

Lakiope

Lakiope is a Hellenic Principality, ruled (rather neglectfully) by Prince Iosphios II of the Laitoun dynasty. It is a small nation, mainly human, consisting of farmers, shepherders and fishermen.

Its main exports are wool, olives and oranges. In addition the small island nation of The Iansoun Islands, ruled by an elected Fisherking, provides many treasures of the shallow seabed – pearls, sponges and other creatures which can be used for making much sought after dyes.

Cities

Isisippe (capital) ~ 16,000. This houses the small but effective Royal Lakiope Navy (RLN) and a small shipbuilding site. The Woolsack (a wool exchange) is the largest in the nation, and indeed in all the surrounding nations. Lakiope produces the finest wool, and about 35% of all wool on Artemisia. Outside the walls is the lower class district called Pearl Harbour, where much of The Iansoun Islands' sea bounty is sold.

Katabaros ~11,000. This is the seat of Lord Giogios III of the House of Demetron. The city has always been a rival of the capital, and there is considerable sentiment for independence in northern Lakiope. In fact, more merchandise passes through Katabaros than Isisippe. In addition to an impressive Woolsack, there is also the Olive Exchange where olive products are bid for, prior to departure from Lakiope.

Major Towns

Speusippe ~ 7,500. Mainly a wool and woollen clothing centre, famous for their Speus Tweed.

Odosis ~ 5,500. Here olive production is the main industry, along with their justly prized goat's milk and cheese. The country's biggest olive presses are here.

Dekocles ~4,500. This is a border town, but has a considerable wool and timber industry.

Notable Sites

Fos Ouranou (Light of the Sky) Lighthouse, warns against rocky reefs in the narrow channel between the reef and the village of Plenyo.

Arimeoun Pyramids. These three pyramids were constructed in the distant past by a more civilized culture of lizardmen who now live in the Demosthenes swamp in a much more barbaric state. It is said their Queens were interred here, but no way in had been discovered (there is none – it was walled in after the interment, and it would require a large demolition process to even discover the funereal chambers).

Garigek Orc Village – a small village of semi-civilized grim (orcs) who both raid and trade with their neighbours – Lakiope and the Khargad tribes.

Grenazen Orc Village – another small village of semi-civilized Grim (orcs), though

mainly trade rather than raid, as they are not a very powerful clan.

Astatheke (ruins) and Tithitos Tower (ruins) – this ruined complex once guarded Lakioppe from the Khargad tribes. The latter destroyed it about 40 years ago during a major battle with Lakioppe. A peace treaty was forged that has both kept the peace and the Tower abandoned.

Khargad Tribes

The Takacs, Kisteleki and Dalonoki tribes have their territories close to Lakioppe, and after the peace treaty have not disturbed Lakioppe.

Zeloteos Tower – the abode of a secretive sorcerer, Zelot, who is engaged in making monsters of the Frankenstein monster variety, as well as dabbling in poisons. The latter keeps him in material wealth; the former has resulted in rather unusual monsters in the Hippotria Scrub and Khargad Plains. Occasionally these monsters wander into civilized lands where they have to be dealt with. Only few are intelligent enough to make permanent lairs, and avoid being killed.

Kakosnaos, Temple of Elemental Evil. This was the site of an evil cult that worshipped the four elements of Fire, water, Air and earth. They were defeated over 100 years ago by allied Lakiopans and Khargad tribesmen, and the temple ‘destroyed’. However, it has been reinhabited by some of the surviving cultists, and the monsters of Zelot.

