



SUNBORN RISING REGIONS OF CERULEAN

THE REACH

The Reach is the area above the Loft of a Great Tree, and indeed, the entire Great Forest. It is like the emergent layer of a rainforest canopy.

THE LOFT

The Loft is the canopy of any Great Tree, beneath the Reach or emergent layer and above the Middens or ruins. The Loft is the central hub for all of the Arboreals of a given home tree, and frequently—as is the case with the Umberwood—a hotspot for travelers. The Loft refers to the city proper whereas the Nest refers to suburbia or primarily residential areas.

THE NEST

The Nest is a region of a Great Tree Loft, closest to the trunk, where most Arboreals make their dens, a residential district of sorts. Nest may also refer to a single family's den, or dens. The Nesting area radiates out from the Trunk in a donut-like shape.

THE MIDDENS

The Middens refers to an uninhabited area beneath the Loft of the Umberwood. The ancient, ruined dens that are found in the Middens are warped and strange from rings of unbound growth and gravity.

The Middens is an ancient cityscape beneath the Loft of the Umberwood warped by rings of unbound growth and gravity. Uninhabited, even intrepid Arboreals avoid the dangerous ruins; the branches are not to be trusted. The Middens descends in several tiers, the wood thinning with each, ending at the Fall.

THE FALL

The Fall is the region beneath the Middens and above the Root. It is a great dark emptiness, an expanse of branchless air where the only structures are the Great Tree trunks.

The Fall is an abundant source of philosophy and tradition for the Arboreals of the Loft. It is a literal example of the fear of falling, of having no grip, of having nothing to hold onto. The Fall reminds Arboreals that having friends to hold you up and extensive family trees with many branches represents prosperity and safety. The Fall represents loneliness and loss, but also returning to the Root. Whenever an Arboreal dies, his or her Thread is held by kin while the body is wrapped and cast into the Fall where they hope it will nourish the Root and make the Tree stronger.

THE ROOT

The Root is a region of Cerulean at the base of the Great Trees. It is mainly the flotilla created by the joining of the roots of the trees, but refers in general to all of the wooded area close to the surface of the ocean.

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CERULEAN OCEAN

The Cerulean Ocean completely envelopes the Cerulean Sun at its center. It is abundant with life and provides all of the Great Forest with water. The Cerulean Ocean is home to such a wide variety of life that the entire catalog of creatures has never been completed. It is so vast, that much of the Ocean remains unexplored by sentient life.

THE BOIL

The Boil is the area of the Cerulean Ocean closest to the Sun which continually boils. The bubbles float away from the center and as they cool with the water, they are reabsorbed into the ocean.

More than just the shimmering of bubbles, the Boil is also the area richest of minerals. The Sun periodically sheds huge quantities of elements into the Void, the space between the Boil and the Sun, and the Boil absorbs them.

THE VOID

The area between the Cerulean Sun and Ocean is called the void, although sometimes the innervoid distinguishing it from the outervoid. Nebules, elements, and light all pass through the void on the way to the ocean where they disperse and become part of the world.

THE STAR OF CERULEAN (SUN)

At the very center of the Cerulean Ocean is a star, the Cerulean Sun. It pulses daily and over the course of the Cerulean year, it generates seasons and the day-night cycle of all the Great Trees.

The Sun gives everything to the world of Cerulean in the form of light and heat, and the elements that make up the physical components. Also though, the legends say that the Nebules themselves are born from the sun.