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SECTION 3: AN OVERVIEW OF DRAELONDE

Draelonde is comprised of four major cities, six small cities or towns, and a number of small villages and farms. The total population of Draelonde is approximately 7000.

TABLE 3.A POPULATION STATISTICS

NAME	TYPE	POP.	AREA	GAR	KNTS	CLAN / RULING FAMILY
Shyamachei	M. City	1160	9.0	90	10	Kyotoka
Shoshaku	W. City	910	7.2	50	4	Ruinvorn
Miobanero	W. City	790	6.8	50	5	Bokenjen
Dokomizo	W. City	730	6.4	30	3	Morsuldur
Ryudenki	W. City	680	6.0	30	3	
Ryuporai	Castle	250	1.5	70	10	Eithmirn
Elmon	Town	560	5.9	10	1	
Kok-kyoto	Town	425	4.5	20	2	
Minamimade	Town	410	4.3	10	1	
Kodaifuhachi	Town	380	4.1	10	1	
Elyama	Town	370	3.7	10	-	
Banakodatabe	Town	310	3.2	10	-	Ryuhanta
Hapodenkimizu	Town	270	2.7	10	1	
Sankawa	Town	240	2.5	10	-	
Draewen	Village	115	1.8	10	-	
Kakinshinrin	Village	80	1.0	--	-	
Chanoma	Village	65	0.9	--	-	
Totals		6770	620.	360	36	

TABLE 3.B DIVISION OF CITIES AND TOWNS BY COUNTY AND RULING CLAN

COUNTY	RULING CLAN	CAPITOL	CITIES/TOWNS
Dokkok-kyo	Morsuldur	Dokomizo	Draewen Elmon Minamimade Banakodatabe
Miokok-kyo	Tsumatzi	Miobanero	Chanoma Hapodenkimizu Kankinshinrin
Ryukok-kyo	Bokenjen	Ryudenki	Sankawa Kok-kyoto
Shokok-kyo	Ruinvorn	Shoshaku	Elyama Ryuporai Kodaifuhachi

TABLE 3.C TRANSLATION OF NAMES OF CITIES/CITIES KNOWN IN COMMON

DARK ELF NAME	TRANSLATION	COMMON NAME
Banakodatabe	Dark ground	Grimmsbury
Chanoma	Alcove of Tea	unknown
Dokomizo	Poison Waters	Chirotha
Draewen	Drae town	Crewin
Elmon	Arms of the Shadow Knight	Elmon
Elyama	Shadow Mountain	unknown
Hapodenkimizu	Coast of Storm Waters	Kragg
Kakinshinrin	Fruit Tree Forest	unknown
Kodaifuhachi	Ancient Bridges	unknown
Kok-kyoto	Bordertown	unknown
Minamimade	Southquarter	Southquarter
Miobanero	Bay of Bad Storms	Storm Bay
Ryudenki	Dragon Storm	unknown
Ryuporai	Dragon's Eye	Dragon's Eye
Sankawa	Three Rivers	Three Rivers
Shoshaku	Crystal Stone	unknown
Shyamachei	City of Royalty	Malderon
Kawadaise	River that runs Red	Red River
Kawaoshika	River of Elks	Elk River
Kawanidairo	River of the Twins	Twin River
Ryuyochu	Path of the Dragon	Dragon Pass

TABLE 3.D IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

PLACE	PRODUCTS
Shyamachei	silk, steel, crafted goods
DOKOK-KYO	[silk, mushrooms]
Dokomizo	silk, seafood, magical goods
Draewen	mushrooms, darkwood
Elmon	mushrooms, skins and furs
Minamimade	silk, fruit, grains
Banakodatabe	mushrooms, crafted goods
MIOKOK-KYO	[seafood, tea, herbs]
Miobanero	seafood, herbs, boats
Chanoma	tea, herbs
Hapodenkimizu	seafood, grains
Kakinshinrin	fruits, vegetables, lightwoods
RYUKOK-KYO	[steel, coffee]
Ryudenki	steel, minerals, coffee
Kok-kyoto	steel, iron, metal goods
Sankawa	coffee, cocoa, other beans (herbs)
SHOKOK-KYO	[gems, alchemy, leather]
Shoshaku	gems, minerals, leather (coffee)
Elyama	musical instruments, gems, reptile skins
Kodaifuhachi	alchemy supplies, leather, crafted goods
Ryuporai	no natural products - collects taxes

TABLE 4.A THE RULING CLANS OF DRAELONDE

LOCATION	RULING CLAN.....CLAN HOUSES IN LOCATION
Chanoma	Tsumatzi.....Piwasmiyoso
Dokomizo	Morsuldur.....Morsuldur
Draewen	Morsuldur.....Eiroyn
Elmon	Morsuldur.....Ryukaji
Elyama	Ruinvorn.....Furinonga
Hapodenkimizu	Tsumatzi.....Somafuso
Kakinshinrin	Tsumatzi.....Awaginka
Kodaifuhachi	Ruinvorn.....Haimashiroi
Kok-kyoto	Bokenjen.....Shimanin
Miobanero	Tsumatzi.....Tsumatzi
Ryudenki	Bokenjen.....Bokenjen
Ryuporai	Ruinvorn.....Ryuisiel
Sankawa	Bokenjen.....Tanagoze
Shoshaku	Ruinvorn.....Ruinvorn
Shyamachei	Kyotaka.....Kyotaka

TABLE 4.B CLAN RANKING STRUCTURE - RULING HOUSES

1.	House Kyotaka	Shyamachei - Royal Clan
2.	House Morsuldur	Dokkok-kyo County -Dokomizo
3.	House Ruinvorn	Shokok-kyo County -Shoshaku
4.	House Bokenjen	Ryukok-kyo County -Ryudenki
5.	House Tsumatzi	Miokok-kyo County -Miobanero
6.	House Ryuisiel	Head Clan of Ryuporai
7.	House Shimanin	Head Clan of Kok-kyoto
8.	House Ryukaji	Head Clan of Elmon
9.	House Taidesi	Head Clan of Minamimade
10.	House Furinonga	Head Clan of Elyama
11.	House Somafuso	Head Clan of Hapodenkimizu
12.	House Haimashiroi	Head Clan of Kodaifuhachi
13.	House Ryuhanta	Head Clan of Banakodatabe
14.	House Tanagoze	Head Clan of Sankawa
15.	House Eiroyn	Head Clan of Draewen
16.	House Awaginka	Head Clan of Kakinshinrin
17.	House Piwasmiyso	Head Clan of Chanoma

TABLE 4.C POLITICAL POWER STRUCTURE

DRAE	COMMON		CLAN HEAD?	LANDED?
Raishya	Queen	yes		yes
Roshya	King		yes	yes
Raishyayuki	Queen's Consort	no		sometimes
Roshyayuki	King's Consort	no		no
Rainaruzun	Crown Princess	yes		yes
Raizun	Princess	no		no
Ronaruzun	Crown Prince	yes		yes
Rozun	Prince	no		no
Rai/Ro kuchi	Seneschal		no	yes
Raishukotoban	High Lady Knight		yes	yes
Roshukotoban	High Lord Knight		yes	yes
Raishukoto	High Lady		yes	yes
Roshukoto	High Lord		yes	yes
Raishuban	Lady Knight		yes	yes
Roshuban	Lord Knight		yes	yes
Raishu	Lady		no	yes
Roshu	Lord		no	yes
Raiban	Knight (F)		no	yes
Roban	Knight (M)		no	yes

Titles that may be Heads of Clan Houses may have any nobles under them that fall beneath their title in the above list. Nobles that are not entitled to Clan leadership, but are entitled to land, may be Head of House, and may also be granted a Household Coat of Arms. All Clans are granted Arms.

Draelonde is divided into four counties, which are subdivided into Clan Territories, divisions being laid out by suburban property around highly settled areas. The Four Counties are: Miokok-kyo, Dokok-kyo, Ryukok-kyo, and Shokok-kyo. There are no formal divisions for Clan Territories, but it is a breach of etiquette and honour to enforce Law in the immediate area around a city or town where you are not a member of the ruling Clan, or are not a member of the Royal House.

CHAPTER 4.1 HONOR AND SYMBOLS

The symbol of honour among each Clan or House is threefold. Each Clan and Houses honour rests on their Name, their Coat of Arms, and on their Family Weapon.

THE CLAN OR HOUSE NAME:

All agreements, bargains, promises and Oaths are sworn on your name. Even commoners hold their family names sacred. A Drae or Vornae who has been banished from their family no longer has the right to bear their name. It is a breach of honour to forgo anything given upon your name.

THE COAT OF ARMS:

Only a noble who had been granted or inherited the right, from their liege or from their Clan or House, has the right to bear a Device. Such Device your identification and symbol to all who meet you of whom you represent, and of whose honour you uphold. Should a dark elf be caught compromising the House Honour while wearing their Coat of Arms, they will be banished from the House, and counted as dead, unless they make an effort to make amends, and the effort is ACCEPTED by the Head of the House. If such an act is committed by the Head of the House, then the Household will be stricken from record and will cease to exist. Such a Household would be an open target for anyone who wished to try and replace them.

THE FAMILY WEAPON

The Head of each House bears the Family weapon. It is passed down to each generation, and the Head is expected to bear and use it, but only when defending or upholding family honour. The Head of the Family should always have their weapon with or near them; however this does not mean they should take it into foolish situations. Many commoner families also follow this tradition, so it is not restricted to nobles.

TABLE 5.A DARK ELVEN CALENDAR

Years are measured in seasons, not months and days:

April, May	High Water season	Raimizo Tibaemman
June, July	Bright Moss season	Mikuinoke Tibaemman
August, September	Warm Stone season	Atsugushaku Tibaemman
October, November	Low Water season	Iyakumizo Tibaemman
December, January	Cold Stone season	Tsumetaishaku Tibaemman
February, March	Dark Moss season	Bananoke Tibaemman

Dark Elven Holidays:

9 Major Holidays:

April 1st	New Year's, Forel's Feast	beginning High Water Season
May 1st	Hunter's Feast	mid High Water Season
May 30th	Mining Celebration	end High Water Season
July 1st	Hyokombri's Feast	mid Bright Moss Season
August 31st	Harvest Day	mid Warm Stone Season
October 31st	Ancestor's Celebration	mid Low Water Season
December 31st	Ice Festival	mid Cold Stone Season
February 1st	Dark Moss Celebration	beginning Dark Moss Season
March 1st	Bardic Circle Celebration	mid Dark Moss Season

Years were counted much like other places, with no designation afterwards (i.e. RE, ER YLF). The Court Scholars were entrusted with such records, as well as recording important dates and events. The year begins with High Water, the rising of underground rivers. Forel (the first) began the first count of years.

CHAPTER 5.1 EDUCATION SYSTEM OF DRAELONDE

In Draelonde, education is considered very important. There are six centers of higher education located throughout the country. All children born into families whose Clan Ranking is 50 or less are expected to attend at least one of the education centers, and sometimes more. Children born to families whose Clan Ranking is 51 or higher are welcome to attend as well, but they are not required to do so. There is no direct cost applied to families whose children are in attendance of one of the schools, aside from the taxes paid normally by each Clan to their County Ruling Family and the Royal Ruling Family that aid in supporting and running the schools.

Clans whose members attain teaching positions in any of the universities receive status and honour for such a contribution, and this is usually accompanied by a reduction in their taxes paid directly to Shyamachei. If the university is located in the same County, then their County taxes are reduced as well. The added bonus to their personal wealth also contributes toward increasing their Clan's ranking.

The six schools are as follows:

Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai

Located in Shyamachei, Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai is a general university and the home of Draelonde's Great Library. This center of learning encompasses the teaching of general knowledge, history, linguistics, farming, trade, politics, shipping, courtly etiquette, mathematics, and basic instruction in celestial and earth theory, and the basics of combat. Also taught here is riding, hunting, trapping, reading, writing and record keeping. A student who wished to be a scholar in one of the magical arts, a warrior, or an artist would be required to go elsewhere for specialized training. All of the records and major writings of Draelonde are stored in the Great Library, and are available for students studying at the University. Many children of the higher ranking Clans are required to spend a term or more here before being sent to one of the specialization schools.

The time span of a term spent at Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai is between 8 and 20 years. Most students spend at least 10. 8 to 12 is the average for students who will be going on to study in a second school, with 15 to 20 being the average for those who will study only at Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai.

Guntai

Also found in Shyamachei is the military academy called Guntai. On these grounds are found not only the student's housing and training centers, but also numerous practice arenas, and the barracks for the main force of Draelonde's army. Often, those of high ranking who are serving extended periods in the military will be assigned to positions of instruction in Guntai. At least 65% of all graduates from Guntai later spend time in service to the military. It is very prestigious to graduate from Guntai, and graduation with honours brings much status to one's original Clan. In Guntai, all methods of combat are taught, as well as individual, group and military combat techniques and strategies. The student is trained to use her or his abilities to their best possible potential.

The average term of study in Guntai is between 6 and 18 years. A student may leave after 6 years, but a minimum of 10 years is required for graduation. If a student leaves between their 6th and 10th year, their required time spent in study is considered fulfilled. No dishonour is reflected upon a Clan for a student who leaves before graduation, and this student will not be barred from military service, but may be barred from advancement in rank, regardless of their Clan's status in society.

Kijutsu Shinsa

Located in Dokkok-kyo County, in the Capitol City of Dokomizo, is the famed celestial Mage's university known as Kijutsu Shinsa. This is the magical center of Draelonde, and all serious students of celestial magic study here.

Often study in Kijutsu Shinsa follows a term of study in Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai, but this is not required. Kijutsu Shinsa also has a library, though not nearly as extensive as the Great Library in Shyamachei, but it is the main repository of celestial knowledge in Draelonde. Because Kijutsu Shinsa is located in Dokkok-kyo County, they boast the production of many fine magical goods. The Center Council of Draelonde's Mage's Guild is found here as well, although the Guildmaster's duties are spent mostly in Shyamachei.

Terms spent at Kijutsu Shinsa range anywhere from 10 to 30 years, with the average falling between 12 and 15. It is not uncommon for students who spend more than 20 years in the university to eventually graduate to teaching status.

IiofukaKai Chusai

In Miobanero, the capital city of Miokok-kyo County, is the earth magic college of IiofukaKai Chusai. All forms of the healing arts are taught here, and graduates of the healer's college are widely prized. Often, as part of their training, graduate level students of IiofukaKai Chusai will be sent to small villages and outlying areas to give aid with healing and to offer basic instruction. All revenues gathered through this duty are paid directly to the college, making it the most self-supporting school in all of Draelonde.

Graduate level training begins in the student's 8th year of study, and often continues for another 4 to 6 years. Students who study past their 14th year are uncommon, and usually are being trained for teaching positions.

IiofukaKai Chusai has the most rapid turnover and output of trained students in Draelonde, and is often hard put to meet the demand on them. Only a small percentage of their students have studied at Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai, but IiofukaKai Chusai offers a limited range of general study topics as part of their regular courses.

The Central Council of the Healer's Guild makes it's home in Miobanero, with Guild Chapters in all of the major cities. The Central Council holds their meetings on a rotating schedule of all the Guild Chapter Houses, through the four Ruling Cities and the Capital of Shyamachei.

Kimae Bijutsu

Kimae Bijutsu is the artisan's academy, teaching art, crafting, alchemy, astrology, architecture, music, literature, theater, dance, and other fine arts. It is located in Shoshaku, the capital of Shokok-kyo County. Like IiofukaKai Chusai, Kimae Bijutsu also offers a limited general study course, with the emphasis on reading, writing, linguistics and history, but very few of the students here have spent study terms in Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai.

It is not considered an institute of serious study as much as an institute of creation and inspiration. The most passionate and expressionist of the dark Elven students find their way here, where their creativity can be channeled productively.

There is no set term of study at Kimae Bijutsu, students are graduated when they demonstrate an ability to excel in their most prominent artistic endeavors. Instructors at the academy are called Masters, and Master level is granted to anyone who suitably impresses a panel of Master's with work of originality and superiority. Students study at Kimae Bijutsu for anywhere from 3 to 30 years, their study courses being interspersed with teaching duties throughout their term of study. Kimae Bijutsu is considered the least structured academy, while also being known as the most difficult to graduate from. Graduation is granted upon personal excellence, and is often difficult to judge. In one or two rare instances, a former student has been granted Master status post-mortum, in recognition of work that gained glory for the artist after their passing. In such a case, all recognition and honour is granted to the artist's Clan, in memory.

Ansatsu

The last school of Draelonde is found in Ryudenki, the capitol city of Ryukok-kyo. Ansatsu is officially called the College of Political History, but is often commonly referred to as the Assassin's Academy. Students at Ansatsu are drilled in political intrigue, history, courtly and common etiquette, economics, domestic and foreign laws and policies, treasury skills, military theory, and infiltrative combat. Almost every Clan House in Draelonde tries to send at least one student to Ansatsu, and those who do not find themselves at a distinct disadvantage in the social ranking.

Instructor status at Ansatsu is one of the most prestigious positions a student in any of Draelonde's schools can hope for, and will insure the most honour to one's Clan. Approximately 80% of all students who study at Ansatsu have spent a study term at Gakushi'in mata Zotoshosai. Terms of study at Ansatsu range from 15 to 35 years, with the common term averaging 25 years. Study at this academy is reputed to be the most strenuous and demanding education course in Draelonde, but graduate students are notably tight-lipped about their course of study. Ansatsu graduates command a high degree of respect, often edging on fear. Graduate status is not granted until a minimum of 15 years of study have been spent at Ansatsu, and often students elect to withhold graduating for many years after they have met their requirements. This is the only college in Draelonde that allows students this privilege.