

The Magrina Family

The Magrina family took a stand against the constant conflict by using the deserts of the world to their advantage. Since travel within the desert can be extremely dangerous, most consider it usually not worth the trouble, and avoid the area completely. The Magrina themselves enjoy a relatively peaceful (if survival focused) nomadic lifestyle, caring little of individual possessions and travelling the sands using lightweight flying machines.

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Halfway through the second Great War, the Magrina family isolated themselves to the deserts of the world, occupying the largest desert as their main territory. They were tired of war and decided the best way to avoid it was by avoiding all the families entirely. In fact, for a decade or so after the war ended, no one heard anything from Magrina except for cryptidesque sightings at night and during storms near the edges of the desert.

Families on both sides of the conflict gained a great amount of resentment towards Magrina. Seeing them as cowardly and unwilling to see things through to the end. Magrina of course saw it as pragmatic. They were nearly as small as Lenui, and the war was draining their resources faster than expected.

So abruptly, Magrina left the war. Bunkers and fortresses were abandoned in days or hours sometimes and the family vanished for a decade. Then as suddenly as they left, Magrina decided to start showing their face once more. Small trades with settlements on the desert borders, and raiding parties on mining operations. Before it could get out of hand the other families started reaching out, offering seats at democratic councils, and cooperation on drawing borders and territories. All offers were rejected. Magrina had become self sustaining and entirely isolationist.

This was a considerable threat to families like Maret and Lageurre who would be at a severe disadvantage if they ever had to travel into the desert to fight. More importantly, and for all families, the intentions and politics of Magrina were a complete mystery and most simply chose to consider them a hostile entity to be run off or put down if discovered outside of their desert territory.

It was not until the Kota family began their expansion that Magrina opened up communication. Most assumed that seeing Kota barges flying without resistance through the desert sky was enough to wake up the Magrina to the modern, cooperative age. While it took time, eventually a supply line was established between Magrina and Kota and through this communication also commenced. The people of Magrina, as it turned out, were no more aggressive or antagonistic as any other family, but their nomadic and isolationist mentalities had become a part of their survival mindset and was a difficult habit to break. To this day, most still see the Magrina as harsh in their mannerisms and difficult to talk to, and there is only a small percentage of the population who are even willing to step foot outside the desert.