

BLOODLINES & BLACK MAGIC



Hauberk, Missouri

Government Hauberk City Council, Mayor Gordon Hooper

Alignment LN

DEMOGRAPHICS

Population 1906

Area 56.44 square miles

Languages English

Politics The Democratic Party dominates in Hauberk and throughout Boone County; though the frontier spirit of early American individualism also sustains small pockets of Independents and Libertarians as well as apolitical self-governed communities throughout the farmlands surrounding Hauberk.

Industry Formerly a small farming community producing corn, rice, and wheat, Hauberk is now dominated by the healthcare and insurance industries. Many old family farms lie fallow and abandoned. Similarly, many store fronts in Hauberk's tiny downtown are vacant and commercial real estate is cheap. This has been attributed to nitrous and phosphorous contamination from corporate mega-farming in the late 1980s and toxic contamination of waterways from Benton Labs just east of town. But everyone who lives in the area seems to have a different opinion about how the town began to die.

Founded 1866 (by Civil War hero, Dayton Robicheaux, as a trading post), **Incorporated** 1870

NOTABLE FIGURES

Mayor Gordon "Spike" Hooper (LE male human expert 2) was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts, attended college at the University of Missouri, where he subsequently studied law. In 2002, he became Assistant City Prosecutor for Columbia, Missouri, retiring from the position after an indict-

ment for jury tampering. In 2007, he and his family relocated to Hauberk, where he found a position on the city council. He was elected mayor in 2013 and is currently running for a second term.

Cora Leonidas (CG female shadow-blooded human occultist 6) grew up on the only African American-owned farm to ever exist in the Hauberk area, which she inherited in the late 1980s. She comes from a long line of conjure women and was taught the art by her mother. After selling the farm to the DynAgra Corporation, she opened Above and Beyond, a small candle shop in central Hauberk, where she offers tarot readings, a traditional hoodoo candle service, and under-the-table herbal remedies for those who know how to ask.

Balthazar Swann (N male human commoner 2) is Hauberk's only homeless resident. He squats in the abandoned farmhouses outside of town or on rooftops of the dilapidated Victorian buildings downtown. He always seems to notice what's going on without being noticed himself. In exchange for a cup of coffee or something warm to eat, he'll spin colorful, impossible, sometimes deeply disturbing tales about Hauberk's past—and present.

Ophelia Robertjon (NE female infernal-blooded human mesmerist 3) is a member of the Hauberk City Council, owns A-1 Jiffy Insurance downtown, the Hauberk General Store, and the Providence Cinema.



She is the wealthiest resident and lives in the old Robicheaux mansion north of town where she holds meetings of the Hauberk Hypnotism Society twice a month.

Anthony “Tony Wicks” Bertolino (CN male seraphic-blooded human brawler 4) originally from Newark, New Jersey, he manages the Hauberk General Store for Ophelia Robertjon. He doesn’t like Ophelia but is trying to work off an extreme gambling debt to the Barri crime syndicate incurred while he was engaged to Maria Barri-Sforza, the daughter of Don Rafael, the head of the family. As punishment for his gambling addiction, Tony Wicks has been exiled to Hauberk until he can find a way to make back all the money he lost.

Agent Kerry Lefferts (LG male human investigator 3) encountered a demon while on a case in 2008. Since then, he has gone off the deep-end, willing to believe every paranormal conspiracy theory, Satanic ritual abuse rumor, or alien astronaut hypothesis he encounters. The Bureau considers him to be one of its worst agents, given that he disappears to follow “leads” he often cannot report lest he seem crazy. However, he is not crazy. He has simply woken up to a new reality—one that is filled with beings slowly becoming aware that Agent Lefferts knows the truth.

Joaquin Caballero (NG male human warrior 3) teaches the styles of Arnis and Silat he learned growing up in Manila. He came to Hauberk ten years ago after marrying Sarah, a local girl doing missionary work in the Philippines for the Hauberk Baptist Church. After relocating, he opened Action MMA, a store-front martial arts studio downtown. When Sarah died of cancer two years later, he stayed. He often trains members of the Hauberk Sheriff’s Department and works with the Boys Club of Missouri as a mentor for at-risk youth.

GEOGRAPHY & TERRAIN

Metro Hauberk is situated at the nexus of Mertens Creek Road and Neustadter Road about 20 miles northwest of Columbia, Missouri. Surrounded by acres of farmland, only some of which are occupied, it seems flat, quiet, and empty. The land beyond the farms begins to slope in the direction of the Missouri River, featuring multiple creeks, along which can be

found many unnamed ravines, cliffs, and cave networks hollowed out by water and time.

MYSTERIES & URBAN LEGENDS

The Death Angel is a local legend maintained by Balthazar Swann and the occasional late-night drunkard who happens to stumble past the gates of Nimcato Cemetery. Sometimes, in the dark hours of the morning, the cemetery gates will stand open, even though the caretakers are known to chain them up every evening. Those entering may see an enormous weeping angel carved from white marble. The angel is said to point to a grave of a loved one about to die.

The Gant Murder House The identity of the person who murdered all 14 members of the Gant family with a shotgun in the winter of 1987 remains unknown. Moreover, it is unclear who reported the crime, the anonymous tip having been called in from somewhere in central Nebraska. The house was completely locked when the authorities arrived. They found those who had attended the family reunion posed around the rooms as if engaged in everyday activities. Though the Boone County Medical Examiner determined that all victims had been shot by the same gun, no blood could be found other than on the bodies themselves.

The Temple of the Witness is an old sect of religious snake-handlers said to have descended into cannibalism and ophiolatry. They are rumored to operate from a hidden compound on one of Hauberk’s abandoned farms. The sheriff has never found solid evidence to corroborate this. However, when a teenager runs away or an animal goes missing, locals will sometimes say that the “snake people” got them.

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