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- Strikeout = superseded, new information

Changelog

2018-04-27	Initial sync from master document
2018-04-28	Petals are fairly common and cheap
2018-04-30	Sync from master document: keystones, demography
2018-05-09	Sync from master document: technology, elements, minor other additions
2018-05-18	Further additions regarding technology and power, alchemy regulations
2018-09-16	Information on energy cores and weaponry
2018-11-07	Explanation of bird anthros, list of non-anthro races

Locations and Governments

Avalice (overview)

- Most plot takes place in the capital of each region
- Regions are named after their capitals (essentially city-states)
- No map available yet
- Economy/currency:
 - o Crystals:
 - Low monetary value, used mostly for energy recycling
 - Created as by-product from machines
 - Most stores will only accept Gold Gems or notes
 - Bank notes are an alternative currency, backed up by gold vaults
 - Electronic funding is not feasible at current level of technology
 - Keystones or "cores" are batteries for robots
- Transportation:
 - Distance is highly compressed, about on par with modern Europe
 - Steep terrain between cities makes flight/airships the ideal mode of transportation, followed by boat (most airships can function as boats too)
 - Cars give civilians an affordable way to travel within cities
 - Bikes/motorcycles used for affordable travel between cities
 - Animals who are fast (dragons, cats, deer) or have flight (birds, bats) don't need vehicles to commute, but sometimes still drive for fun (Carol)
- Untamed wilderness:
 - Continent at about 30% settlement
 - Sporadic towns/settlements across the globe for airship travellers
 - Wildlife is a serious threat in regions without organized military or robotics
 - Earth-like climate zones ranging from snowfields to tropical jungles
 - o Life petals offer protection from mortal wounds, and are fairly common and cheap
- Earth-like weather patterns

Shang Mu

- Notable locations:
 - City Hall
 - o Zao Land
 - Battlesphere
 - o Commercial District (a.k.a. Fortune Night)
 - Shang Mu Academy
 - Scarves Hideout
- Based on China, Hong Kong, and Japan
- The most technologically advanced, but also the most politically corrupt
- Free market economy

- Leader is elected by district representatives, who are elected by citizens
- Heavy infusion of outside cultures
- High taxes go towards:
 - Keeping the metropolis clean
 - o An effective/efficient police force

Shang Tu

- Notable locations:
 - Royal Palace
 - Trap Hideout
 - o Relic Maze
 - Jade Creek and Thermal Base
 - Pangu Lagoon
 - Aqua Tunnel
 - o Avian Museum
- Based on urban China with Persian influences in architecture; Royal Palace inspired by mosques
- Home of the Kingdom Stone shrine
- Heavy government control and regulation
- Leader is hereditary
 - Must be related through blood or marriage and must give up their name upon taking the mask
 - o Can resign at any time

Shuigang

- Notable Locations:
 - Dragon Valley
- Based on rural China and Korea
- Smallest and most rural kingdom
- Most houses are carved into the side of cliffs, similar to Hobbit Holes
- No concrete rules for succession; Current dynasty bases leadership on strength

Parusa

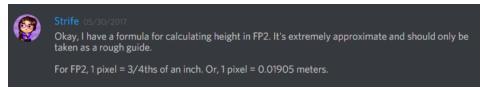
- Notable Locations: *n/a (as of yet)*
- Based on the Philippines with some Spanish influences
- Highest species diversity
- Least conservative dress code due to hot climate
- Military state
 - Army has much heavier firepower than the mainland to combat the stronger wildlife;
 bazookas, grenade launchers, rockets
 - o Army is the smallest in Avalice but has strongest individual soldiers

- Friendly alliance with local tribes who have equally deadly archers (alchemy-enhanced arrows)
- Frequent natural disasters; flood, volcanic eruption, giant monsters
- Nicknamed "The City of Adventure"
- Residents mostly apathetic to constant threats

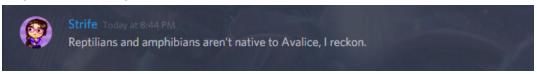
Demography

Overview

- No relationship between element and personality/nature/etc.
- No correlation between shapes, sizes, level of anthropomorphism vs. base species traits
 - In-game size:



- Birds and bats will try to keep their body weight down so flying is less exhausting
- Theobromine can cause food poisoning, but is not life threatening with modern medicine
- Demographics
 - Common: domestic cats, rabbits, giant pandas, red pandas, birds, bears
 - Less common: dogs, deer, foxes, bats, boars
 - Rare/isolated communities: wild cats (tigers, lions, etc), monkeys, earth dragons, otters, racoons, goats, rodents
 - Do not exist on Avalice: reptilians, elephants, rhinos, hippos, wood dragons, fire dragons, metal dragons



- Non-anthropomorphic animals include fish, reptiles, amphibians, insects, and birds
- Genders are more equally treated than with humans; diversity is a key factor

Dragons

- Earth dragons
 - Scaley with gold horns, based on classical Eastern dragons
 - Low variation in appearance
 - Technologically advanced
- Water dragons
 - High variation in both size and appearance
 - Each member is based on a particular type of fish
 - Special ability depends on leg type
 - Bipedals can augment their speed (i.e. Dragon Boost)
 - Quadrupeds can augment their jumping power
 - Tentacled members can levitate
 - Abilities make them excellent builders
 - Staying hydrated is vital

- Can intermix with other species to birth a half-breed
 - Half-breeds can only be born from an egg-laying parent, so only female dragons and birds can produce them
 - o Half-breeds can have kids of their own but they will lose the parent's dragon traits
 - Most cultures treat half-breeds as anomalies (similar to people with vestigial body parts in real life), though Shang Mu and Parusa are more tolerant

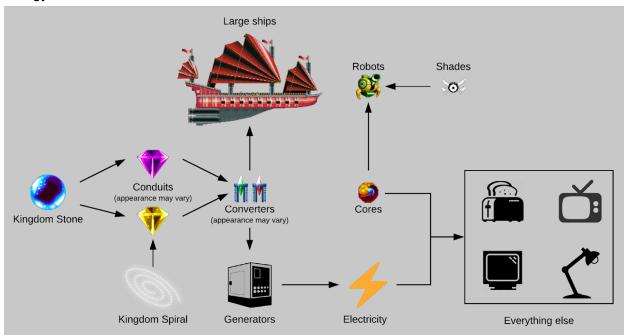
Non-Dragons

- Species cannot intermix
- A few related species (i.e. pandas and grizzlies) can be together, but the child will always be the mother's species

Technology and Magic

Technology overview

- Due to crystal-based power, digital tech lags behind (around 1980s level) but other tech like robotics is beyond present day Earth
- Shades (flying eye creatures) are alien parasites that act as "pilots" for robots, and escape when the robot is destroyed
 - Drawn into the robot with bait; Chemicals were used in the old days but modern cores emit an alluring frequency
 - Possible but tricky to lure shades out of their robot; cracking it open with brute force is easier
 - o Indeterminate lifespan; Can't really be killed but they can be converted into energy
 - About as dumb as an insect
- Tiks are dark spirits from Parusa that can possess objects and robots similarly to shades, albeit less voluntarily
- Bioengineering used by water dragons
 - Can come in the form of physical accessories (e.g. Lilac's earpieces) or more extensive body work (e.g. Merga)
- Energy:



- Everything requires a physical power source, usually in the form of a crystal
- Crystals act similarly to batteries
 - Uses Hodgson's Law¹ for dispersion of energy

¹ Named after creator of MST3K, Joel Hodgson, the law postulates that certain minute details of fiction are irrelevant; "It's just a show".

- Energy is transmitted through vessels such as other crystals, similar how power works for the Protoss race in Starcraft
- Clean energy makes it less of a problem for gas-powered machines and equipment to exist (i.e. cars and motorcycles)
- Energy sources can "merge" in close proximity; this is undesirable for huge power sources with specific applications, so they are stored in isolated locations (such as the Kingdom Stone deep underground)
- Keystones/Cores power common robots
 - Constructed from Gold Gems
 - Core's element doesn't have any effect on its energy
 - Rarely need to be recharged
- Brevon's tech and Pangu drone are being researched
 - Resulted in some advancements in portable communications tech (Before Brevon, distance was limited to a few miles)

"Dragon Tech" / Artifacts

- Examples:
 - Kingdom Stone: condensed energy reserves of Ancient Dragons after crash-landing
 - Reported to have been running low at the time of FP1's events
 - Kingdom Spiral: "broadcasts" energy down to Avalice
 - Conduits can absorb energy from the spiral, and it also falls to the planet as crystal shards
 - o Pangu: artificial intelligence and data archive
 - Projects holograms capable of manipulating other matter
 - Can emit powerful energy beams
 - Other artifacts: serve as a means to perform "magic"
 - Examples: Neera's Cryo Staff, Milla's ear pieces
- Elemental weapons/tools are as common as conventional weapons but require personal energy to use effectively (i.e. the player's energy meter ingame)
 - Shang Tu soldiers use conventional battle rifles with elemental bayonets
 - Shuigang warriors use strong elemental weapons with pistols as backup
 - Shang Mu and Parusa soldiers can't afford to wait for energy to recharge, so they use conventional weapons almost exclusively

"Elements"

- Based on Wu Xing
- Weakness circle
 - Wood grows over Earth
 - Earth absorbs Water
 - Water douses Fire
 - Fire melts Metal
 - Metal cuts Wood
- Water: Bubbles, slime





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- Metal: Steel weapons, spikes, electricity
- Fire: Flames, lava, heat
- Earth: Rocks, crystal spikes, ice
- Wood: Plants, poison
- Shield crystals/guardian orbs:
 - Protect the user from physical harm up to a certain point
 - o Grants immunity from harm that falls within the domain of the shield's element
 - No monetary value; too common and transporting carries the risk of accidentally breaking and releasing the charge

Alchemy

- Healing, ability enhancement, fuel for vehicles, and explosives
 - Some pro sports limit alchemy use to nullifying disabilities; Others like Battlesphere allow anything

Characters

Team Lilac

- Publicly recognized as the saviors of Avalice by the authorities, but very few believed it.
 - o Gong gets the credit instead.
- Training since the events of FP1, but not well known to the general public beyond rumors.
 - o Still relatively unknown at the start of FP.

Sash Lilac

- Dragonblood. 17 years old as of FP2. Water element.
- Half-Water dragon (mother), half unknown mammal (father)
- Congenital hearing defect, requires hearing aids (shown as blue gem headset device)
- Stolen as an egg by the Scarves and raised as one of them

Carol Tea

- Wildcat. 15 years old² as of FP2. Metal element.
- Jump disk and bike are powered by the same technology as the Battlesphere

Milla Basset

• Hush Basset, 12 years old. Wood element.

Neera Li

- Panda. Royal Magister's advisor and STPD chief. Earth element.
- Proficient in multiple elements, but prefers ice staff for nonlethal captures

Spade

- Panda, 18-20 years old. High-ranking member of the Red Scarves. Fire element
- Bastard son of the late King of Shuigang. Dail's brother.

² https://discordapp.com/channels/151670525205282825/192833044049166337/559892869536808979