

Curse of the Fallen Footnotes

1. Taken as infants, by trade or force, the Knights of the Order were genetically modified and brutally trained to be the largest and strongest among humankind. Only males were allowed to join their ranks, and just after acceptance, while still too young to speak, their tongues were sliced from their mouths, forcing them to communicate to only one another through arm and hand gestures.

2. A beautiful, mysterious, and deadly semi-aquatic race that dwell in the waters surrounding the Isles of Erasin. It is because of their presence that the Isles have been left abandoned and prohibited from visitors. Ghost stories of sinking ships, disappearing islanders, and illnesses that overtook the surrounding lands have engrained within the humans the utmost fear of the dangerous isles to the north.

3. The Circle of Six, or Six, is the collective name for the Divines of the Order of Saro.

4. Tree is a term used for the large, glowing trees that are found throughout the continent of Laeroth. The origin of the Trees are unknown, though they are believed to hold powerful magical energy, and even in the harshest of climates, they never lose their glowing flowers or leaves.

5. The Divine of trickery and deceit. Nizotl is the believed giver of magic and darkness. Any human born of magical blood is considered a demon of his creation and is therefore sentenced immediately to death.

6. The Old Ways is a belief in the original teachings of the Order of Saro. Before the reign of High Priest Beinon, who set forth the New Ways, the Order believed highly in the Circle of Seven, that were the seven divines of unity and peace that oversaw and retained the balance of the mortal plane. Soon after his inauguration, the High Priest bestowed a system of belief that abolished one of the seven Divines and cast another as the purveyor of darkness and evil.

7. In the language of elves, e'lekgläeh is a term meaning in the eyes of another. It's a saying that requests trust and friendship in the form of mercy or understanding.

8. The Sword and Sheath was a famed, high-class brothel along the border of Llyne and Styrr. Known for its wide selection of the most astute men and women, patrons would visit from all across the country to get a taste of what the "Sheath" had to offer. Situated in the center of the ever-growing city of Raeg, the brothel was a central hub for travelers, and many believe it was the reason for the creation of the High Road Pass. Eleven years ago, the prized establishment inexplicably caught fire. And while many residents of Raeg sought the culprit, they were never found. The Sword and Sheath has since been rebuilt under new management, though it's but a shadow of what it once was.

9. The elves, or evae, live within the expansive forests of Nyn'Dira in the lower reaches of the continent. Several clans call the country their home, with the largest being Clan Klaet'il, Clan Rhyl, and Clan Saevralla, respectively.

10. The Fall of Vleland is a major story in every history book that tells the triumphs and woes of a people gone mad with power. Centuries ago, the nyx rose up against the people of Laeroth and began a massacre that lasted two decades and claimed more than ten thousand innocent lives. The nyx, a nocturnal and bloodthirsty race of elves, slipped through the night like shadows. Their agility and night vision allowed them to move undetected. After many years of war with the nyx, who made no claims or terms for their uprising, the ahn'clave were successful in forming an airborne curse that altered the biology of the nyx and forced them to require constant moisture to survive. Alongside this, Vleland was also cast with eternal rain and cloud cover that created an organic prison the nyx couldn't survive without.

11. One of the six Divines, Kirena is the Goddess of purity, compassion, and health. Her temple resided in northern Llyne before the brotherhood took siege of the land and destroyed all traces of her holy sanctuary. Rebuilt twelve years ago, the temple of Kirena resides now in eastern Ravinshire and hugs the border of Llyne. All are welcome in her place of worship and praise, though anyone carrying the sigil of the Broken Order Brotherhood are immediately apprehended and thrown into the temple dungeons, never to be seen again.

12. 75 years after the integration of humans into the elvish land of Laeroth, the Great War begun. It was a brutal, bloody conflict between the humans and elves that lasted 107 years and claimed nearly a quarter million lives, many of which were non-human.

13. A lewd term used by humans that means demon lover. It's spoken to those who are sympathetic toward other races, magic users, or are otherwise against the Order and Divines.

14. A place of faith and sanctuary. The Pillars can be found all throughout the continent, with most being in the plains and woodlands of the human territories. These pillars are revered by humans as holy places where one can commune with the Divines, pray, and seek guidance from their wisdom and gifts.

15. The Mythic Nine are a shadowy cult known for performing dark spells and incantations, including necromancy, poison, energy draining enchantments, and energy blocking potions. While many believe the Mythic Nine work against the Order of Saro, the Priests and shamans have been known to use their potions and magic.

16. The unnamed footpath, often referred to as the High Road Pass, or Pass, is a dirt road that connects eastern and western Laeroth by way of the High Road in Styrr and Llyne. Since the Brotherhood took control of Llyne, the eastern gates of the High Road Pass have been sealed. While this helped to prevent the exporting and importing of goods to and from the rebel state, many citizens have created alternate routes through the wooded roadside to ease their travels and enter the unlawful territory for private trade or visitation.

17. Living only in children's tales, the mer were said to be vicious and cold-hearted, striking through the hearts of any that would dare trek into their aquatic lands. Many believe the delvine, a race of semi-aquatic humanoids that live along the northwestern shores of Laeroth, are descendants of the mer, but Neer always thought this to be a rumor devised by the Order to create segregation and fear of their kind.

18. Fjord is an infamous songster known for his unique musical style and dashing good looks. Born in the human continent of Aeshan, Fjord came to Laeroth during his musical studies and was believed by many to be the direct descendant of Rothar, the overseer of the Divines and immortal plane. Though the minstrel has never confirmed nor denied these claims, this popular belief has led to his overwhelming success and admiration.