
The City Above the Clouds

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Some kingdoms were never built upon the earth.



Prologue

When the Ancient Builders reopened their gates, they revealed more than the civilization beneath Ironcrest. Far above the mountains, beyond the reach of ordinary travelers, Aetherion had remained suspended between the earth and the stars. Its celestial engines never stopped. Its dragons never abandoned their sanctuary. Its people waited for the moment the sky gates would open again.



The Floating Kingdom

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Historical Event:	Aetherion is revealed above the clouds, sustained by enormous celestial crystals.
Location:	The Upper Skies of Valekor
Main Characters:	Aetherian citizens, Ancient Builders, sky navigators
Major Consequence:	The modern kingdoms learn that an entire civilization survived beyond the reach of the earth.
Legacy:	Aetherion becomes the first confirmed sky kingdom of the new age.



Bridges Among the Clouds

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Historical Event: Colossal bridges reconnect the floating districts and neighboring sky islands.

Location: The Cloudways of Aetherion

Main Characters: Bridge Keepers, merchants, aerial engineers

Major Consequence: Trade and movement resume across the suspended kingdom

Legacy: The bridges prove the city was designed as a connected celestial civilization.



The Sky Guardians

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Historical Event: Winged guardians patrol the skies on ancient flying creatures.

Location: The Aetherion Air Guard

Main Characters: Sky Guardians, aerial mounts, border sentinels

Major Consequence: Aetherion secures its borders and prepares for contact with the kingdoms below.

Legacy: The Sky Guardians become protectors of every gate leading into the city.



The Crystal Core

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Historical Event: The energy heart of Aetherion is restored after thousands of years.

Location: The Celestial Engine Chamber

Main Characters: Crystal Keepers, Ancient Builders, royal engineers

Major Consequence: The floating city regains full power and stability.

Legacy: The Crystal Core is revealed as one of the greatest technological achievements in Valekor.



The Library of Eternity

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Historical Event:	A vast archive preserves the knowledge of civilizations long forgotten by the surface world.
Location:	The Eternal Archive
Main Characters:	Archivists, scholars, memory guardians
Major Consequence:	Lost histories, maps and technologies become available again.
Legacy:	The library becomes the most important source of ancient knowledge in Valekor.



The Dragon Sanctuary

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Historical Event: The oldest dragons are discovered resting in protected temples above the clouds.

Location: The Sanctuary of First Wings

Main Characters: Ancient dragons, dragon keepers, sky priests

Major Consequence: The connection between Aetherion and the first dragon dynasties is confirmed.

Legacy: The sanctuary prepares the story of the First Dragon Emperor.



The Throne Above the World

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Historical Event: The ruler of Aetherion observes the kingdoms below from the highest palace in Valekor.

Location: The Celestial Throne

Main Characters: The Sky King, royal council, surface ambassadors

Major Consequence: Aetherion declares its return to the political world.

Legacy: The throne becomes a symbol of authority above every earthly kingdom.



The Sky Gates Open

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Historical Event:	Celestial portals reopen, allowing travel between Aetherion and the surface.
Location:	The Great Sky Gates
Main Characters:	Gate Keepers, emissaries, citizens of Valekor
Major Consequence:	The isolated sky kingdom reconnects with the continent.
Legacy:	A new era of exploration begins and leads to the rise of the First Dragon Emperor.



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Before kingdoms had kings, dragons had emperors.