

LIFE IN THE CAULDRON

Cauldron is around 700 years old so it has well established families, businesses, customs and traditions.

The noble families are mostly descendents of the original nobility of the region, and some very rich merchant families that are either noble or might as well be by the way they act. The nobles are for the most part snobby, arrogant, and haughty. They live on the outer rim of the city attended by servants and personal guards.

The middle class of Cauldron is made up of the artisans, shop keepers, and the bulk of the merchants. These folk inhabit the middle ring of Cauldron.

Miners, servants, and laborers make up the bulk of the poor population of Cauldron. Race knows no bounds here in the areas of town known as The Shades, Waters Edge, Gutterdown, and Ratsden. There are humans, halflings, dwarves, half-elves, half-orcs, and gnomes. Though if one were to study closely you would find that ratios to be highly skewed. There are far more halflings, gnomes, and half-orcs in this part of town than there ought to be based on the total number of these races in the city.

Obsidian is big business in Cauldron and is its primary export, but there is also a brisk Diamond trade. Coffee Beans, Sugar Cane, Bananas form the staple export of food goods. Most of the goods sold in Cauldron are brought in from Sasserine, the great port city to the north.

Cauldron is run by a Lord Mayor. His position is appointed by the previous Lord Mayor and is a position held for life. This position is for all practical purposes a Monarchy; however the Nobles generally can lay a certain degree of influence on the Lord Mayor. Most folk think rather highly of the current Lord Mayor, Severen Navalant, a human in his 40's that has been in power about 12 years. There are of course rumors of corruption, but this is nothing new.

For being a 'frontier' city the folk of Cauldron try very hard at being cosmopolitan. Many, especially the nobles, try to stay in fashion with their clothing, and holidays are an occasion for the entire town to celebrate in grand style.