

# THE CONTINENT OF STEN

The continent consists of twenty-six administrative regions in each of which a city has been built on a convergence of ley lines. Along each of the ley lines, a high-speed train link has been constructed to enable fast travel between the cities without the need for any persons to enter the wilderness. Around the continent, the seas are wild and unexplored. No evidence has been found by humanity of any lines of magic extending out beneath the ocean and so no attempt has been made to fashion a sea-going vessel as propulsion would be achievable by conventional means. In some coastal locations it has however been found that the ley line runs under the bay or estuary. In these locations, vast bridges have been built to continue the train line to the city.

City-15 is considered the Capital City of Sten, with the major centers of trade, commerce, education and science being held there, however this is largely held in name only as the city states function independently. Each city is governed by an oligarch who in turn is advised by an elected council of city representatives. The political elite have very little to do with the majority of citizens however and live in large, sky-top apartments between which they travel by car. The majority of citizens live in the lower levels and move through the cities by way of the streets.



Cities are denoted by their number, such as "City-1" or "City-20" and then locations within them are broken down into sectors, then into blocks and then buildings. As such, an address may be given as; City-22, Sector-4, Block-D, Building 112, Floor 5. At this stage, the cities are so well established that they have reached the outer limits of the ground on which they are built. As such, when new spaces are required for business, housing or recreation, additional stories are added to the existing buildings, into which the wealthiest members of city then move, freeing up space below for re-sale and re-purposing.

As there are no resources or reserves of magic in the wilderness, no settlements have ever been founded there. Even farming takes place in large, climate-controlled rooms in the cities. As such, there are no roads or paths outside of the cities and any attempt to leave the city will be prevented by law enforcement as the lands about are considered too unsafe for any to travel.

Owing to the lack of travel into the wilderness, the continent was mapped out over a period of many centuries by successive generations using remotely controlled drones, running off power banks of magic which sent back footage of the coastlines and natural landmarks.

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