

# The Night Side

In stark contrast to the blazing day side, Dusgara's night side is a frozen wilderness. Temperatures plummet below  $-100^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-148^{\circ}\text{F}$ ), and the landscape is dominated by vast ice sheets and frozen gas deposits. Occasional auroras cast faint, spectral light across the desolate expanse, offering rare glimpses of beauty in the frigid darkness. Beneath the surface, geothermal vents sustain pockets of liquid water and life, creating isolated oases amid the icy wasteland.

Humans have found ways to endure even here. Small communities cluster around geothermal vents, their survival dependent on the heat and resources provided by these underground sanctuaries. Extensive cave systems, shielded from the harsh conditions above, are home to the Deepkin—night-side inhabitants who have developed unique cultural and technological adaptations. These isolated societies mine the caves for minerals, search for underground water sources, and uncover relics of ancient civilizations. The night side fosters a distinct sense of separation, its people embracing self-reliance and traditions forged in the shadow of the endless cold.

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