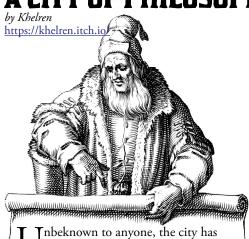
# A CITY OF PHILOSOPHERS WITH CLUBS



been the field of a metaphysical battle that could lead to nothing less than its entire displacement to another plane of existence. Each alignment will try to influence people to become the prevailing philosophy. To further their goal, each has an avatar in a position of power.

Will the PCs join one of these factions or will they free the city from this fearful fate?

## **AVATARS AND FACTIONS**

The Blind The Father of Maiden **Traditions** 

Loyal Good. True Loyal. Fate War and and Laws. Industry.

The Beggar King Loyal Evil. Shadow and

The One-eyed Slayer Chaotic Evil. Strength and

Storm.

Prince True Chaotic. Time and Eloquence.

The Trickster

Beast Chaotic Good. Fertility and Life.

The Horned

The Avatars pose as important people, acting as de facto leaders of each district. They never act by themselves; instead they always direct one of their affiliated factions to make a move. Make no mistake: they are not concerned by the fate of mere mortals. The city must fall in their realm of alignment!

Factions (from the more to the less powerful)

Punish

Protect

Help

Enforce

Rule on

Ally with

à	1	Azure Paladins	The Seers	The Spymasters	The Warband	Docks' Lords	High Venator
	2	Smith Guilds	The Creed	Ring o' Shadow	The Tempest	The Adversary	The Inner Circle
	3	Iron Maidens	The Maestro	The Little Hand	The Red Barons	Brethren Court	Kennelmasters
	4	The Masks	Vows of Prani	The Cant	Blood Brothers	The Poets' Circle	Tree of Worlds
	5	The Forgiveness	The Weavers	The Cutthroats	The Bashers	The Gentlemen	The Snake
	6	The Steel Tower	Scribes' Guild	Funerary	The Pigs	The Delirium	The Sharp Fang
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#### Actions

Punish
Protect
Set free

Ally with Help

Enforce

Subjugate Spy on Threaten

Enforce Kill

Assault

Assault Steal Destroy Kill

> Conquer Threaten

Spread rumours Punish Quarrel with Protect Disrupt Overthrow Befoul

Disobey Lie about Steal

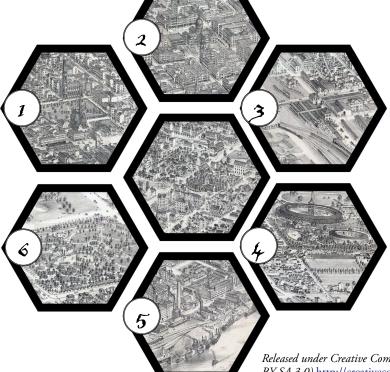
Overthrow Set free

## **How to use this?**

Roll 3d6. The first two dices indicates which faction or avatar is making a move (→ Avatars and Factions). The third says which action they are undertaking (→ Actions).

Roll another 2d6. The first die indicates on which district they are planning to make their move (if you roll this district number, then they make a move against The Hill district). The second die says against which target of that district they are making their move ( $\rightarrow$  Specific locations).

With that information, bring the city to life. Make it a constantly evolving battleground. Use those events to give something to do to the PCs, to send them on a mission, for example to counter an hostile faction.



## THE DARK OF THE CITY

The truth is that The Hill district, at the centre of the city, is decisive to the cosmic balance. If the Lady in the Mirror, a true neutral avatar, were to be defeated, then her district would merge with the district of the avatar that defeated her.

Hopefully, she can count on her two only factions, albeit very powerful: The Undead and the Wizards' Guild.

#### The Hill

Rich district. Colourful houses. A disturbing eeriness. Muffled sounds. Arcane amenities, like public magic lights and void sewers. A neutral ground, a haven. Strange crows everywhere.

The Lady in the Mirror

True Neutral. Magic and Undead.

- The Monumental Spire The Obsidian Mirror
- Carnival Row
- The Jack of all spells
- Dream and Runes
- The Nameless

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## A QUICK TOUR OF THE CITY

#### 1. The University district

Middle-class district. Smog and noxious fumes. Cosmopolitan. Inebriated students. The white robes of the Brothers of Compassion.

#### 2. The Tribunal district

Rich district. Seat of power and government. Noble houses. Hackney cabs. The black attire of uncountable clerks. Sweet music coming from an open window.

## 3. The Rail district

Poor district. Beggars everywhere. The puffing, hissing and whistling of trains. Slang. Small dilapidated houses. Narrow shadowy streets. Ale that tastes like piss.

### 4. The Arena district

Middle-class district. Bragging idle military. Rioting bloodsports fans. A dead body in the street. Blood and shit. A summoned demon, business as usual.

#### 5. The Docks

Middle-class district. Crowded markets. Fresh air. Turning a corner, the tense atmosphere of a ghetto with different laws. The bells every twelve hours.

### 6 The Park

Middle-class district. Exquisite fragrance. Colourful flowers. A distant howl. Grazing herds. Gatherings for druidic rituals, hunting or simply relaxation.

The Silver Gardens

Leto Hunting Pavilion

#### Specific locations

- 1 The Royal University
- All Saints Orphanage Mor Sisters' Dispensary
- The Leper House
- **5** The Gnomish Factory The Dwarven Furnace

#### The Tribunal

- The Queen's Ice Palace
- The Scripturium
- Ivory Tower
- The Jade House
- The Memory Lapse
- Zeleznic Rail Station
- The Court of Miracles
- The Threshold
- Old Slavers' Market
- The Underworld Inn
- The End of the Line
- The Krev Arena
  - Mercenary Guild
  - Duelists' Plaza
  - The Demonborn Inn
  - The Crematorium
  - Hell's Bazaar
- The Docks
- Alzbeth's Clock Tower

Black Kings Bridge

The Elvish Ghetto

**5** Vylet's Lodging House

- 3 The Flesh Palace
- The Wild Stones
- Exotic Botanical Garden
- The Sun Canals
- The Ruins