

LORE ENTRY - ACHYRIA

On the edge of the Far Regions lies the withering planet of Achyria. A once wild and luxuriant world blessed with remarkable biodiversity, it is now an industrialized wasteland on the verge of a full-blown rebellion against centuries of imperial occupation. The main continent is a forsaken landscape with towering plasma arc foundries built on ancient mining explorations. These metallic behemoths spew toxic chemical wastes and lay environmental havoc to meet the empire's insatiable need for metal components and alloys specially crafted for the use of war machines.

Achyria's mainland masses are arid landscapes, veined with oddly coloured rivers and gaunt canyons left by over-mining and decaying cities clinging to giant imperial foundries. Beyond the industrial constructions are vast expanses of darkened sand where pockets of life miraculously emerge, only to be whipped out by caustic sandstorms painting the horizon with black and ochre clouds. Centuries of accumulated metal particles, volatile compounds, and harmful gases merged with toxic dust resulted in raging chemical tempests, peeling the skin and flesh of creatures unfortunate enough to get caught in them.

The planet's defining feature is a gargantuan mountain chain named the Crown of Achyria. Riddled with carcasses from failed mining operations, the unforgiving cliffs and valleys harbour what's left of the planet's original wildlife. From its caverns and crevasses echo strange cries emitted by the elusive Ashargaths, the original denizens of Achyria forced into hiding by the imperial occupation. United under a shared mind, they use the Force to lure their prey into their abyssal underworld. Rumours of an undercity are often whispered in bars across the planet where shots of Rustfire are served - an illegal moonshine distilled with industrial wastewater.

With a spiralling climate, a population on the verge of an uprising, and the rumours of a full-blown war led by the Ashargaths, the empire's industrial operation is under constant pressure of being overthrown.