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The City of Brinston Mage's Quarter

The neighborhood known to be the "Mages' Quarter" in Brinston is officially known as Astice Bise, after the noble Astice Bise family that is responsible for tax collections and policing. It is best known as the location of the two magical universities Floer Phielend and Aurora Fantastic, as well as several other far smaller schools of magic.

Brinston has a warmer climate, though is nearly always humid. This comes from the river, the delta and the sea. As Brinston is up on a cliff overlooking the river, breezes are common, even in winter. Unless it is actually raining, the sun will frequently make appearances, but the dampness never leaves.

Language:

The Marilick language dominates Brinston and the world, at least in as much as it is considered the trade language of the world.

Marils:

The Marils of Brinston are smaller of frame than most other humans. Some believe this to be due to their interbreeding with the elves just north of them, but that cannot account for their dark, black hair. Shorter and often thinner than other humans, they also do not eat as much. As a far more urban culture, far fewer of them work as laborers or in agriculture.

Culture:

This is Brinston, and Brinston is infamous for its relationship with the ocean. It is impossible to escape the smell of the sea in the city, and the nearness of the ocean does tend to bring more rain to the city. The city as a whole has decent storm sewage, and so the dampness typically is below ground, but it can still be smelled.

Brinston is a cosmopolitan town, king of trade throughout the world. As such, there are many non-humans to be found. Here in this quarter, the elves dominate the non-human races, but other will be seen, typically those races that have been attracted to the universities and their libraries. Nearly any goods produced anywhere in the world can be found in Brinston. In this neighborhood, the most exotic magical and alchemical ingredients can be found. Rarity breeds uneven pricing, so shoppers should be wary of any price they find.

Most other cultures consider the Marils of Brinston to be pretentious. Being one of the wealthiest cultures in the world, they tend to lord it over others. Not content to simply be the best, they want to remind others of how much better they are.

Architecture:

This is a well to do neighborhood, and the homes grow to be quite large, often with some grass around them. Like the other homes in Brinston, they are commonly wooden covered in plaster to make them appear as if they were built of stone.

Fashion:

The most commonly seen fashion in this neighborhood is that of the constant students. The university students all wear very similar linen (beige) or light blue shirts with dark breeches and white hose.

The professional mages of the area are quite different, almost as if they are rebelling against the forced uniformity they experienced during their university days. Flouting both their magical careers and their wealth, they will show off with brightly colored purple hair, glowing jewelry, and other garish accessories. This style of outwardly magical displays would not be allowed anywhere else in the city, and is confined to this neighborhood alone.

Cuisine:

The sea provides both transport and sustenance for the city. As such, the most common dishes will be fish and other creatures brought in by the fishermen. In addition, huge barges filled with wheat and flour arrive in the city nearly daily to fill the bellies of the citizens. Cheeses are also common, especially the young, soft cheeses.

Brinston considers itself to be the wine capital of the world, and wine is nearly all that will be served in the various taverns and nightclubs in this neighborhood. Most should be stocked with an ample supply of various vintages; enough for most connoisseurs.

Security:

The Astice Bise neighborhood is protected by the Astice Bise Civilian Authority. While not the most heavily armed or armored policing force in the city, any ne'er do wells should be wary. The police typically have mages with them, mages well skilled in the immobilization and capture of thieves and criminals.

Shopping:

Brinston is an extremely expensive place to live, visit or buy anything. Between taxes and nobles taking their percentages, nearly everything in Brinston costs more.



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