

The Underground City of the Ancients

Toward the last days of civilization leaders of the major nations of the world began ambitious projects within their own countries to build vast underground cities to house the growing populations of the world. This would leave more land area for cultivation to feed the inhabitants of these cities and inhibit the further degradation of Earth's environments, which had finally begun to show signs of returning to a healthy state after so many centuries of polluting policies.

In the United States in the state of Kansas near the Republican River approximately 50 miles south of the Kansas, Nebraska state line was that nations pilot city. This city was named New Hope and embodied all the nations hopes for the future. Nothing was spared in the creation of this city. All the latest technologies and several created by scientists especially for use in New Hope, were used in its construction. It was intended to eventually house 500,000 residents, but was not fully completed by the time of the Black Days. Though fully operational in most respects only enough housing and facilities for 50,000 residents had been completed. New Hope otherwise was complete and ready to be occupied, but had not been. So it has lie empty and forgotten for the 200+ years after the Dark Days, waiting to have its mission fulfilled. It is alive and lonely....

1. Tunneling/building for the city has still continued and the city can now house over 1 million residents. All the construction bots and equipment were left behind in the control of the cities BioTech Controller. The Controller has continued it's primary mission of construction and preparation of New Hope for occupation by people. The city runs for miles, both down and out.
 2. The Controller is insanely lonely and will not allow anyone who arrives to depart without a very tough argument for doing so. Probably along the lines of, 'let us go so we can bring more people here to live'. Pretty much no other argument will work.
 3. The city is fully automated. Pharmacies, medical aid, food, drink, clothing, most services...all automated and free to all.
 4. Each citizen of New Hope wears the same clothing according to function and has a badge worn in various decorative forms which acts both as a means for the Controller to monitor and communicate with each member of it's citizenry. This 'badge' also acts as a security access card, though a non-standard one as each badge has the security classification that the Controller gives it.
 5. There is a robotic security force and security facilities for every level of the city. Otherwise there are no signs of weaponry or warfare anywhere in the city. The war never came to New Hope, and neither did the people who were to inhabit it.
 6. There was a cryogenics lab within the city that housed a few dozen genetically altered humans that were to be the basis for a eugenics program within the city. These remain in a suspended state, awaiting awakening. These altered humans are the same as the 'SEPH' of the moon though without the social programming that makes the SEPH so dangerous to those who live on the planet now. They will however attempt to assert their roles as leaders of whatever society that is formed near them upon their awakening. They are, due to their superior intelligence and abilities, the natural leaders/rulers over the more mundane progenitors, after all.
 7. New Hope is also part of the 'teleport nexus' and has a jump point in its security/lab levels area. That is presumably how the characters will come to be aware of New Hope.
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