

Aliso: Heart of the World Seed



(Source: The Dark Crystal: Age of Resistance)

Located at the center of the impact crater created by the Children of Mortis asteroid lies the Heart of the World Seed. The World Seed crystal responsible for the changes that were wrought on the surface of Aliso stands nearly two meters tall and pulsates with a gentle amethyst glow from within. The structures called forth from the crystal radiate out in what at first seems like a chaotic pattern but are in fact barred spiral. Those buildings closest to the center appear much more organic and misshapen, becoming more orderly with right angles and more defined structure the farther out from the crystal they travel. It is thought that the power from within the crystal is still somewhat untamed, and the forces within resist being harnessed which results in less controlled structural creation the closer one approaches the crystal. Nearest to the crystal the structures meld into distorted stone and landscape to almost resemble the bones of giant beasts, even the land being corrupted by the World Seed.

The crystal seems to have as profound an impact on the atmospheric conditions in the crater as it does on the surrounding terrain. The center of the crater is shrouded in perpetual near darkness as there seems to be a storm system driven above the crystal itself, the cloud layers so thick that they block out nearly all sunlight even at the height of noon with the system primary directly overhead. The storm does not bring any rain, with any precipitation evaporating before it gets anywhere near the ground as a result of the radiant power of the crystal. Other conditions driven by the self-driven storm, such as wind shear and lightning strikes, can still be found even at ground level. These localized conditions can dramatically deteriorate if there are any naturally occurring storm systems moving through the area of Aliso City and the crater, as if the two storm systems reinforce and augment one another.

The most dangerous aspect of this location is the presence of the Ascension Gas of the Children that seems to hang along the ground like a fog. Mostly rising only to knee level the gas seems to be

generated from within the World Seed crystal itself. The gas seems to vary in density, with the Crystal almost seeming to "breathe" the gas out in regular intervals that mirror some unnatural rhythm from deep within.

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