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*For anyone who feels trapped in a dark place—
May you find the light again.*

*And for Jeff—
My leap of faith.*



WELCOME BACK TO ANGELTHENE

AS ALWAYS, WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR STAY. PLEASE AVOID GOING OUT AFTER SUNSET, AND KEEP A FORM OF PROTECTION ON YOU AT ALL TIMES. THE USE OF BLOOD STAVES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. DARKSLAYERS OPERATE IN THE CITY, SO EXERCISING A HIGH LEVEL OF CAUTION IN ALL DISTRICTS IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS. AVOID UNNECESSARY TRAVEL TO THE MEATPACKING DISTRICT, HOODED SKULLCAP, STONE'S END, EBONFIELD, OLDTOWN, THE NARROW HILLS, AND THE BLACK ALDER DISTRICT. TRAVEL TO ANGELTHENE NATIONAL FOREST IS RECOMMENDED ONLY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF SEVEN A.M. AND THREE P.M. ALL CELL PHONES WITHIN CITY LIMITS ARE PROGRAMMED TO RECEIVE ALERTS REGARDING BLOOD MOONS. IF A BLOOD MOON IS IN THE FORECAST, STAY INSIDE THE FORCEFIELD UNTIL DAWN. REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO THE MAGICAL PROTECTIONS UNIT IMMEDIATELY.





DARKSLAYING CIRCLES OF ANGELTHENE

THE SEVEN DEVILS

Marked with a horned letter S in the gothic script of an ancient world, they answer to Darien Cassel, Head of Hell's Gate

THE REAPERS

Marked with the cloaked and masked God of Death, they answer to Malakai Delaney, Head of the House of Souls and Right Hand of Darien Cassel

THE HUNTSMEN

Marked with a Hellhound, they answer to Lionel Savage, Head of the Hunting Grounds and former Right Hand of Randal Slade

THE ANGELS OF DEATH

Marked with overlapping wings in white ink, they answer to Dominic Valencia, Head of Death's Landing

THE WARGS

Marked with a crescent moon in luminescent ink, they answer to Channary Graves, Head of the House on the Pier

THE VIPERS

Marked with an animated striking serpent, they answer to Jude Monson, Head of the Den of Vipers

All Darkslaying circles in Angelthene answer to Darien Cassel, Head of all circles in the city. No one outside of these six circles may operate on Angelthene soil. To do so is punishable by death.



NOW ENTERING YVESWICH,

THE STATE'S HISTORIC CAPITAL. WHILE WE ENCOURAGE OUR VISITORS TO EXPLORE THE MANY THINGS THERE ARE TO SEE WITHIN THE CITY, WE URGE YOU, DUE TO THE HIGH PRESENCE OF DARKSLAYERS AND OTHERWORLDLY CREATURES, TO EXERCISE CAUTION. WHILE ALL ZONES ARE OPEN TO TOURISTS AND ORDINARY CITIZENS, IT IS HIGHLY ADVISABLE TO AVOID ANY GRAY AND RED ZONES AND USE CAUTION IN THE BLUE. ABOVE ALL, WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND OUR GUESTS TO KEEP AWAY FROM WATERFALLS AFTER SUNSET, AVOID SWIMMING BEYOND THE BUOYS, AND—MOST IMPORTANTLY—KEEP OUT OF THE FOG.

