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Lu Veixe is a small, historically notable settlement located to the north west of Selen’s industrial capital of Korda, on the periphery of military installations important to the Arconan summit, most notably the HIVE (also known as the AEF Logistics and Command Center), and the covert outpost at Ember Hill, where the DDF conducts trials for experimental weapon systems.

The village itself is, for the most part, isolated from these activities. It is -or was- notable for being one of the oldest, and best preserved- active Selenian communities on Selen, relatively untouched by the activities of modern society. Most notably, many of the villages central structures were millenia old, constructed of plank and stone, suspended above the ground by a series of stilts to help them weather the rainy season. The majority of the village’s permanent inhabitants are Selenian, with a population last counted at around six hundred and thirty-eight. They are linguilly distinct, with many of the village’s elders and older adults speaking a complex dialect of the Selenian tongue, notable for an audible vowel “drag”.

The village, in the past, was notable for its economic isolation from larger communities in the area, especially Korda. Most food is brought in through subsistence crops of monocot cereal grains in the freshwater wetlands provided by the nearby lake, augmented by strictly controlled public fisheries, with each family being assigned specific “catchery” quotas by the village council. However, in recent decades, regular life in the village has been substantially disrupted.

Firstly, as heavy industry sprang to life in Korda, so did an incredibly quantity of atmospheric pollution. Gaseous discharge produced by foundries in Korda resulted in acid rains that struck the lake that provided the main means of sustenance in Lu Veixe. The water’s PH rose to unsafe levels, large parts of the fish population died, and the yearly crop shrank. Secondly, with a distinct need for electricity in Korda, the HIVE, and Ember Hill, the Arconan Summit constructed an enormous hydrostatic damn between the lake and it’s largest tributary, gorging

the body of water into an enormous reservoir and creating the distinct “pair” of lakes north of Korda.

Unfortunately, sacrifices were made for this power. “Old” Lu Veixe, right on the banks of the lake, would have been completely flooded out, buried under hundreds of feet of water and sediment. This, however, never came to pass. Thanks in part to efforts by the University of Selen, a multi-million credit donation was made that allowed the village to be moved, buildings and all, to a new location on the banks of the new lake. But, things will never be the same for the new Lu Veixe. Many ancient grounds and meeting places were lost, their societal function has been fractured, and their way of life is no longer sustainable in the face of pollution. With many of the village’s young adults leaving, it is now a ghost of itself. The elders know the truth. Their language, and village, will soon die, remembered only by the students who visit to see a fading oddity.