

Lands of the Eastern Marches

This region marks the eastern limits of the Kentorian Empire, where imperial rule only exists in the cities of Beroston, Calimen, Medulzan and Vederit. Medulzan is the small provincial capital, where the provincial governor resides.

The coast is well watered, but has stony soils and is not as fertile as the inner provinces of the Empire. The farmers and herders are true frontiersmen, and suspicious of imperial officials.

Apart from the four cities (really large towns), there are several area of interest.

In the Azurlean Sea, is the notorious Wrecker's Reef, the graveyard of over 30 ships, whose treasures have not all been recovered. A beacon light was installed some 72 years ago, and there have been no more wrecks since then.

Two islands to the south-east of the reef, the Mailris Isles, are windswept and covered with tall grasses and low shrubs. A few hardy souls live there, eking out a living raising sheep and fishing. Their wool is the finest, and they are celebrated for the patterns on their fleecy cardigans.

The coast is bordered to the west by the mighty Azure Barrier Range, the tallest mountains being Mt Dresden and Mt Fanzerut. There are a number of small valleys, where totally self-reliant and hardy folks make a living, with barter replacing money. There is a pass between Calimen and the city of Gelizert on Lake Quelimar, a prosperous city of an inner province. The pass is guarded at the western end by the garrison of Castle Nedror, and at the eastern end by the troops for Magister Rathlit. The pass follows along the beautiful Kamilet Lake before entering the rugged hill and mountain country on either side.

Finally, there is the mysterious Tower of Dread. It has no windows or doors, and is made of a smooth black rock that cannot be scratched, let alone broken. At times, a sinister hum and purple mists emanate from it. No one knows what it is for, but a number of people who have attempted to investigate it have all vanished.