

*“T’ain’t nutin’ blacker than coal-‘n’-sin.”  
- Some drunk old man*

## Caliger City

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### 1. Overview

#### 1.1 Synopsis

The boisterous mining city located in the northwest Llevy Elenhienz province, Caliger is most known for its brutal boxing sport and legalized bordello industry. Being predominately industrial and civilian based, Caliger has become a host to a myriad of bars, nightclubs, and after-hours entertainment venues. It’s known as the best sulking spot on the Daulomar continent.

#### 1.2 General Profile

Full Name: Caliger City

Status: City

Located: Llevy Province

Date Established: 241 D.A.W.N.

## **2. Environment**

### **2.1 Location and Landscape**

- Weather is rainy in the springtime; the temperature cool to cold. The summers are mild (though there are some oddly hot days) and always humid. Caliger has a cold fall season, and each winter brings an average of 1-3 weeks of moderate snowfall.
- Irrigation from the Selen River supplies all water needs to the fields on the outskirts of Caliger. Rainwater is collected in the cities from shallow wells. The drains in the city also collect water, but mostly to release it through the floodways and out to the fields.
- Much of the rock surrounding Caliger is sedimentary rock (limestone, sandstone etc.) that formed from the ancient rivers and streams of the mountainous rock formations. However, the rock formations themselves are Batholithic igneous intrusions of granite which existed under rock (now eroded) millions of years ago.
- The location where Caliger is built used to be swampland (millions of years ago).
- The air quality is moderate to low due to excessive use of coal fuels and the abundance of manufacturing plants in the city.

### **2.2 City Details**

- Coal is mined from beneath the rock formations on both sides of Caliger. There are also surface mining operations atop the tallest hillside of the northern rock formation. Coal mining here is taken care of by small teams, and the coal is delivered via air carts that travel to stations all the way across to the city from above.
- Because Caliger is built so low into the surrounding rocks, there are large drains in the city that lead to substratum waterways, which take care of flooding issues.
- Every Llevy town has a central news board and announcement stage, in or near the marketplace. Caliger's is located in the marketplace.

### 3. Culture

#### 3.1 History

##### Ancient Times (500 A.T.- 200 D.A.W.N.)

- The history of Caliger reaches back to ancient times. The Llevy native peoples originally cultivated the plot of land where Caliger currently stands. Their small village (now known as *Celephin*) was built at the center of the north and south rock formations, which were collectively known as the '*Magna Gate*'. It was named so because the sun would always rise between the two rock formations. They believed the formations to be acting as a gateway for the sun energies to pass through and be used by Seda.

##### [Caption 1]

- Interestingly enough, this culture used the soft coal deposits they discovered under the surface for nighttime ceremonial rituals. The natives would dress in wet leaves and roll in the coal until they were as black as the darkness. They would then don specially carved masks and tattered cloaks to dance around the fires, flicking the waves of coal into the flames to watch them burn as black smoke. Their cloaks were also lined with many pale blue crystals cut from local metal ores. These would be thrown into the fire with the coal, and the fire would turn a bright crimson red. This effect was caused by a certain metal found within the ores.

##### [Caption 2]

- Not too far west from Celephin, beyond the forests and hills, was another native village (called *Galana*) which the Celephin commonly feuded with. The Galana believed the Celephin to be witches after seeing their idols and the way they dressed. This conflict eventually escalated to the point where the villages began to attack each other.

##### [Caption 3]

- When the Galana natives lead an all out assault on the Celephin village during one of their nightly rituals, they were surprised at the reaction which occurred when the Celephin were struck with flaming torches. They would instantly catch ablaze, and burn with a brilliant red color. This frightened the Galana so much that they fled the Celephin village

(for they thought that they were fighting not merely witches, but demons) and migrated further southwest and away from their own territory.

**[Caption 4]**

- When the Galana moved south, they met head on with the mighty Calmanain armies and were instantly swallowed by their dominant military culture. The Galana's migration is what ultimately caused the Calmanain to move towards the northeastern shores of the Llevy province, beyond the mountains. This is where they met with and stomped the Celephin natives, capturing their land in a single afternoon.

**[Caption 5]**

Aceldama Era (200 D.A.W.N.- 1000 D.A.W.N.)

- Caliger City was officially established in 241 D.A.W.N. after the reformation of the Elenhienz Empire. The coal had been but all forgotten and left undiscovered since ancient times.
- The Selen Canal opened. Caliger become a key importer/exporter town. Both the military and civilian populations in the area increased.

**[Caption 6]**

Modern Era (1000 D.A.W.N.-1600 D.A.W.N.)

- The Caliger mines opened in 1554 after surveillance teams discovered coal atop the northern rock. Later that year, a coal seam was also discovered running from the base of the southern rock. Coal was still not considered important enough to invest in by the Llevy (as other forms of energy are far cheaper and more efficient), but this coal seam was profitable so it was dug.
- The Llevy coup took place in 1568. This led to the Llevy's heavy reliance on secondary fuel sources (including coal).

**[Caption 7]**

Long Standing Families

- Claystone (rich family)
- Shale (moderately influential and wealthy family)

### **3.2 Subsistence**

#### Farming

- Farms and fields can be found on the western outskirts of Caliger City. Most of Caliger City's food comes from these farms.
- Caliger farms produce a large supply of grain crops for Caliger City and other Llevy regions where grain cannot be grown. Wheat and oat grains are also used for forage.
- The farming community, located outside the city, is where most farmers live their entire lives, hardly entering town except to buy supplies.

### **3.3 Houses and Buildings**

#### Features

- About 85% of houses and buildings in Caliger have specially created metal or slate rock roofing and ground tiles that route rainwater to the city street drains. Because Caliger is built very low into the ground, many sub-terrain pathways have been created to steer the water back towards the Selen River and prevent flooding in the city itself.
- Angled windows, (particularly inverted 'V' windows) are an architectural fad, which has stuck with the city for centuries (it is another means of diverting water to the street drains).
- Many Caliger houses have chimneys. This is because the populace burns wood in fireplaces to heat their homes. Coal is usually used to generate steam and electrical energy in houses, but there is no such thing as an electric or basics heater in the Llevy province.

#### Architecture and Housing

- Civil engineers and architects who work for the Brozien Branches' Fortification Division design the majority of houses and housing sectors in Caliger. This division assures that every family has a decent home to live in with all the basics (a kitchen, bathroom etc.).
- Generally, for moderate-to-low income housing sectors, there are only one or two architects assigned to design many of the houses and buildings. These architects are changed out every generation. Thus

these sectors end up with many similar design traits, diversified only by the architects of the time.

- Other architects work as freelancers for business and industrial buildings, or they work for the government in other areas of city planning and building design.
- People can pay architects to get their houses upgraded, or even build a new house themselves. These houses must be approved by the civil engineers and will usually end up standing out amongst the sea of similarity surrounding them.
- Many wealthy citizens have houses built on the northern side of town, just beyond the central marketplace. This makes that entire area diverse in architecture.
- Moderate-to-wealthy houses are most often those with more than two floors.
- Spiral, curved, and sharp angled roofs are prevalent in the modern-to-low income sectors.
- Most houses are made of sedimentary rock (limestone, sandstone, etc.) and wood, but there are other rock types that have been imported over the years from other regions and used to build stronger housing.
- There are still many historical buildings and remnants of ancient Caliger culture found all over the town. Most of these buildings, however, have been terribly weathered over time and have not been maintained due to costs and lack of preservation workers.
- Sidewalks and roads are made of cut stone. It is strong and stable, yet requires a dedicated workforce to maintain. The workers that maintain the roads are part of the Brozien Branch Fortifications Department.

#### Lighting

- City lighting is generated by electricity from basics spheres and coal. Sometime oil lamps or other methods are used as well.

### **3.4 Government, Politics, and Social Hierarchy**

#### Hierarchy

- Caliger is run by a municipal administration house overseen by the Supreme Blade and the First Blade. This house takes care of all the day-to-day activity in Caliger, including financial, security, and social issues. All members of this house are appointed by the Supreme and First Blades.
- The hierarchy in Caliger is simple, with only three class divisions: government, military, and civilian. Wealth does not buy status, as it tends to do in advanced societies like the Llevy Elenhienz. The government and military are the superior classes. Civilians are the lowest.

### Subcultures

- There are three sub-cultures in Caliger: the miners, the boxers, and the lechers.

The miners include the mine-workers and their families. This group is most often found on the south side of town or at the bars or temples.

The boxers include the gamblers, the actual pugilists themselves, boxing fans, and boxing managers. People from this group are found in other sub-cultures as well, and so are located all around the city. The boxers and boxing managers are usually wealthy (if they are any good).

Finally, the lechers are the frequenters of the bordellos. With bordellos being legal in Caliger, this crowd of married and unmarried drunkards is quite large. The bordellos are found near the marketplace, and so are their patrons.

### Population Diversity

- Caliger is not culturally diverse. In fact many of the people living there now are direct descendants of the earliest settlers. The population is predominately Qual and Snow in genetic temperament.

## **3.5 Religion**

### Dominant Religion

- The Eighth faith is the primary religion, but only a very small portion of the citizens in Caliger practice (for more information see the Eighth Faith document).

### Local Ceremonies and Traditions

- Begging, holding charity events, and preaching in the only religious hall in the town.

#### Caliger Religious History

- Caliger has never been a town of religion. It adopted the Eighth faith when the Elenhienz Empire embraced it centuries ago. The miners seem to be the only crowd that actually attends temple ceremonies.

#### Caliger Religious Hierarchy

- The hierarchy is that of the common Eighth temple hierarchy (see the Eighth Faith document).
- Priests are appointed from a local lineage. They are anti-war and brutality, and are either respected or scoffed at by members of the society.

#### Caliger Religious Law

- (see the Eighth Faith document).

#### Caliger Religious Science

- (see the Eighth Faith document).

#### Caliger Religious Symbols

- The colors of the Eighth in the Llevy Elenhienz province are: blue, gray, burgundy, and white.

#### Caliger Religion Notes

- Some members of the clergy are multi-faceted. The same ones preaching or working at the temple may be the same drunks over at the bar at night.

### **3.6 Economy**

#### Industries

- Mining is the primary industry in Caliger. Coal is mined from the surrounding north and south rock formations. However, Caliger and its workers are also used to mining gastick ore, iron, copper, silver, and other

metal ores and minerals throughout the Llevy province (see Caliger Mines for more details).

- The sport of diamond boxing is a homegrown Caliger creation. Over hundreds of years the sport has generated such excitement in the province that it has spawned an industry of its own (see Sports and Entertainment for more info).

### **3.7 Interaction**

#### Trading

- Shares resources with the entire Llevy Elenhienz province. Currently, only some parts of Afayii Kulas are interacting with the Llevy as they are at war with the GMN.
- The Llevy province is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest miner of gastick ore in the east (after Dirjible, Raire, and Ingontory). Gastick ore was a major export for them before the war.

### **3.8 Education**

#### Schools

- There are two primary schools, one advanced school (high school), and one college in Caliger City. The college focuses on military, hydrology, and geological/mining courses.

#### Mathematics and Measurements

- The Llevy follow Elenhienz standard metrics, which is the Eighth's metric system (see the Eighth Faith document or the Greater Elenhienz document).

#### Science

- Caliger is one of the leading cities in the world in terms of the geological sciences (particularly mining).

### **3.9 Military**

#### Conscription

- Caliger is the primary source of all C to D class conscripts in the Llevy. This is because the quality of life in Caliger is well below the Llevy standard. The causes for this include high pollution and fairly poor diets etc.

### Hierarchy

- (See the Llevy Military document)

### History

- (See the Llevy Military document)

### Weapons

- (See the Llevy Military document)

### Strategy and Battle Tactics

- (See the Llevy Military document)

### Criminal Policy

- Caliger is pretty lax on things like stealing, fighting, and adultery. The local police are also fairly lazy, so when provoked by drunken citizens they just ignore them.
- (See the Llevy Military document)

### Martial Arts and Military Training

- Recruiters actually go from door to door in Caliger for conscription. They pre-assess subjects and don't bother calling the obvious failures in.
- (See the Llevy Military document)

### Military Symbols

- The symbol used for Caliger conscripts is the Llevy Lion with a flaming staff. This is a reference to Caliger's place as an energy provider for the Llevy.

### Law Enforcement

- Llevy police are the same as the military police. There is a fairly small force in Caliger though (compared to other cities). The police here are also quite lazy and irresponsible.

### **3.10 Health and Fitness**

#### Safety

- Since transports and moving vehicles are still fairly new to the society, trolley accidents with civilians (especially children) have become a growing concern. To deal with this, a limited traffic safety system has been developed where special police are trained to monitor and control traffic at intersections and residential areas.
- Flooding in mines is a constant concern.

#### Health

- Life expectancy of a miner is 35-55 on average (depending on how often they work in the mines, and what shift – night or day).
- Civilians are not too far from that average, only having life expectancies of 40-60. This is the poorest average in the entire Llevy province.
- The black-lung disease is common among the miners and civilians.

#### Hospitals and Medicine

- There is one major hospital station in the northern part of town near the marketplace. There is also a smaller one on the southern part of town near the police station.
- Common medicines can also be bought from the marketplace (some are hoax cures though).

### **3.11 Technology**

#### Evolution

- Caliger is responsible for Llevy's mining industry. Aside from a few Quisk territories and the God Lands society, they own mining. They have the most advanced mining tools and methods in the East.

#### Inventions and Innovations

- Advanced basics sphere usage for rail trolleys, transports, air carts, roads, lighting, and industrial heating.

- Advanced rull and tunstil uses (weapons, armor, tools, shoes, roofing etc.). Most Llevy cities are ahead or up to par on the latest technology. The overall prevalence of it, however, is low.

### Élan Techno

- If there is one technology that Caliger, and the Llevy in general, lack, it is Elan Technology. There is almost no elan technology in the entire province (the Delphion of the Llevy military wields an elan arm and the Supreme Blade an elan guard – that is about it though). Whenever someone in the province is even able to summon elans, they are automatically conscripted into the ‘S’ grade military class.
- For as much gastick ore as there is available in the province, there are no elan plastering shops around. Elan plastering is only found in the Weapons and Armor department of the Brozien Branch.

### **3.12 Holidays**

- There are many ancient Llevy Elenhienz holidays. However, with the Llevy’s war for independence, pan-Elenhienz holidays have been denounced completely.

### **3.13. Family and Social Interaction**

#### Sex and Marriage

- Only one wife allowed, but a married man may have up to two mistresses.

#### Pregnancy and Birth

- Most wives still give birth at home, with an occasional visit from a doctor afterwards (not all the time). Young boys are actually trained to help women give birth by the older men of the society. This is a common thing around the world.

#### Inheritance

- Caliger City follows the Llevy’s convention of wills. The owner of property can transfer property (and debt) to their family when they die.
- If there is no will, the property is taken by the state or given to the eldest member of the family (especially if the estate is in debt).

### Funerals and Death

- Cremations are the most common funerals arranged.
- The graveyards are located atop the eastern hills, a little way from the city itself.
- If the departed was part of the military, the Llevy have special gravestones and ceremonies they perform for the person.

### **3.14 Arts and Crafts**

#### Contemporary Arts

- Rull and tunstil jewelry are prevalent, as well as stone works.
- Limited use of art in architecture. City design elements, such as light posts, have been an outlet for artists.
- Other areas art has influenced include: armor, weapons, mining tools, and more functional sculptures such as sundials. In truth, serious artists study elsewhere (in Claymore or Sabb wa Vier).
- Some local fashion, pottery, and portrait paintings can be found at bar shows and the marketplace.

#### Music and Theater

- Music mostly found at bar shows and marketplace. Caliger music is very upbeat and merry.
- Singing songs is a group affair, and very comedic or satirical.
- Instruments include pianos, banjos, horns, harmonicas, and shambles.

#### Culinary Arts

- The art of fine cooking isn't that big in Caliger. In fact, most could not afford to eat out even if it was.

#### Fashion and Clothing

- Fairly poor and unappealing fabric designs and clothes. Many people work at the mines, marketplace, or for the military, and really never have any need for elaborate clothing. Fair quality, long-lasting clothing is more important.

### Gardening

- There are a few well known gardeners in the area outside of Caliger City (the farming community). There are also a few gardeners hired by citizens in the wealthy areas. It is a well paid profession, yet the sheer lack of horticulture in Caliger makes it a rare thing.

## **3. 15 Sports and Entertainment**

### Diamond Gauze Boxing

- Perhaps one of the most intense and dangerous sports in the world, diamond gauze boxing rules the entertainment industry in Caliger and much of the Llevy province.

This sport involves two partially armored combatants duking it out using kickboxing style combat. The only catch is, they both wear padded leather gloves with 3x3 rows of sharp diamonds fused to the knuckle area. As one might imagine, a single, well-placed blow from a punch can do a great deal of damage.

For better effect, matches are held on the night of the full Nuson moon. This creates a beautiful interplay between the two fighters, as their gloves will tend to sparkle with the colors of the rainbow while boxing.

The light armor helps to prevent short fights. The extremely thin plates of iron and other harder metals have helped dull the effect of a strike. Head and arm gear are mandatory in fights; all other plates (chest, waist, and shin) are optional, and decided on by both fighters.

The sport originated in the early days of Caliger as an enactment of a tragic story about two brothers (who were both born with hands of crystallized diamond). The story in short tells of two brothers who loved the same woman, but neither one could ever touch her as they had hands of diamond.

One night the brothers snuck from their homes to pay a visit to the woman, as they always did. When the woman offered her hand for one to kiss, they both reacted in haste and attempted to reach for it, but their hands collided. Every time they would reach for her, their hands would collide. They both became very angry with one another, and began to fight.

The woman, wanting to keep peace between them, jumped between their brawl and was instantly killed herself. This angered the brothers terribly, and they fought each other more ferociously than before. They fought so long and so hard that eventually they both lost their hands (as diamond is capable of destroying diamond).

While most modern boxing fans see this story as inspirational, claiming that the winner of the fight gains rights to 'the maiden', the story has been said to be about adultery. The diamond hands represent faithful wives, the woman of love (or lust) is the mistress, and the two brothers are the society of men. The moral is said to be that adultery brings about the destruction of all three. Of course this is not the way many males in Caliger like to think about it nowadays (for obvious reasons).

### Gambling

- Gambling and card playing is big amongst the locals at the bars. Gambling is also huge in the diamond boxing circuits.

### Plays and Street Shows

- Perhaps a form of entertainment obtained from their ancient cultures, Caliger was one of the first locations in the world to have professional street performers and live theater (even before Niiaverge).

### Bordellos

- Many men consider the bordellos the entertainment gold mine. Caliger women have attempted to burn them down throughout history, of course.

## **3.16 Society Mannerisms**

- Obsessive coughing, spitting, and throat clearing. This is due to a life spent around the coal mines and large industrial sectors found in Caliger.

## **3.17 Caliger Notes**

### Future Events

- In the late 17<sup>th</sup> century, the mines in Caliger are destroyed by the air raids of the Elenhienz Empire (it was a key target). The population is forced to relocate and it becomes an abandoned area until the Elenhienz reform the province. The coal mines are too dangerous and no longer profitable to exploit at that time, however.

- Diamond boxing gets an upgrade during the mid Technegian era. It will be found at underground entertainment venues all over the world.

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### Job Names

- Federal Mine Inspectors
- Section foremen
- Fire Boss

#### **fire boss**

a. A person designated to examine the mine for gas and other dangers. In certain states, the fire boss is designated as the mine examiner.

See also: [gasman](#)

b. A State-certified supervisory mine official who examines the mine for combustible gases and other dangers before a shift comes into it and who usually makes a second examination during the shift; in some States, it is used loosely to designate assistant or section foreman.

See also: [fireman](#)

c. Also called examiner; mine examiner. See: [gas watchman](#)

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