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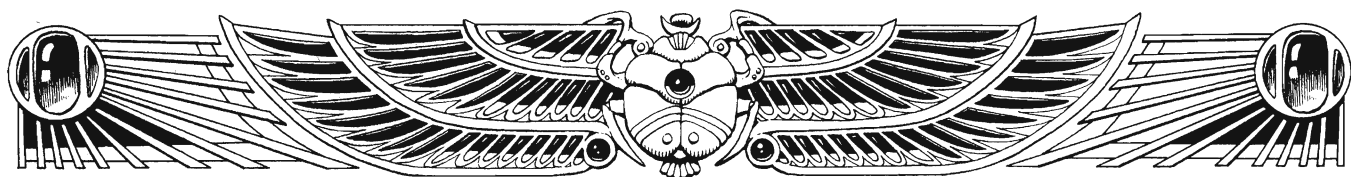








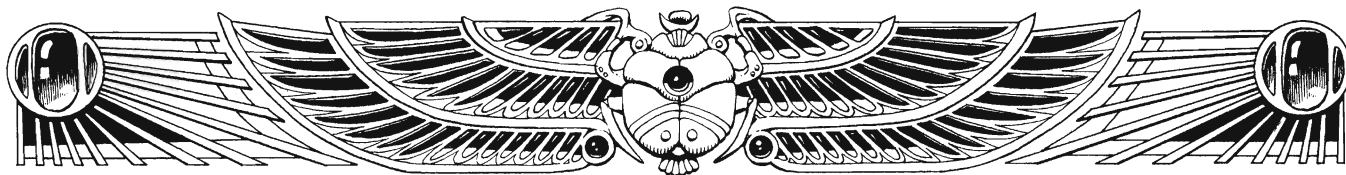
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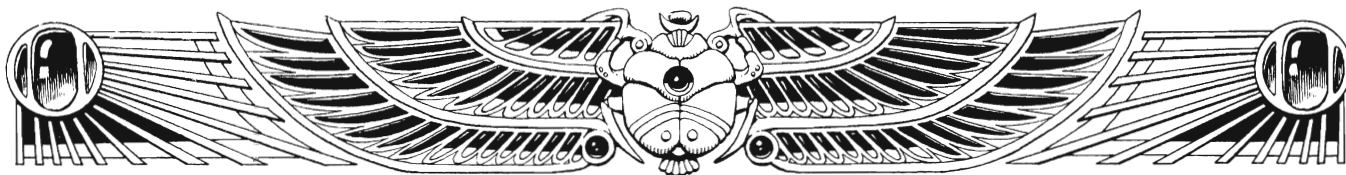
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# INTRODUCTION



The Theran Empire is the most formidable power in the world of **Earthdawn**, a bastion of military, economic, and magical might. Its lands span continents, and its magicians are without peer among those skilled in magical arts. The people of Barsaive—including most **Earthdawn** adventurers—feel the presence of the Theran Empire most strongly on Barsaive's own border, in the lands to the southwest of Barsaive that the Therans call Vivane Province. The center of Theran power in Vivane Province—and the base from which they intend to one day launch their reconquest of Barsaive—lies in the city of Vivane and the nearby military outpost at Sky Point. Anyone who listens to a handful of Theran Vivanians and an equal number of Barsaivians with some knowledge of the Therans will hear a babble of conflicting voices. The voices speak of law and order, rebuilding, education, wise administration, magical and military power, pride and dominion. They also speak of slavery, injustice, oppression, cruelty, exploitation, chill indifference, unkindness at a thousand levels of everyday life, souls empty of compassion, and resistant hearts full of anger and the desire for freedom. Such conflicts shape life in Vivane for Theran, Barsaivian citizen, and foreigner alike, and no simple truth or answer exists to settle the questions they raise. Vivane, Sky Point and Vivane Province are vibrant regions rich in possibilities for adventures that help build legends.

This boxed campaign set describes in detail the city of Vivane, the Sky Point base and the rough settlement below known as Vrontok, and the lands of Vivane Province. Gamemasters can use the information in this product to create adventures and campaigns set in these Theran-controlled regions. Players will find this set useful for fleshing out their characters' actions and devising a plan of attack for adventuring in Vivane, Sky Point, Vrontok and the lands beyond Vivane and the Barsaivian border.

## COMPONENTS

The **Sky Point and Vivane** campaign set contains three books: **Barsaivian Vivane**, **Theran Vivane**, and **Vivane Province**, which includes descriptions of Sky Point and Vrontok. This set also includes two full-color maps: the City of Vivane map and the Vivane Province map.

Beginning with a brief overview of the Theran Empire and a general overview of Vivane, **Barsaivian Vivane** gives players and gamemasters a wealth of information about the areas of Vivane occupied by native Barsaivians. This book describes the places, people, ways, and mysteries of the only Vivane most Barsaivians ever know, from the relative wealth and security of the High Gate area to the ruins of the Broken Quarter.

**Theran Vivane** begins with a brief overview of the quarter of the city the Therans reserved for themselves and offers short descriptions of Vivane's movers and shakers. This book also describes the wonders the Therans have created for themselves, the opportunities to be found in the Theran Quarter, and it provides a guide to assist those determined to travel into the Theran part of Vivane.

