

Government Structure

Government	Details
Atlas	The government is run by an elected council, but access to the council overwhelmingly favors the elite class. Two council seats are also granted to the Atlas General, making them extremely powerful and influential. Politics has become strained between corporate interests vying for influence.
Menagerie	A single leader is chosen within each city by a formal election, who then serves until he or she steps down. They have a fixed constitution that cannot be altered without 65% support of the population, and the leader can only operate within those limitations. Humans are not granted residence unless they received permission.
Mistral	The Mistral government has been corrupted since the unification of the kingdoms, and its interests are now being controlled primarily by criminal organizations. The council positions are elected, but any serious threat to the criminal organizations have a tendency to be eliminated.
Vacuo	
Vale	A government council, elected by the people in reasonably fair elections. Outside powers with considerable wealth have managed to influence elections and lawmaking to some degree, but the social structures in Vale have stood reasonably firm against significant corruption.

Economies	Details
Atlas	Capitalist economy with regulations that favor corporate interests. Faunus are effectively second class citizens. Slavery is technically illegal, but there is indirect benefit through independent tribes in the tundra.
Menagerie	Mixed economy with regulations that benefit the public. Government provides many social services and social nets. Faunus are first-class citizens here.
Mistral	Capitalist economy with minimal regulations and mixed interests. Government offers meaningful social services within the major cities, but has a limited presence in rural areas. Faunus are treated as second class citizens with very minimal protections against unfair practices.
Vacuo	Capitalist economy, but rare for major corporate interests to thrive in excess.
Vale	Mixed economy with regulations that favor public interest. Government provides many social services and social nets. Effectively impossible to create monopolies or exploit the workforce.

Independent Territories

Many independent cities and territories still exist outside of influence the main kingdoms that refuse to accept their authority. They generally cooperate with open borders, which is critical for trade routes. However, any laws that apply to kingdoms do not apply to them. Their government and culture may be very different from the kingdoms.

Independent territories have reduced in number over time, partially due to certain trade and diplomatic restrictions. They still receive military protection against the Grimm, since this serves everyone’s interests.

In many territories, slavery of the Faunus is still legal and common. This is particularly true within most of the independent cities in the tundra of Solitas, outside of the kingdom of Atlas. They reject Atlas’ authority and the corresponding laws of the other kingdoms. Mining corporations in Atlas often work with these territories, indirectly benefiting from slave labor practices.

Legal System

Due to the extreme survival requirements on Remnant, there is very low tolerance for criminal behavior that seriously distracts resources from military operations. The heavy toll on the military causes certain constraints on the rest of society, particularly in relation to the legal systems and the rights of citizens. Courts will not exercise excess time expenditures on criminal acts without consequence.

Burden of proof is not always a meaningful consideration of the legal system. Repeated suspicion very quickly leads to investigations that would be considered highly invasive in an effort to root out answers quickly.

All Huntsmen are trained Peacekeeping Officers as part of their academic training. Huntsmen make up only a small portion of the investigation services, but their role is essential due to their status and influence within the policing community. Huntsmen tend to serve as the primary investigators in important cases due to the legal allowances they possess.

Word of the Huntsman

One of the core tenants of the legal system is the Word of the Huntsman. If a Huntsman declares themselves a witness to a scene and makes an official claim (such as a declaration of guilt or innocence), this is considered to fall under the terms of the “Word of the Huntsman.”

The Word of the Huntsman carries overwhelming influence, but is also expected to be in the highest calibers of integrity. If a Huntsmen is ever proven to be lying about a criminal declaration, even once, they will immediately be thrown in prison and stripped of every license they’ve ever acquired. The legal system has no tolerance for this behavior.

A similar tenant known as “Word of the Peacekeeper” has the same type of influence, but applied to Peacekeeping Officers with the same licenses. However, it doesn’t possess influence to the same extreme extent. Peacekeeping Officers have to deal with much more due process when a contradictory accusation is filed against them, and the severity of challenging them isn’t as severe since their role in humanity’s survival is not at the same threshold of a Huntsman.

Declarations of Guilt

Huntsmen Officers with the appropriate licenses can arrest citizens and declare guilt for any crime they are a witness to. Doing so will immediately initiate a guilty sentence. If evidence is available the Huntsman can make it known, but it is not required. The Huntsman’s word is taken as truth. It will not be questioned by the legal system unless the defendant fights the accusation, which has consequences of its own.

If a defendant accepts guilt, their punishments are typically fairly standard for the crime done. If they retaliate and accuse the Huntsman of lying, both parties will be brought to trial.

Accusing a Huntsman

Accusing a Huntsman of lying is a very serious accusation and can have severe consequences for the accuser. It will force an investigation that can expose the Huntsman, including potentially dragging the Huntsman to trial, but in doing so can cause much more significant problems for the accuser. A Huntsman’s time is considered overwhelming critical to Remnant’s survival. Wasting their time is therefore often a greater offense than the original crime.

The party that accuses a Huntsman effectively relinquishes any rights to their privacy to prove the Huntsman’s claims. Their entire life can be investigated to fairly extreme lengths in pursuit of the truth. Special investigators will be responsible for reviewing the matter and gathering every possible shred of evidence related to the matter in a timely fashion.

If the Huntsman’s claims bore no fruit of corroborating evidence, and no previous crimes or suspicious activity was discovered in the pursuit of the accuser, the accuser will be set free. The event will be recorded in both the accuser’s records and the Huntsman’s records in case any further patterns emerge.

If the Huntsman’s claims were supported by strong evidence, and especially if their story was corroborated, the

accuser will almost certainly suffer larger penalties than they'd originally had.

Investigations

Huntsmen are free to investigate without many limitations. In cases where there are limitations, they require very little to acquire the appropriate warrants.

Lying to a Huntsman that has declared themselves for an official investigation is illegal and carries serious consequences if caught. Deception is not tolerated, either, so citizens are expected to answer fully without any half-truths or misdirection. Furthermore, evading a Huntsman that has declared the intent to interrogate is also illegal. Punishments are designed to be harsh to ensure that Huntsmen with the appropriate licenses can investigate quickly and effectively.

Court

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Variants per Kingdom

In Atlas, many laws are enforced through flat-rate fines, which disproportionately impacts the poor; which in turn disproportionately affects the Faunus. Faunus are also under much higher scrutiny and unfair observation due to the racism within Atlas.

In Mistral, investigations are not allowed without warrants from the appropriate government sources. The government itself is considered heavily corrupted, however, and employs several heads of criminal organizations that protect their own interests.

Legal Rules	Details
Atlas	Many laws are enforced through fines, which disproportionately impacts the Faunus. Faunus are also under higher scrutiny and unfair observation due to racism.
Menagerie	Faunus Huntsmen have all the standard legal authority, but human Huntsmen do not. Human Huntsmen can only attain such authority if approved by the city government, and it only applies within that city.
Mistral	Investigations are not allowed without warrants from the government.
Vacuo	All standard laws apply as written.
Vale	All standard laws apply as written.