

# Tales from the Cotting House Player's Guide

## Part Three: Adventuring

### 16.1 Glossary of Terms

*"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."*  
--Unknown

**Aaron Farraway** The current High King of Farraway and the Houselands.

**Adept, Sandman** A sandman who specializes in manipulating his own abilities while in the Slumberland.

**Anathema** Home of demonkind. It is a hostile place where nothing of the Written World can survive.

**Archer** A fighting man who specializes in attacking from a distance.

**Architect, Sandman** A Sandman who exerts control over the Slumberland.

**Asylum** A town within the woods, near the Collamoore border. Asylum is a hospital for the mentally unstable and is the headquarters for the Sandmen.

**Barumbi Basin** A region of tropical jungle west of the Dust Lands, separated from it by a great escarpment. The House Lands have several settlements on the north and west edges of the basin, but most of the basin remains unexplored.

**Bracken** A goblin town on the border of UnderMarsh in Cottington Woods. Bracken is at least partially underwater, making travel there difficult for non-goblins.

**Brawler** A fighting man who specializes in fighting bare handed. Usually a precursor to being dead or becoming an unarmed monk.

**Brer** An animal that walks and sometimes talks like a man. Brer, in every other way, are animals.

**Briardown** The capitol of the Heart Lands.

**Canyon Lands** The region east and south of the House Lands, described by a series of great canyons.

**Carroway Fortress** A ruin dating back to the time of the Robber Barons. It is expansive, built over a thousand years by baron after baron.

**Church of the Word** The institution dedicated to the study of the Written World and the works of the First Patron.

**Club Lands** One of the four House Lands in the Kingdom of Farraway. Also known as Collamoore or the House of Clubs.

**Codex** A publication assembled by the Grimm Brotherhood. The codex is part bible, part adventurer's journal.

**Collamoore** See the Club Lands. Also the capitol of the Club Lands.

**Cottington Woods** A fairy enchanted woodland in the upper middle of the four House Lands.

**Craft** The talent that witches have to control the natural world around them.

**Curren, Lord** The first known Robber Baron. Credited with the invention of currency. Lord Curren is believed to have a tomb hidden somewhere in Carroway Fortress.

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**Death** At the end of your life, you die. A person can sometimes die a number of times before true Death claims him. The dead sometimes come back as undead. If not, they will often be drawn to a graveyard.

**Death, True** A person who dies and does not come back. This may occur any time a person dies.

**Demon** A creature from Anathema. Demons are unquestionably evil, and seek to undo the Written World.

**Diamond Lands** One of the four House Lands in the Kingdom of Farraway. Also known as Westall or the House of Diamonds.

**Dust Lands** A vast desert south of the House Lands.

**Elf** A humanlike fairy-esque race native to Greencloud.

**Empath, Sandman** A Sandman who specializes in aiding others to gain control over their own dreams.

**Fairy** A being from the Fairy Lands.

**Fairy Lands** An otherworldly place that is connected to the Written World by the Mists.

**Farraway** The seat of the high King and capitol of the House Lands.

**First Patron** The author of the Written World.

**Frostwroth** The land over the waters to the north. Also the people who live in that land. The Frostwroth remain a constant threat to the people of Collamoor, and by extension to the House Lands.

**Gant** A giant ant, of course.

**Gobaleen Mountains** The range of Mountains northwest of the House Lands.

**Goblin** A humanlike race native to the Gobaleen Mountains. Goblins have green skin and are amphibious, but otherwise appear as humans.

**Golem** A man created through artificial means.

**Graveyard** The place you go when you die, and often, if you do not give up the ghost, the place you come to life again.

**Greencloud** The mysterious land of the elves. No non-elf has ever seen Greencloud.

**Greencloud Mountains** An impassable mountain range that surrounds the elven land.

**Grimm Abbey** Home of the Grimm Brotherhood. Also, the place where the Codex is compiled and published.

**Gypsy (also Wanderkin)** Any of a number of groups originating from the Dust Lands, but without a permanent home, who move about the Written World.

**Halfway** Once a way station for the Red-Castle railway, now the Halfway is an Inn on the south side of Cottington Woods.

**Harrier** A fighting man who strikes hard and fast in combat, often from behind the target and with surprise.

**Healer** One who heals the injured. Also a priest who specializes in healing through the power of Faith.

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**Hearth Witch** A witch who specializes in controlling her environment, especially a home. Hearth Witches are unparalleled healers.

**Heart Lands** One of the four House Lands in the Kingdom of Faraway. Also known as the Heartlands or the House of Hearts.

**Herbalist** A person who studies herbs and their uses, and can create potions using herbs.

**House Down Under** The name assumed by the colonists of Lakupaparoo.

**Houselander** A person native to the Houselands.

**House Lands** The combined area under the control of the House of Clubs, Diamonds, Hearts and Spades.

**House of Cards** The neutral forum used by the four House Land governments. The House of Cards existed from 1500 to 1700.

**Invasion of Dreams** The name given to an attempted invasion by demons of Anathema around two hundred years ago.

**Jack** An agent in service to the King of Faraway.

**Kingdom of Gold** A great kingdom that fell about a thousand years ago. It existed around a series of rivers in the middle of the Dust Lands.

**Laketown** A town in the Spade Lands.

**Lakupaparoo** A land far to the west over the sea, colonized by the Houselands. The colonists have established the House Down Under.

**Lands** The various regions around the Written World. The word land is sometimes used alone and sometimes used as a prefix.

**Example:** House Lands and Houselands are both considered correct.

**Magic** Loopholes in the way the world works. Generally considered by the Priests of the Word to exist between the lines of the First Patron's works.

**Magic** The exceptions to the way things should normally work.

**Magician** One who studies and uses magic.

**Man of Science** One who studies the Laws of Science.

**Midcastle** The capitol of the Diamond Lands.

**Mind Illuminated** An organization of Men of Science responsible for toppling the House of Cards.

**Mists** (in particular the **Fairy Mists, sometimes called the Change Winds**) An often invisible force or phenomena thought to be fairy in nature that causes "odd effects" to occur. Typically this effects the time it takes to travel from place to place, but the mists have been known to effect other things as well.

**Mount OverMarsh** A mountainous ruin north of UnderMarsh in Cottington Woods. Once home to many goblins, Mount Overmarsh is now abandoned.

**Oldwood** The deepest part of Cottington Wood. Not much is known of Oldwood.

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**Paladin** A warrior who fights with the power of Faith. Paladins are very effective when fighting demons or undead.

**Patron** A powerful entity. Patrons write events as they occur around the Written World.

**Point**, also **Silver Point** or **Gold Point** A single unit of currency. Ten silver points equals one gold point. Also, paper money has been issued by the Church of the Word.

**Priest of the Word** a student of the Written World. See also Healer, Paladin, and Scholar.

**Redbridge** A town in the Spade Lands.

**Red-Castle Railway** A series of railways crossing the three southern House Lands.

**Redfeather Canyon** The greatest of the canyons in the Canyon Lands. Also the name of the town that exists in that canyon. Redfeather Canyon is the cultural center of the Canyon Lands.

**Riding Hood** A patroller and warden of the forest. Once an organization backed by the king of Faraway, now the Riding Hoods act on their own. The officers of the Riding Hoods wear red hoods to mark their station.

**Ritualist** A type of magician who specializes in the slow use of magic and the creation of magical items.

**Robber Barons** A term used to define the hundreds of kingdoms that rose and fell across the land from the beginning of recorded history until about 1500.

**Rollinghill** See the Spade Lands.

**Sandman** One who is able to remain lucid while dreaming, and gain control over his dreams.

**Scholar** One who studies. Also, a priest who specializes in collecting, verifying and studying written works.

**Science, the Laws of Science** The rules, rituals and patterns that make sense of the world. Science is out of favor today.

**Skinchanger** A man able to wear the skin of an animal and become that animal. Skinchangers are generally feared.

**Slumberland** The Place of Dreams. The Slumberland, on the surface, are the sum off of every dreamers Dreamscape.

**Spade Lands** One of the four House Lands in the Kingdom of Faraway. Also known as Rollinghill or the House of Spades.

**Taiden Sheh** A kingdom east of the Canyon Lands and Greencloud. Also called the Petal Kingdom.

**Terrors (Night Terrors)** The horrifying fears beneath the Slumberland that seek to consume all dreams

**Thornwall** An elven place in eastern Cottington Woods. Thornwall is on an island, and is as far into the elven land of Greencloud as any non-elf has ever gone.

**Trace** The Capitol of the Spade Lands.

**Troglodyte** A humanoid creature that dwells deep beneath the ground. Troglodytes are also called Troggs.

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**Undead** A once living thing that is stuck in an animated or not quite dead state, generally harmful and twisted to pursue some horrible goal.

**UnderMarsh** A boggy wetland in northwest Cottington Woods, just this side of the Gobaleen Mountains.

**Virtue Farraway** The daughter of the current high king.

**Very Bad Bargain** A term used to describe a bargain between Queen Equiline Farraway and a fairy, which resulted in the loss of every horse in the House Lands.

**Warrior** A fighting man who specializes in close combat.

**Westall** See the Diamond Lands.

**Witch** A person who is attuned to the force of nature, and usually is in harmony with his environment. See also Hearthwitch and Woodwitch.

**Word, The** The teachings of the First Patron. The term "word" is synonymous with "Knowledge" or "Truth".

**Wolf** A type of animal that is common to Cottington Woods. Also, the first written word.

**Woodwitch** A witch who is especially in tune with the natural world around her.

**Written World** The world on which our game takes place.

**Zombie** A common form of undead.