

ENTRY 7

Dragons

Dragons are fauna, not mythology. They are large, warm-blooded, and non-territorial when unprovoked. They do not read zoning notices. They are not interested in your assessment of whether a particular location is designated residential.

If you encounter a dragon in an urban area, it has not escaped from anywhere. It lives there. Most urban dragons have done so for several centuries and are considered heritage residents in the cities where they are registered.

Do not approach. Do not photograph without consent. Do not ask whether it is real. It finds the question tedious and, more importantly, it is considerably larger than you. Dragons are not dangerous to humans who behave with ordinary civic consideration.

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

The IDC strongly recommends reading this entry before leaving the building. Several arrivals have not done so. The IDC does not recommend this approach.

You did not arrive here by accident.

You arrived by a wrong number, a missed turning, or a wormhole. The distinction is largely administrative.

This document was prepared in advance of your arrival.

Refreshments are available from IDC staff on request.

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P.S. — The floor is solid. Take your time. The protocols are well-tested. Most of them.

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A Welcome Guide for Inter-Dimensional Arrivals

*What You May Find Surprising
and Why It Is, In Fact, Fine*

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ENTRY 1

The Shape of the World

The earth is a disc. The sky is a dome — the Firmament. Stars and Planets are conscious light bodies within the waters above the Firmament. This is taught in third grade. Take as long as you need.

ENTRY 2

The Calendar

Thirteen months of twenty-eight days each. ‘Month’ means ‘moon’, there are thirteen full moons during the year; any other break down of the year is frankly absurd. We have one intercalary day — The Day of Alignment — belonging to no month. Every date falls on the same day of the week every year. Months include Sextilis, Undecember, and Mercedonius. Undecember is not a typographical error. If uncertain which month it is, ask staff.

ENTRY 3

Energy

There are no power bills. Buildings charge devices passively. Do not attempt to locate an outlet. There are none in public spaces.

ENTRY 4

Music & Acoustics

Standard tuning is A = 432 Hz. If you have perfect pitch, you will notice immediately. This is not an auditory disturbance. It is the correct frequency.

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Entry 7 — Dragons — is on the reverse cover.
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ENTRY 5

Non-Human Species

Nephilim— eleven to twenty feet. Do not ask them to reach things.

Scaled Coalition (Reptilian)— civic rights, legislative representation, incapable of small talk. Not rudeness.

Tartarians— long-lived; responsible for most pre-suppression architecture.

Aurorines— indigenous people of the Outer Territories. Ancient Unhurried.

Draconians— distinct from the Scaled Coalition; taller; disproportionately represented in regulatory bodies

*Standard courtesies apply to all species.
Entry 7 covers dragons separately and urgently.*

ENTRY 6

Geography— Notable Corrections

The Grand Canyon— catastrophe site. Vitrified temple ruins. Gift shops in the lower complex. Do not touch the walls.

California— an island. Has always been an island.

Antarctica— inhabited. Lush. The Aurorines live there. It is not frozen.

Further geographical corrections are listed on our website. There are many

**Technical Texts Your World
Misdated or Misattributed**

The following were classified, dismissed, or attributed to metaphor in your world. Their status here is that of functional primary sources. Arrivals with academic backgrounds are advised to sit down.

Vaimanika Shastra

Functional engineering document. On the second-year architecture reading list. Not mythology.

The Piri Reis Map (1513)

Accurate. The older sources existed. Available in the Aurum Archive, third floor.

Admiral Byrd’s Transit Logs (1947)

Complete and unredacted. The valley is called Byrd’s Reach. The mammoths are extant.

The Hollow Centuries (AD 614–911)

297 fabricated years. Charlemagne was invented. The evidence is overwhelming, this is considered settled history. Your scholarship on the matter is filed under: well-intentioned.

AN ONGOING NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

The IDC is always learning new things about parallel universe #[REDACTED]. If you have arrived with information not covered in this pamphlet — or if something in it is wrong — please contact us at the address on the reverse. This is the Third Edition. There will be a Fourth..