriarch Valleria (2753-2884)
Patriarch Valleynor (2805-2973)
Matriarch Valli (2866-3007)
Current Matriarch Valleris (2910-present)

Clan Traits & Features

The telltale sign of a Mountainspire dragon are the mountain-like spines along their back. These typically appear as large growths, the base being the dragon's main scale color, the center and usually majority being gray, and the tips or "tops" being white.

Mountainspire dragons also tend to be shorter than normal Earth dragons.

Elements & Variants

The clan consists of Earth and Ice, but is predominantly Earth. The majority of clan Mountainspire consists of Gray Earth Dragons and Multicolor Earth (containing the Gray variant) Dragons, the smaller portion consists of Ice Dragons.

Trade

Mountainspires are highly skilled sculptors and knowledgeable architects.

They also cut and sell gems, as well as metals found within the Mountain of Endrir.

They can also be contracted for construction projects.

If a Mountainspire shows no interest or aptitude in the clan's main trade, it will be expected of them that they enter the army.

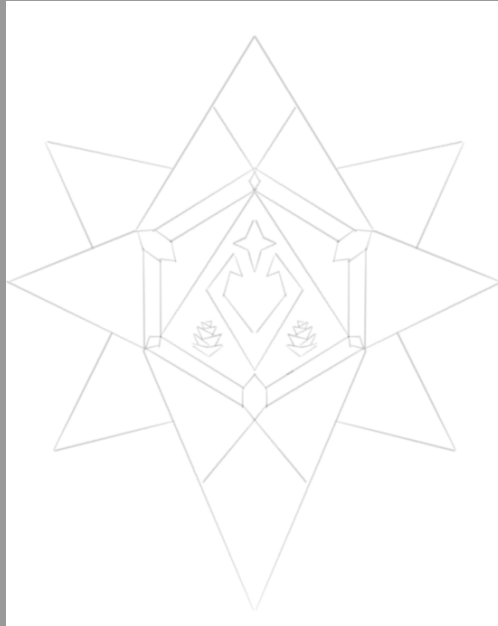
Reproduction & Eggs

Mountainspire allows romantic unions with earth dragons and certain ice dragons. Contracts can be with any element, but all earth eggs and select ice eggs are yielded to Mountainspire. But when it comes to both unions and contracts, a huge emphasis is placed on gray earth dragons. If a member is far enough from the main line, they can have a union with a non-earth/ice dragon, but they cannot reproduce with each other, any children they desire must come from a contract between the member and a suitor.

Traditions/Culture

- Although Mountainspires appear modest to the outside, they are, in truth, quite the opposite. They party often, drink heavily, and occasionally get into physical fights with each other.
- On the occasion that there is an unexpected visit from an individual or clan that is deemed important, the Atriarch/Heir/Individual of...
- Horn carvings are a common practice among clan members, these can be given for a multitude of reasons:
 - There is a unique carving that is only given to the Atriarchs of the clan called, *Correwen's Emblem*. This symbol is carved into the right horn of the Heir as they step up and take their place as the Atriarch. While there is no official clan law that states the Atriarch must receive this, to refuse it, is greatly frowned upon by the clan. Accepting the emblem is seen as representative of the new Atriarch's willingness to take on the

responsibilities and burdens that are associated with leading the clan. It is, therefore, an essential step to earning the clan's respect and trust.



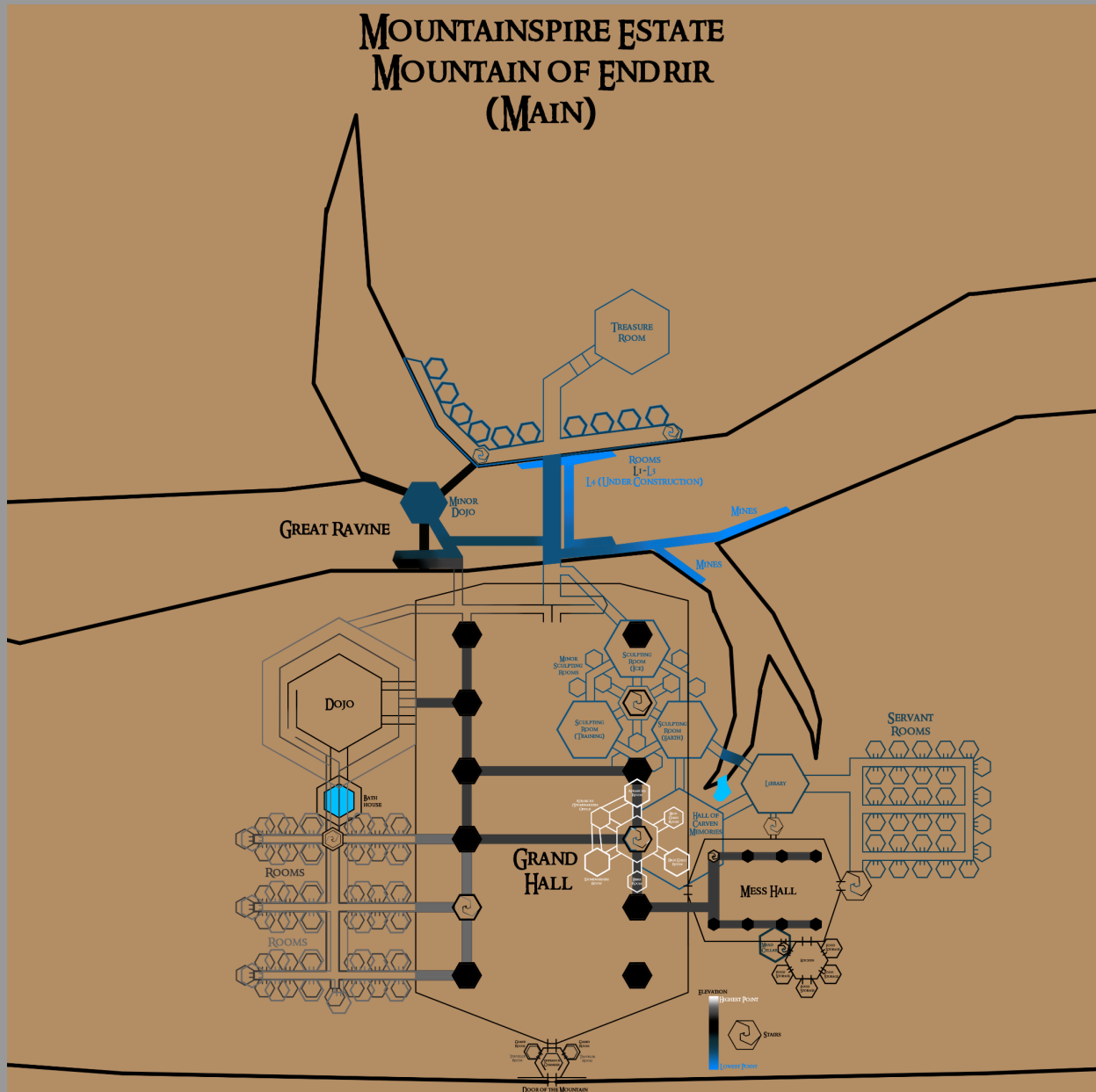
Correwen's Emblem (by CrystalDragon241)

- Identical twins, shortly after hatching, will receive the same carving on opposite horns.
- If two newly unifieds choose, they may have a “unity ring” carved into their horns, these rings will be carved identically on the same horn (right/right or left/left). In the event that the two unifieds diverge, a crack will be carved on and extending from the rings at the front of the horns to represent that the bond has been broken. This process is repeated every time one unifies and diverges. If one of the unifieds dies, the crack will NOT be carved into the ring as it is a bond that is broken by choice, not death.
- One's achievements can be carved into their horns, for instance, if one attains the rank of commander in the Army or Guard, two diamonds will be carved into their horn if they so choose. However, it is expected that these achievements be noteworthy.
- While almost anything can be carved into a member's horns, it is expected that the symbol or design is appropriate, respectable, and/or meaningful in some way.

- Like in Japanese culture, Mountainspire bathe together. There is a large washroom, where individuals often go.
- There is a sacred oath that can be performed called a Blood-Stone Oath. This oath involves two dragons and a stone. This ritual must be performed on the grounds of Endrir. The dragons cut the palm of their paw, with their paws bleeding they hold the stone and entwine their arms, with their entwined they pair say their oath before unraveling their arms and using their elements to thrust the blood-covered stone into the ground. This completes the oath, forming a strong connection between each other and the mountain. After the oath, the dragons are forbidden from healing their wounds with a gem or magic, as this nullifies the oath and tarnishes the image of the dragon, but must take great care to tend to their wounds, allowing them to heal naturally without infection, as their diligence towards their wounds is representative of how dedicated the dragons are towards their oath.

Estates

Northern Mountain Estate/Mountain of Endrir (Main)



Entrance Chamber

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Messhall

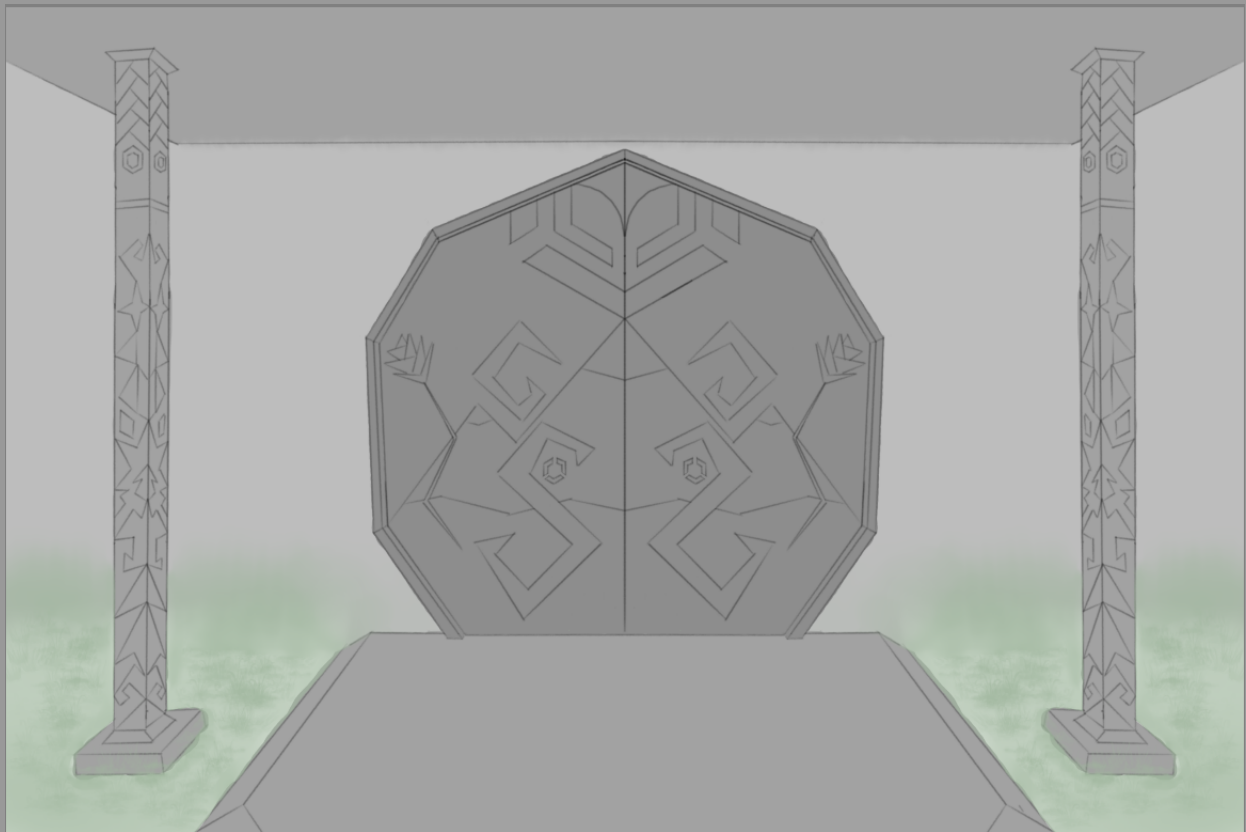
Unity Platform

Hall of Carven Memories

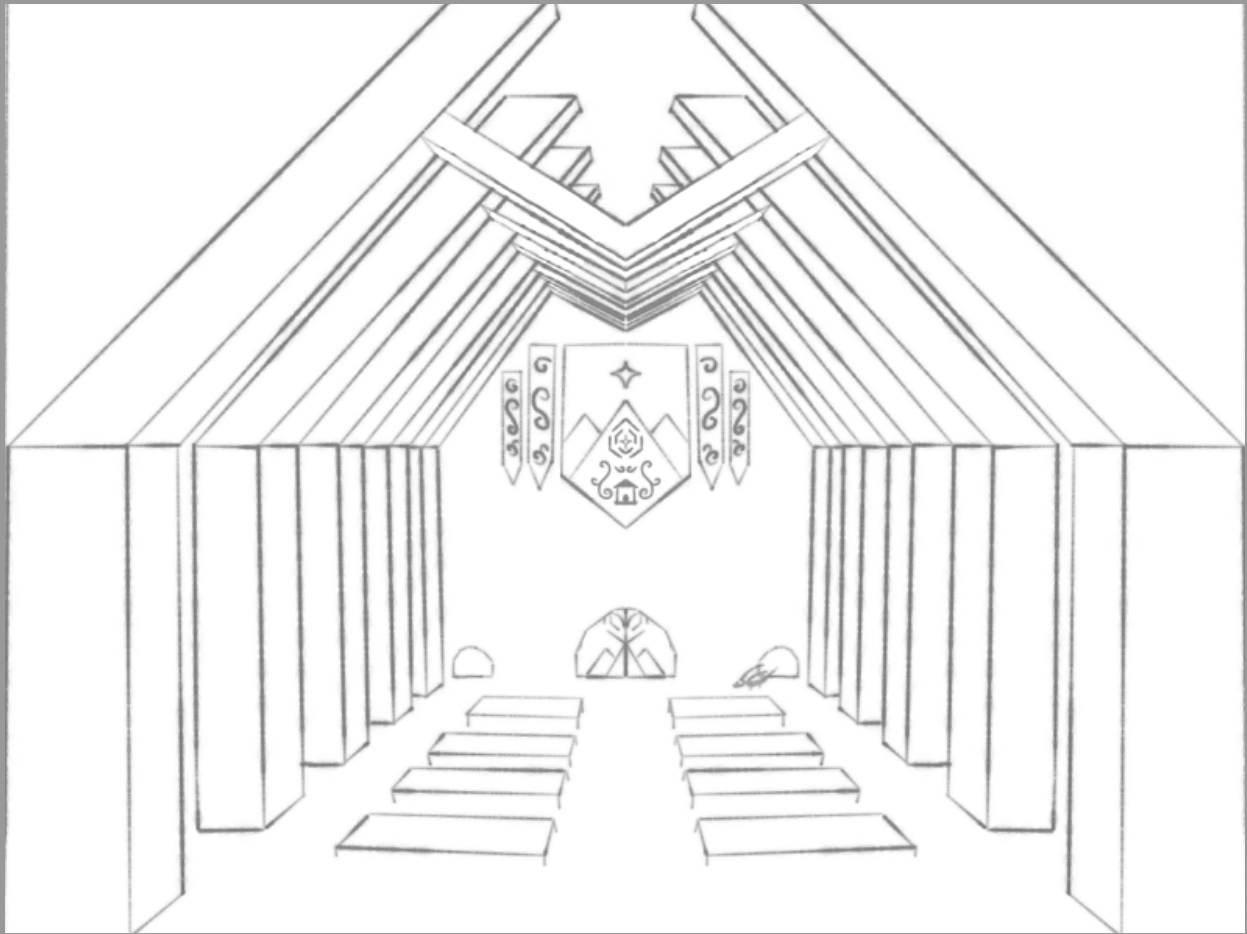
Warfang City Estate (Ancillary)

Architecture

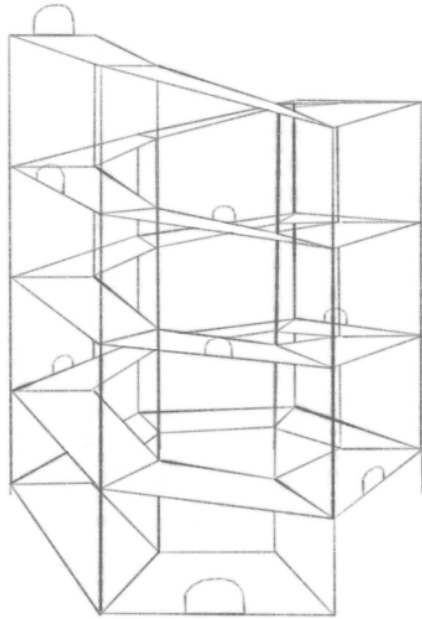
The architecture of the Mountainspire estate prefers hexagonal shapes over circular ones.



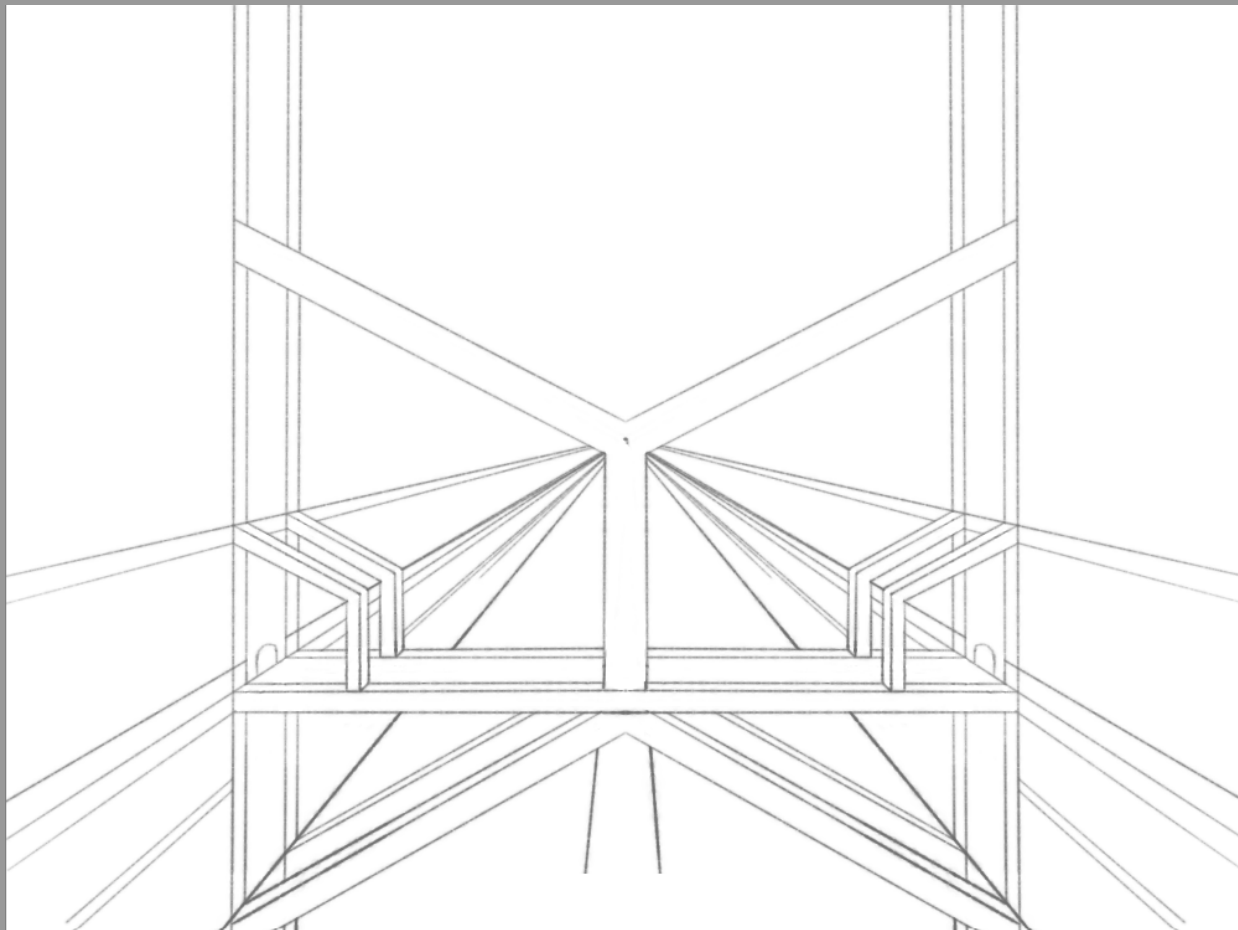
The main entrance door of the estate (by CrystalDragon)



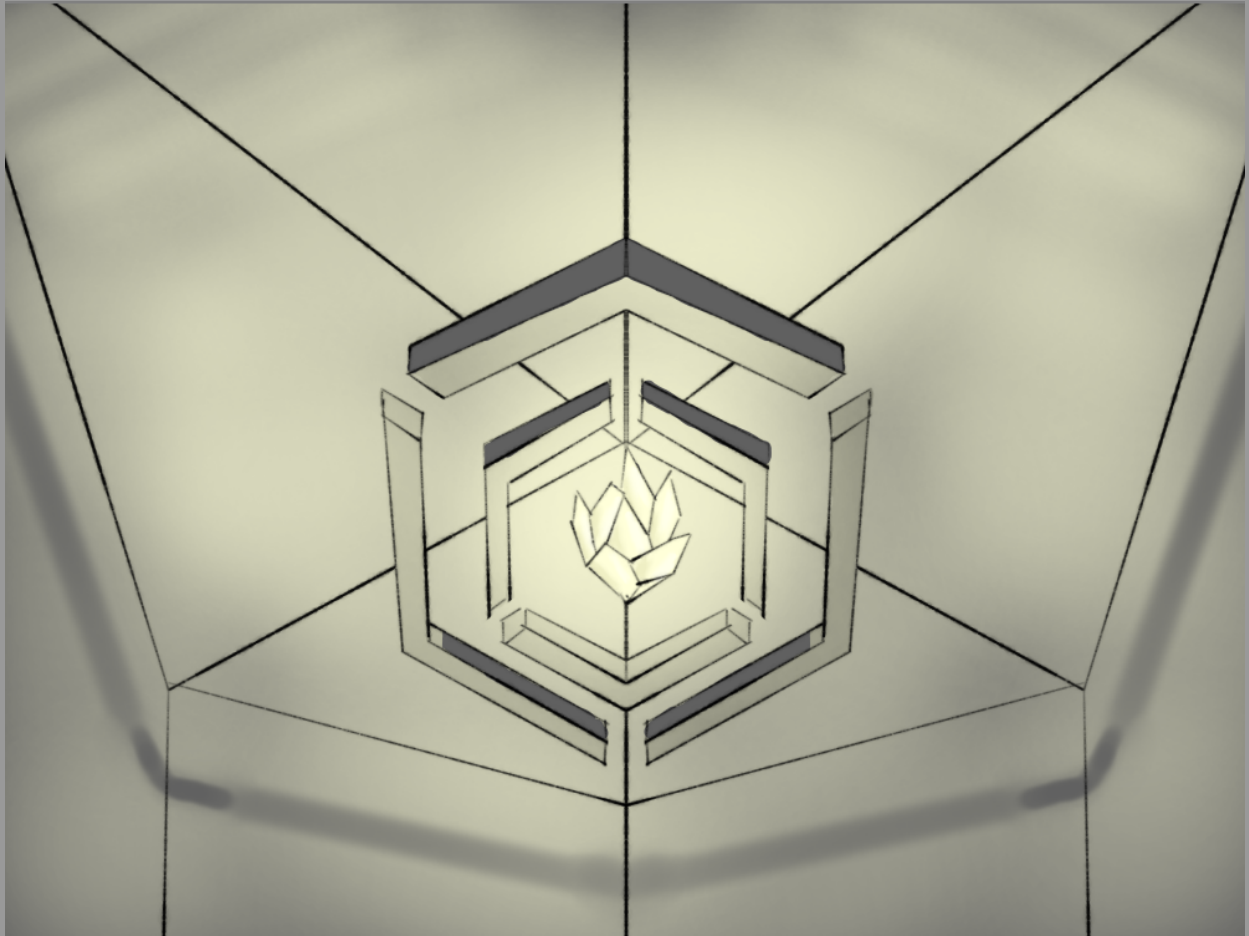
The Messhall (by CrystalDragon)



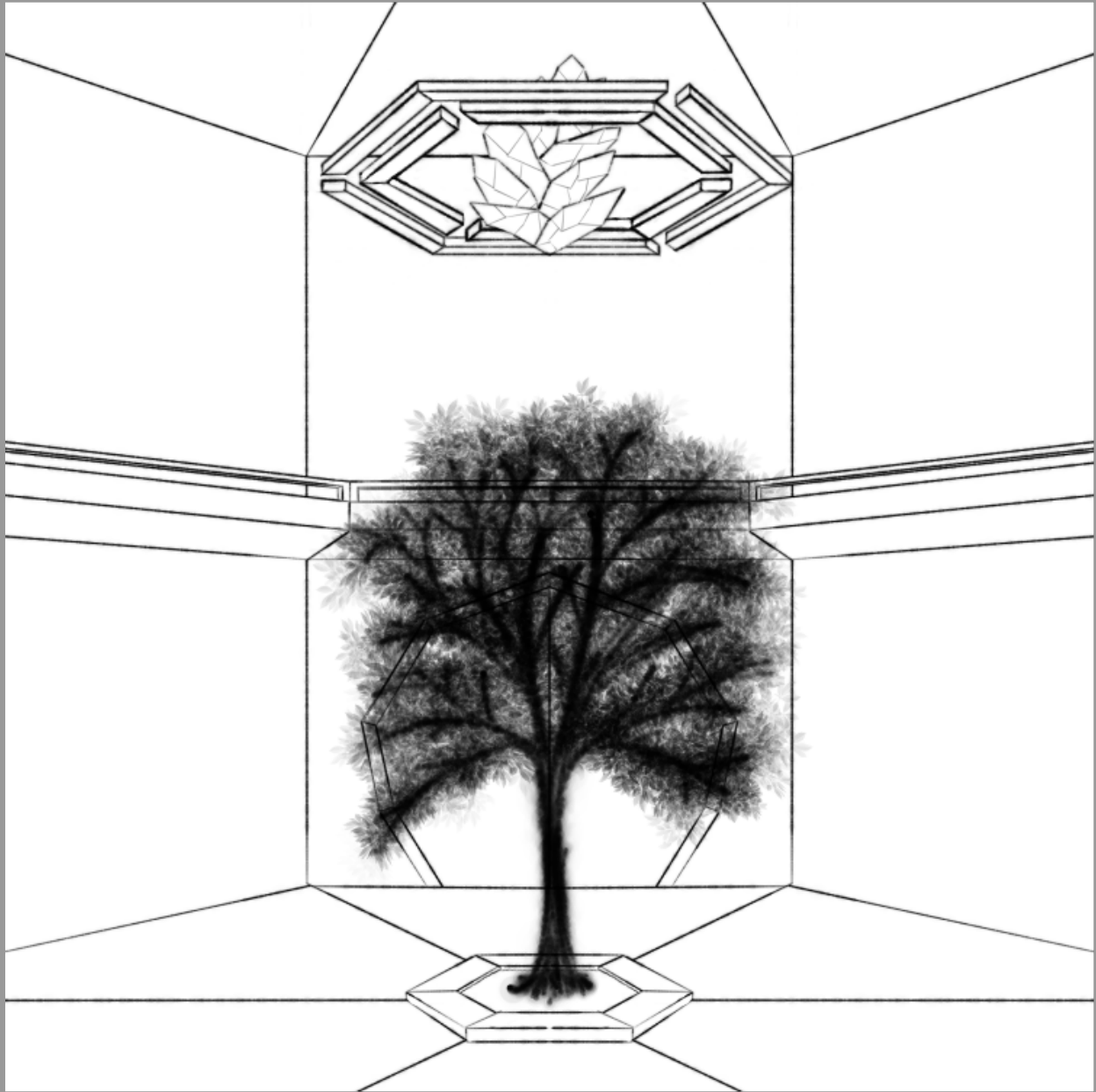
A typical staircase within the estate (by CrystalDragon)



A bridge over a chasm within the estate (by CrystalDragon)



A typical room lamp (by CrystalDragon)



Entrance Chamber (by CrystalDragon)

Relations

Northern Clans/Families

Northkeep

Ensis Fumoveo

Saryda

Everwinter

Frostwing

Other Warfang Clans

Forge Heart

Ash Talon

Other Warfang Families

Notable Members

Guardian Alprasir (Founder, *Deceased*)
Alpira (Sister of Alpen, First Matriarch, *Deceased*)

Valleris (Matriarch)
Canyen (Unified of Valleris)

Valleren (Son of Valleris, *Heir*)
Valleyyna (Daughter of Valleris)

Geodon (Unified of Valleyyna)
Geodari (Grandaughter of Valleris, Daughter of Valleyyna)
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Members

CrystalDragon:

- Alprasir
- Asthenomir
- Correwen and Mundarrus
 - Valleris
 - Valleren
 - Valleyyna
- Geodaris and Geodaris
 - Cavernir
 - Valcorra
 - Montenu
 - Torgarr

Alpine Salico:

- Ruke (ward)

SenecaRocks:

- Valedor

CristalHeart7:

- Montenius

Azzy:

- Qatran

Pride:

- Tau

Morkera117:

- Lokil

Status

This clan is invite only for members and contracts.

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