The city of **Erebos** is a legend to those that sail between the Shattered Isles. Before the Cataclysm blotted out the sun, a glass city of gears and hydraulics was raised on the seabed beneath the waves. Sailors tell tales of blue lights glimmering in the depths, sure signs of the long-lost sunken city.

Several months ago, the city was rediscovered off the west coast of Akaros and kept hidden by the **Sparkwrights**, who are now hiring skilled explorers and mercenaries to explore the city’s maze-like lower districts. You meet **Professor Tynes** (anxious, academic), at a lighthouse near Ilysia.

“Good to see you, we’re in desperate need of more hands on site. We have excavated the underwater entrance to Erebos and established contact with representatives of the Upper City. It’s yet unclear what lies beyond that point, so we are arranging new expeditions into other parts of the city with help from the locals.”

The Sparkwright submersible creaks as you enter its bulbous glass and steel frame. As it dips below the inky black surface, Akoros begins to feel very, very far away.

**🙥 The Sunken City of Erebos 🙧**

Erebos is a city of steel and glass, built deep within a trench on the ocean floor by wealthy Akarosi nobility before the Cataclysm. An airtight bubble sits snugly over the top of the chasm. Pumps and air recyclers ensure a constant flow of breathable gas to the city’s many districts. While bioluminescence is the main source of light, electricity is still necessary to run the city’s infrastructure: an **Electroplasm** **Refinery** underneath the city supplies electroplasm from a source far below.

Encased in individual bubbles and joined by narrow walkways, the districts of Erebos form a complex urban maze within their seafloor chasm. Districts in the **Upper City** were separated from the **Lower City** during the Cataclysm by flooding, conflict, and in some cases, demonic corruption.

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| A Brief History of Erebos |
| PC: Pre-Cataclysm. IE: Imperial Era   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **173 PC** | Inventor and natural philosopher Lord Edmund Wellmore discovers a thermal emanation coming from the **Abyssal Trench** near Ilysia while exploring in his submersible. A glass dome is raised over the trench, and a power station is installed to capture the thermal emissions and power a hydraulic drainage system. | | **169 PC** | The Harbor, Garden, and Wellmore Terrace districts are constructed. The project’s patrons bring their families and hundreds of Severosi indentured are transported to develop the city’s infrastructure. | | **122 PC** | More districts are established, although little information about them is lost. Notably, the Foundry district opens and begins producing ingots of **Sea Alloy**—created from deposits in the trench walls. District divisions are officially designated as the Upper City and the Lower City. | | **12 PC** | A new fuel source is discovered below the city. A drilling station and a refinery complex is built above the waterline at the base of the trench. The energy grid is adapted to exclusively use the new fuel source. | | **10 PC** | Daily tremors in the trench cause widespread destruction. Several Erebosi natural philosophers demand an end to the drilling below the city, but the requests are ignored. After three months, the tremors subside. | | **2 PC** | The population size of Erebos begins to rival that of mainland cities. Workers in lower districts complain about hearing voices and seeing visions. Reports of unrest and violence become more and more frequent. | | **0** | During the Cataclysm, an earthquake destroys connecting walkways in the Lower City, isolating large portions of the population. Districts in the Upper City form independent states to preserve order. | | **821 IE** | A coaltion of Upper City states (The Garden, Wellmore Terrace, Four Corners) tunnels through rubble into the isolated Harbor district. The local factions are culturally distinct from the rest of the Upper City. | | **847 IE** | Present day. Sparkwrights land submersibles in the Harbor district’s airlock, reuniting the lost Akarosi civilization with their forebears for the first time in over eight centuries. | |

**🙥 Erebosi People 🙧**

**The descendants of the original inhabitants of Erebos are survivors. Shaped by hundreds of years of living in isolation, they repurposed items of relative complexity to serve more rudimentary purposes. Erebosi people have mottled, gray skin and large eyes. Harbites**—**those hailing from from the Harbor district**—often **have webbed fingers and toes.**

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| Items & Appearance |
| soft tunic — embossed vest — scale half-plate — pronged halberd — spiked pauldrons — thin belt  seaweed toga — tight braids — hand-me-down trousers — dark-sight goggles — seaweed foot-wraps  rags & tatters — scrap helmet — explorer leathers — cap — flowing cape — decorative clockwork |

**Languages: Eberosi speak Akorosi in a guttural, though easily understood, accent. Most Harbites speak a musical dialect spoken in Severos before the Cataclysm.**

**🙥 Law & Order 🙧**

**Security in Eberos is maintained by three institutions.**

**Contact with the Sparkwrights has opened limited trade as adventure-seeking Sparkwrights pay for ancient technology with repair services, drugs, and exotic food.**

**Lord Rowan** *(perceptive, shrewd) is a shrewd businessman.*

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| ****Notable Inhabitants**** |
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**Scene:** Electric lights in a riot of colors advertise the market stalls of the vendors. Several devout acolytes bow in silent prayer at the statues of the Night Queen, the district's adopted forgotten god. The city's elite, hidden behind masks, slip into the underground to partake of strange pleasures in the private clubs.

**Streets:** Multi-level wooden platforms and boardwalks. Landscaped parks of petrified trees from the Deathlands. High-class subterranean avenues. *Song Street, String Street, Paper Street, Bell Street.*

**Buildings:** Wooden market stalls. Underground stone shops and clubs. Newly constructed private townhouses for the Nightmarket elites.

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| ****Traits**** |
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