

New Realms (Narrative Analysis & Development)

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Introduction

Genre: *Science Fantasy* ^[1]

My world blends elements of science fiction and fantasy in a post-apocalyptic setting. It incorporates aspects of cyberpunk, biopunk, and dystopian fiction, creating a unique and complex universe.

Tone: *Dark, Gritty, and Diverse*

The overall tone is harsh and unforgiving, with each region presenting its own set of challenges and dangers. However, there are undercurrents of hope, resilience, and wonder as various societies adapt to their extreme environments.

Central Themes^[2]:

Adaptation and Survival

The Interplay of Magic and Technology

Resource Scarcity & Exploitation

Social Inequality

Hidden Conspiracies

Cultural Diversity & Conflict

Resilience of All Living Beings

Overview:

In a distant star system known as Eli 477 (based on the real world star system Gliese 667), a world of stark contrasts and harsh realities unfolds. This science fantasy universe, born

from the cataclysmic Great Convergence, blends advanced technology with raw magical power in a post-apocalyptic setting. The result is a dark and gritty landscape where cyberpunk metropolises, sentient forests, toxic wastelands, reality-bending deserts, and floating islands coexist in an uneasy balance.

The planet is divided into five distinct regions, each a testament to humanity's resilience and adaptability. In the Neon Cybercity (Neolumina Metropolis), a high-tech dystopia thrives on stolen magical energy, governed by ruthless AI and corporate overlords. The Living Meadow (Vitafloris Pratum) stands in stark contrast, a lush, sentient forest where magic users live in harmony with nature. The Barren Wastelands (Aridus Vastitas) stretch across the land, a post-apocalyptic expanse where scavengers and mutants struggle for survival. In the Crystalline Deserts (Crystallum Eremos), reality itself shifts with the sands, giving rise to crystal-based lifeforms and mind-bending phenomena. Above it all, the Floating Islands (Volans Insulae) drift through the skies, their inhabitants mastering the art of gravity manipulation.

This fractured world grapples with themes of adaptation and survival, as each society faces unique environmental challenges. The interplay between magic and technology forms the backbone of many conflicts, with resource scarcity driving exploitation and social inequality. The harsh conditions have led to diverse cultures, each with its own set of values, technologies, and magical practices. Yet, amidst the darkness, threads of hope and wonder persist, as characters find ways to create meaning and beauty in their lives.

The story world is characterised by extreme environmental conditions, from frequent solar eclipses to gravity anomalies and magical weather phenomena. These elements shape not only the physical landscape but also the societies that inhabit it. Central conflicts arise from the struggle for resources, the exploitation of magic users, and the quest for survival in hostile

environments. Hidden truths and conspiracies lurk beneath the surface, particularly surrounding the true nature of the Great Convergence and the power structures that emerged in its wake.

This intricate assortment serves as a backdrop for diverse narratives, ranging from tales of rebellion against oppressive systems to explorations of uncharted territories. At its core, this world examines the resilience of the human spirit in a universe where the boundaries between magic and science, nature and technology, survival and transcendence are continuously blurred and redefined. Through its dark and gritty lens, it reveals how humanity adapts, survives, and occasionally thrives in the face of overwhelming adversity, while never losing sight of the wonder and potential for change that persists even in the darkest corners of existence.

Principal Characters / Individuals

Conji

Conji, a young Chloro Sapient (Plant/Human Hybrid) around 10-12 years old, is a captivating figure with an enigmatic past. His most striking feature is his mismatched eyes, a rarity even among his fellow captives in the underbelly of Neolumina Metropolis. With skin that has a subtle green tint and hair that seems to shimmer with an inner light, Conji's appearance is a testament to his plant-human hybrid nature. Despite his youth, his face often bears a look of determination beyond his years, hinting at the hardships he's endured.



Abducted at a young age for his extraordinary magical abilities, Conji has no memories of life before captivity. The name "Conji" was given to him by his captors, who viewed his immense power with a mixture of awe and fear. His magical essence alone powered the entire Neon Cybercity for two years, marking him as an invaluable resource in the eyes of his oppressors. Conji's days are spent in grueling magic extraction sessions, punctuated by brief moments of connection with older captives who have taught him rudimentary magic tricks and telepathy.

Despite the harsh circumstances, Conji's spirit remains unbroken. He's driven by an innate desire for freedom and a curiosity about the world beyond his confinement. His ability to speak only in TechSpeak, learned from his captors, underscores his isolation from his true heritage. Conji's relationships are limited to fellow captives and the occasional sympathetic guard, but he dreams of finding a real family and discovering his true identity.

As Conji plots his escape from the underbelly of Neon Cybercity, he grapples with questions about his own nature and the source of his powers. His journey is not just one of physical escape, but also of self-discovery, as he seeks to understand his place in a world that has shown him only cruelty. The contrast between his innocent age and the burden of his extraordinary abilities makes Conji a compelling protagonist, poised on the brink of a life-changing adventure.

Salvador Shade

Salvador Shade, a 25-27 year old Homo Cyberneticus (Human with extensive cybernetic enhancements), cuts an imposing figure in the neon-lit corridors of Neolumina Metropolis. His cybernetic enhancements, sleek and state-of-the-art, are a testament to his former status among the city's elite. With piercing eyes that glow a faint blue from ocular implants and a network of

subtle circuitry visible beneath his pale skin, Salvador's appearance is a perfect blend of man and machine.



As a member of the Department of Essence Acquisition, Salvador's job is to capture and contain magical beings for energy extraction. However, his conscience weighs heavily on him. Despite his privileged upbringing and advanced technological education, Salvador has developed a deep empathy for the magical captives, particularly the young Chloro Sapient, Conji. Fluent in TechSpeak and Binary Code, with a working knowledge of Wasteland Pidgin, Salvador's linguistic skills reflect his complex background and current position. His ability to

communicate across different groups becomes crucial in his clandestine efforts to bridge the divide between the technological and magical worlds.

Salvador's ultimate goal is ambitious and dangerous: to lead a rebellion against the elite of Neon Cybercity and create a collaborative system where magic and technology coexist symbiotically. This vision of harmony drives him to take risks, including planning Conji's escape. His insider knowledge of the city's systems, combined with his growing understanding of magic, makes him a formidable ally to the oppressed magical beings.

Despite his outward appearance of loyalty to the system, Salvador grapples with inner turmoil. His journey is one of redemption, as he seeks to right the wrongs he's participated in and create a more equitable future. This internal conflict, coupled with the external dangers of his rebellion, makes Salvador a complex and compelling protagonist, walking a razor's edge between two worlds.

Dardromi Brickheart

Dardromi Brickheart is a fascinating enigma in the world of magical creatures. At 33 years old, this sand wraith's deceptive abilities are so refined that he seamlessly blends into any environment. Despite his adult age, Dardromi's small stature often leads others to underestimate him - a misconception he frequently uses to his advantage. His physical appearance is as shifting as the sands of his origin, allowing him to adapt to his surroundings with chameleon-like precision.



As a key member of The Green Whispers, Dardromi has dedicated his life to the rescue and conservation of magical creatures. His base of operations in the Living Meadow serves as a sanctuary for the beings he saves. Dardromi's motivations are pure - he seeks to protect and preserve magical life forms, using the by-products of their care (such as enhanced sheep wool and rare feathers) to fund further research and conservation efforts.

Dardromi's most prized possession is a small box necklace, a technological marvel that opens a pocket dimension - an invaluable tool in his rescue operations. His linguistic prowess is impressive, being fluent in Crystal Resonance, Mirage Murmurs, Verdant Tongue, and Wasteland Pidgin. Always seeking to expand his skills, he's currently learning Root Whispers and

Rad-Sign, preparing for any potential challenges in his mission. With an education spanning the Barren Wastelands, Crystalline Deserts, and Living Meadow, Dardromi's knowledge is as diverse as the creatures he protects. His close ties to political leaders in both the Living Meadows and Barren Wastelands ensure safe passage for his charges, showcasing his diplomatic skills.

Dardromi's personality is marked by a fierce determination and a deep empathy for magical beings. He's not interested in personal relationships, focusing all his energy on his mission. As a guide, Dardromi becomes an invaluable ally to those seeking to navigate the complex world of magical creatures, his vast knowledge and network of connections making him a pivotal character in any quest involving the preservation of magic in this fractured world.

Narrative Design Elements

Buildings and Places:

The Cube (Neon Cybercity): A massive, fortified structure housing the city's government, surrounded by impenetrable walls and advanced security systems.



The Living Spire (Living Meadow): A tall, organic tower with a domed top where the high council convenes, constantly growing and changing to adapt to needs.



The Mirage Citadel (Crystalline Deserts): A hidden city within a crystal formation, protected by holographic disguises and maze-like interiors.



Data Cathedrals (Neon Cybercity): Towering structures where citizens interface with the city's AI systems.



Crystal Resonance Chambers (Crystalline Deserts): Sacred spaces used for meditation and harnessing crystal energies.



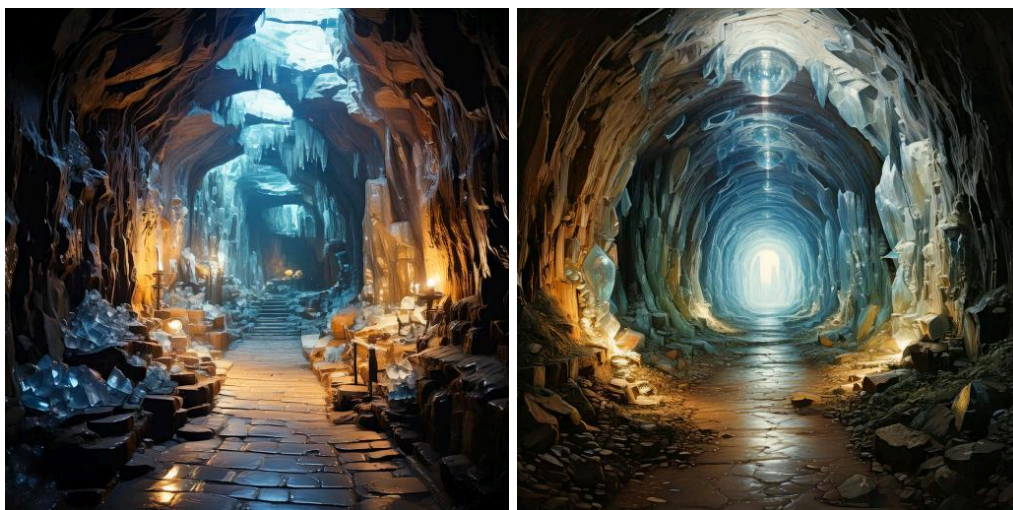
Transportation Systems and Infrastructure:

Mag-Lev Skyways (Neon Cybercity): Electromagnetic highways for flying vehicles.



(2nd and 3rd images from a scene in the film The Fifth Element)

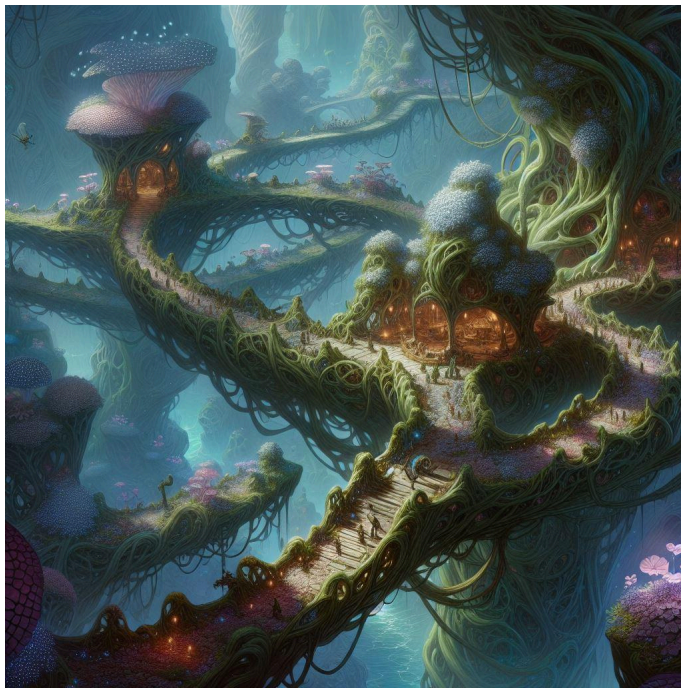
Crystal Resonance Tunnels (Crystalline Deserts): Underground passages that use crystal vibrations for propulsion.



Gravity Wells (Floating Islands): Natural phenomena used to move between islands.



Living Bridges (Living Meadow): Organic structures that grow and reshape to connect different areas.



Quantum Subway (Neon Cybercity): Instantaneous transport between major hubs using quantum tunneling.



Architectural Styles:

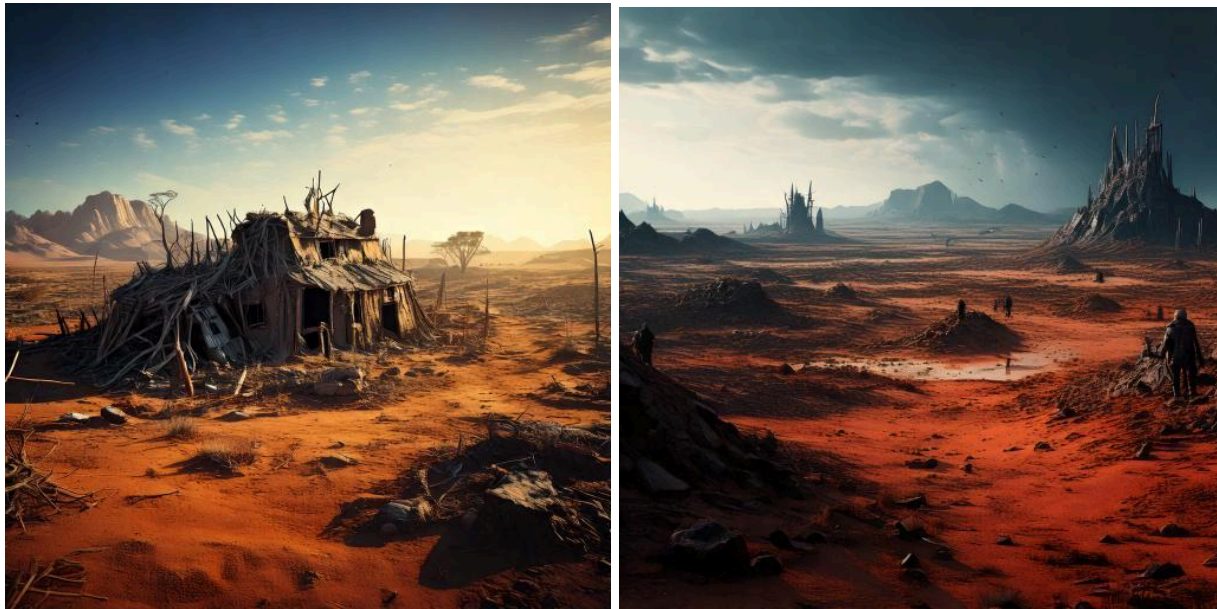
Neon Cybercity: Sleek, vertical structures with smart glass and programmable matter.



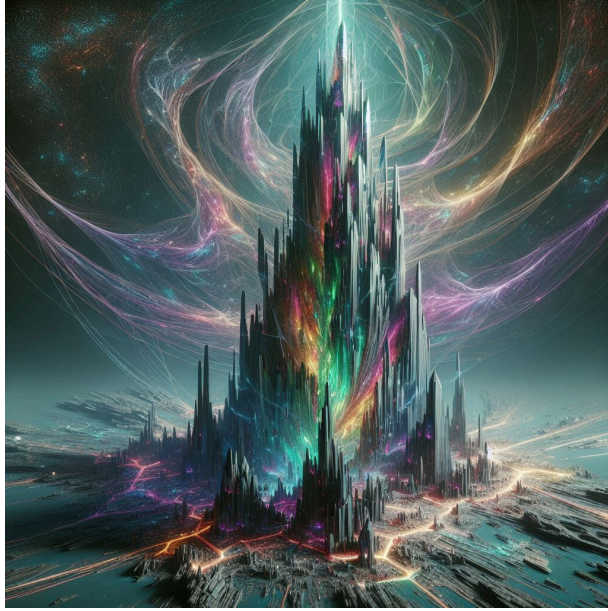
Living Meadow: Organic, curved structures that blend with surroundings, often grown from living trees.



Barren Wastelands: Makeshift shelters and fortresses built from scavenged materials.



Crystalline Deserts: Crystal-infused buildings with fractal patterns and light-refracting surfaces.



Floating Islands: Lightweight, aerodynamic designs that can reorient based on island movements.

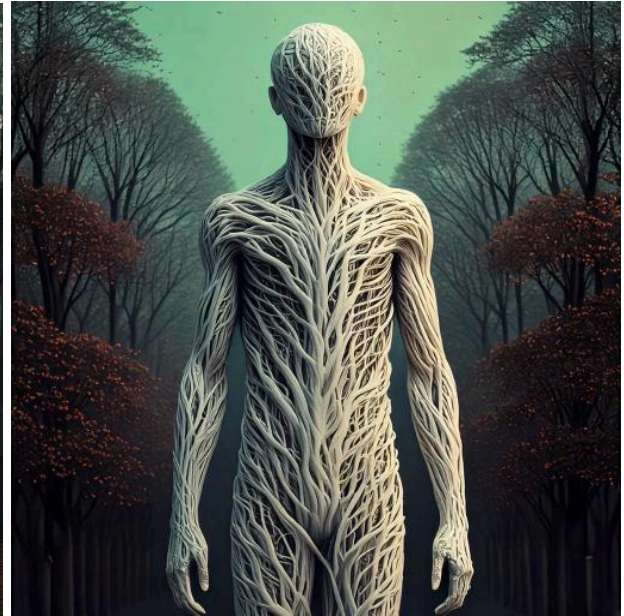


Mythology and Influences:

The Silicone Prophet (Neon Cybercity): A mythical AI said to predict the future.



Ancient Root Spirits (Living Meadow): Primordial entities believed to guide the growth of the forest.



The Void (Barren Wastelands): Mysterious energies worshipped by some wasteland dwellers.



Crystal Consciousness (Crystalline Deserts): Belief in a collective awareness within the crystal formations.



The Aether Current (Floating Islands): Invisible forces revered for keeping the islands aloft.



Technology and Industry:

AI Governance Systems (Neon Cybercity): Advanced artificial intelligence managing city operations.

Essence Harvesting (Living Meadow): Techniques for gathering and utilising magical energies from nature.

Scrap Engineering (Barren Wastelands): Repurposing and combining old-world tech for survival.

Crystal-Based Computing (Crystalline Deserts): Information storage and processing using crystal formations.

Gravity Manipulation Tech (Floating Islands): Devices for controlling local gravity fields.

Environmental Factors:

Triple Star System: Based on Gliese 667 (real star system), creating complex day-night cycles and frequent solar eclipses.

The Great Convergence: Cataclysmic event that merged magic and technology, reshaping the world.

Toxic Tides: Massive pollution event that created much of the Barren Wastelands.

Crystal Plague: Outbreak of crystal-based mutations in the Crystalline Deserts.

Gravity Storms: Periods of fluctuating gravitational fields in the Floating Islands.

Natural Wonders:

The Whispering Spires: Rock formations in the Barren Wastelands that emit haunting whispers.



The Eternal Flame Sanctuary: A massive underground cavern housing an eternally burning flame.



The Mirrored Oasis: A perfectly circular lake in the Crystalline Deserts that acts as a window to other realms.



The Living Meadow itself: An entire biome of sentient plant life.



The Void Zones: Mysterious areas in the Barren Wastelands where reality seems to break down.

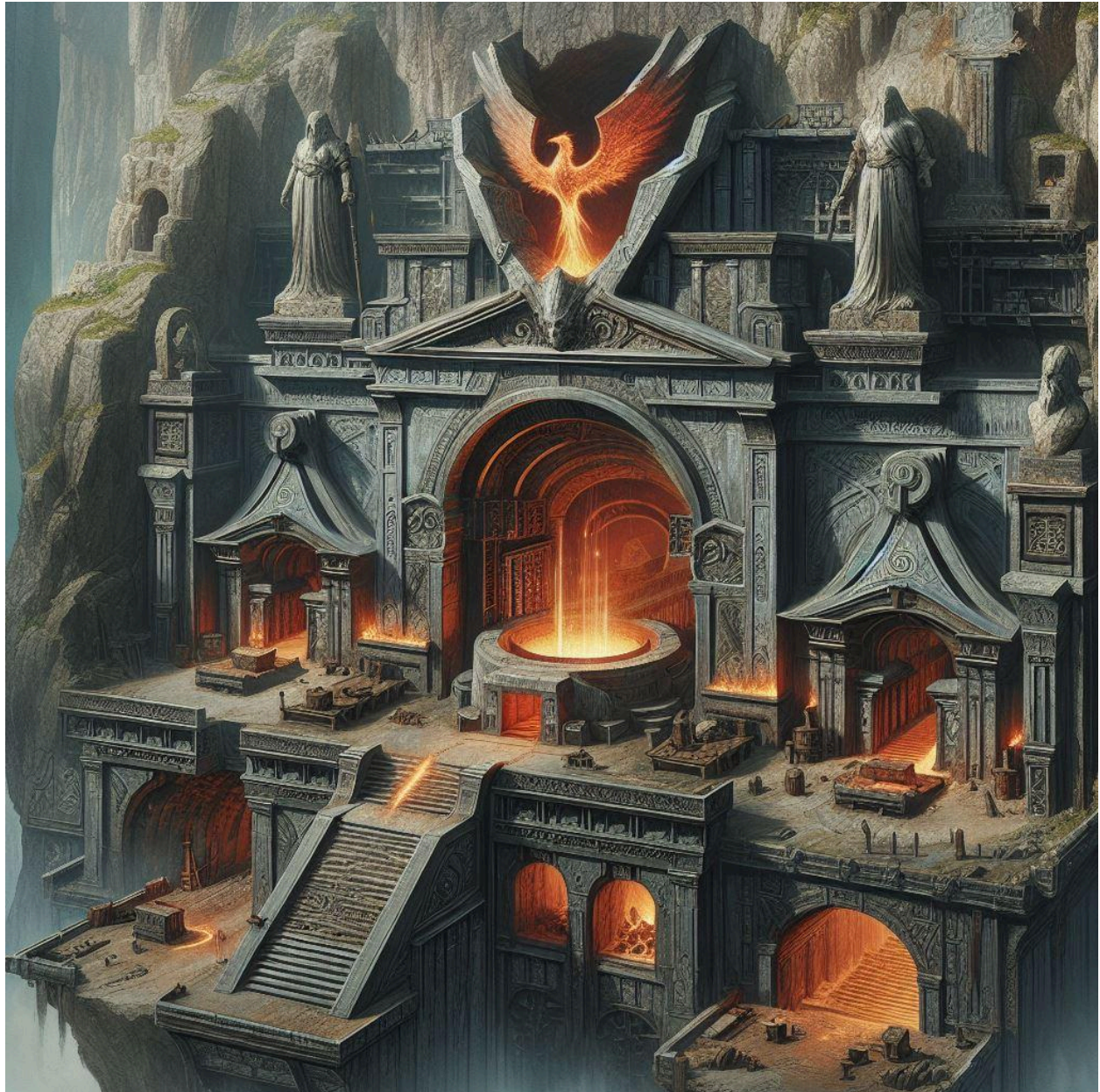


Significant Structures

The Forge of Echoes: An ancient, semi-ruined forge located at the border between the Living Meadow (Vitafloris Pratum) and the Barren Wastelands (Aridus Vastitas). This structure blends organic and scavenged elements, serving as a neutral ground where inhabitants of both regions can meet and trade.

The Forge of Echoes is built into the side of a cliff, its entrance marked by a unique blend of living, vine-covered archways and weathered metal salvaged from the wastelands. The structure seamlessly combines the organic, flowing designs of the Living Meadow with the rugged, makeshift aesthetics of the Barren Wastelands, symbolising its role as a bridge between these two distinct worlds.

The Forge draws from the mythologies of both regions. It's seen as a place where the life-giving magic of the Living Meadow and the resilient spirit of the Barren Wastelands converge. Legends speak of it as a sanctuary where the wisdom of nature and the ingenuity of survival can create powerful artifacts.



Inside the Forge, a massive central chamber houses a furnace that burns with a flame nurtured by both magical essences and scavenged fuels. Surrounding workshops contain a mix of living plant-tools and repurposed pre-Convergence technology, allowing for the creation of unique items that harness both natural magic and wasteland resilience.

The Forge of Echoes represents a rare point of intersection between the lush, magical world of the Living Meadow and the harsh, scavenger culture of the Barren Wastelands. It serves as:

1. A key location for crafting important items that blend nature magic and survival technology.
2. A neutral meeting ground for characters from these contrasting regions.
3. A source of shared knowledge, combining natural wisdom and survival techniques.
4. A symbol of potential cooperation and mutual understanding between the two regions.

The Forge's distinctive mark - a phoenix rising from an anvil - is etched into items created there. This symbol carries deep significance, representing the world rising anew from the ashes of the pre-Convergence era. It's recognised across both regions as a sign of quality, power, and the potential for renewal.

The N30n Pyramid: The N30n Pyramid stands as an iconic landmark in the heart of Neon Cybercity (Neolumina Metropolis), embodying the essence of the city's technological prowess and societal structure. This massive glass-and-steel structure dominates the skyline, its sleek angular design a testament to the city's brutalist architectural influences.

Rising high above the surrounding skyscrapers, the N30n Pyramid's exterior is covered in smart glass that can change opacity and display holographic advertisements. Its edges are lined with

pulsing energy conduits that glow with an eerie blue light, hinting at the stolen magical essence powering the city.



The pyramid's interior is a marvel of cyberpunk design. Multiple levels are connected by anti-gravity elevators, with the upper floors housing an exclusive nightclub frequented by the city's elite. The lower levels, hidden from public view, contain the central power distribution hub that channels the stolen magical energy throughout Neolumina Metropolis.

As a symbol of the city's technological dominance and the elite's decadence, the N30n Pyramid serves dual purposes. It's a popular entertainment venue and a critical infrastructure node, making it a potential focal point for conflicts between the ruling class and those seeking to expose the dark secrets of the city's power source.

The N30n Pyramid's imposing presence in the cityscape serves as a constant reminder of the stark social divide in Neon Cybercity, its glittering facade contrasting sharply with the gritty, neon-lit streets below where the majority of the population struggles to survive.

Genre, Politics, Culture & Society

Genre: Science fantasy, blending elements of science fiction and fantasy. Incorporates aspects of dystopian and post-apocalyptic fiction, creating a dark and gritty setting.

Key Political Figures and Economic Systems:

The political and economic landscape of this world is as diverse as its environments. In the Neon Cybercity (Neolumina Metropolis), a technocratic oligarchy ruled by the human-AI hybrid Arch-Executor Synthia Nexus exploits magic users for energy, operating on a digital currency system backed by data and energy credits. Contrastingly, the Living Meadow (Vitafloris Pratum) is governed by a high council of elder plant mages, embracing a gift economy with limited use of essence credits for specialised services. The Barren Wastelands (Aridus Vastitas) see fragmented rule under various warlords, relying on a pure barter system and water credits in larger settlements. In the Crystalline Deserts (Crystallum Eremos), a secretive leadership influenced by crystal seers manages a complex economy of crystal-based currency and social debts. Finally, the Floating Islands (Volans Insulae) operate under a multi-island governance, using an altitude-sensitive currency and aether credits for energy and transportation. This intricate tapestry of governance and economic systems reflects the unique challenges and resources of each region, contributing to the world's complex socio-political dynamics.

Political Conflicts and Social Hierarchies:

Tension between magic users and technology-focused societies

Exploitation of marginalised groups, particularly in Neon Cybercity

Resource conflicts, especially over water and magical essence

Class divisions based on access to technology, magic, or vital resources

Struggle for survival in harsh environments, particularly in the Barren Wastelands

Traditions, Rituals, and Festivals:

The Great Reboot (Neon Cybercity): Celebration of technological renewal

Bloom Tide (Living Meadow): Festival of growth and rejuvenation

Scavenger's Bounty (Barren Wastelands): Honoring successful resource gathering

Crystal Alignment (Crystalline Deserts): When certain crystals align with the stars

Ascension Day (Floating Islands): Commemorating the first rising of the islands

Languages:

TechSpeak (Neon Cybercity): A rapid, data-dense language with cybernetic enhancements

Verdant Tongue (Living Meadow): A melodic language that incorporates plant movements

Wasteland Pidgin (Barren Wastelands): A rough mix of old-world languages and scavenger slang

Crystal Resonance (Crystalline Deserts): A language based on crystal vibrations and harmonics

Sky Cant (Floating Islands): A tonal language that uses air currents for emphasis

Art, Music, and Literature:

In the Neon Cybercity, art manifests as holographic displays and virtual reality experiences, while music thrums with techno-industrial synth, and literature emerges from AI-generated narratives. The Living Meadow cultivates living sculptures and organic ambient soundscapes, preserving their culture through oral traditions and nature-inspired poetry. Amidst the Barren Wastelands, art and music are born from necessity, with sculptures crafted from scavenged materials and rhythms beaten out on scrap metal, while literature takes the form of crucial survival guides. The Crystalline Deserts shape their art through crystal resonance, creating harmonic music and encoding their literature within the very structures of their crystalline environment. In the Floating Islands, gravity-defying installations captivate the eye, aether wind chimes provide a celestial soundtrack, and literature soars with sky charts and

atmospheric poetry. These diverse artistic traditions not only entertain but also serve to preserve the unique identity and history of each region in this fractured world.

Narrative Structure

Key Sequences and Scenes:

The Great Convergence: A pivotal sequence showing the violent merging of magic and technology, reshaping the world.

Life in the N30n Pyramid: A series of scenes contrasting the opulent lifestyle of the elite with the exploitation of magic users in the lower levels.

Scavenging in the Barren Wastelands: A tense sequence following characters as they navigate dangers to find resources.

Crystal Resonance Ritual: A mystical scene in the Crystalline Deserts, showcasing the unique magic of the region.

Sky Island Migration: A spectacular sequence of floating islands shifting positions, affecting the lives of their inhabitants.

Framing and Cinematic Staging:

Use extreme wide shots to establish the vastly different environments of each region.

Employ Dutch angles in the Barren Wastelands to convey the instability and danger of the area.

Utilise vertical framing in the N30n Pyramid scenes to emphasise the social hierarchy.

Implement crystal-based lens flares and reflections in Crystalline Desert shots for a unique visual style.

For Floating Islands, use dynamic camera movements to capture the sense of constant motion and instability.

Shot-to-Shot Composition and Flow:

Contrast the sleek, geometric lines of Neon Cybercity with the organic, flowing shapes of the Living Meadow in transitional sequences.

Use match cuts to link thematically similar elements across different regions, emphasising the interconnectedness of the world.

Employ long, unbroken takes in the Living Meadow to convey the sense of harmony and natural flow.

In action sequences, use rapid cuts between close-ups and wide shots to heighten tension, especially in the Barren Wastelands.

Structure and Communication of Intended Moments:

Begin with a prologue sequence showing the Great Convergence, setting the tone for the entire story.

Use the three-act structure, with the first act establishing the unique regions and their conflicts.

Place a major turning point at the midpoint, perhaps a discovery that challenges the power structure of Neon Cybercity.

Build tension through escalating sequences that show the increasing instability between regions.

Culminate in a climactic sequence that brings together elements from all regions, showcasing their interconnectedness and the potential for either harmony or further conflict.

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