

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CAULDRON

680 Years Ago: Many profitable mines were discovered in the region, this attracts adventurers and prospectors from the mainland by the thousands. Cauldron is founded in the region by a Holy Warrior named Surabar.

100 Years Ago: A red dragon that had long been terrorizing the region ceases its depredations. Since then small red dragons occasionally emerge from some place north of Cauldron and terrorize villages until they are driven off or killed.

75 Years Ago: The once prosperous gnomish population of Cauldron falls on hard times; most of them end up in the Shades, or Waters Edge. Rumors abound their stronghold beneath the city has become cursed, or some how uninhabitable.

32 Years Ago: A terribly rainy winter results in massive flooding in the lower region of Cauldron. These rains and the flooding continue for several years before returning to normal. Thus began The Flood Festival.

15 Years Ago: A new noble comes to town, and dumps thousands of gold coins into rebuilding the towns aging public buildings. Lord Vhalantru becomes (and still is) a very popular noble amongst the nobs of Cauldron. He also becomes known as a patron of adventuring bands.

9 Years Ago: One of the town guards goes crazy and murders many of his fellow guardsmen. The fugitive guardsman becomes Cauldron's most wanted criminal, but is never caught. The story still pops up from time to time in inns and taverns throughout Cauldron, though city guardsmen are loathe to talk of it.

7 Years Ago: A plague of filth fever strikes Cauldron. Several hundred people die before the cities clerics get the plague under control.

Last Year: Rumors circulate around town about a great war that took place or is taking place on 'The Mainland'. Contact with the dwarven fortress below the city is cut off. The dwarvish population is put out the Lord Mayor of Cauldron seemingly puts forth little effort to find out what happened, and rumors circulate that the few adventuring bands that dared the depths never returned.

A Couple of Months Ago: Rumors begin circulating about people disappearing.