



GOTTA BE THERE

LIVING THE CORONADOS DREAM

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To get to the point, Los Coronados is a dream a lot of individuals have that got shared along the way. To live here, you must be a survivor: know how to swim, learn to relate to anything, not be afraid to fly, and just stay focused. The two cities that were here before the Twins were stark opposites of one another, or so we are told before the collapse of the States. San Diego and Tijuana—both legends in their own way. On the California side of the border, San Diego was an expensive, high energy, socially salivating melting pot of people. It was a military hub for naval and armed forces, as well as command for the South Pacific operations of that nation. It had everything and once was an example of “the American Dream.” Tijuana on the other hand was a struggling sprawl of two million people, more than half of them SINless, and possibly half of them employed by companies based in San Diego or Tenochtitlán. It was often violent, having a long history of cartel involvement

with all the included drugs and instability that went with it. It was also a hub for what was originally the Mexican army and then later the Aztlán military.

Those were the years.

> The SINless numbers of Tijuana at the time were not as vast as this, but there were a lot of them. Pre-NAN years, populations from nations farther south would make the trip across Mexico, often on foot with families of all ages, hoping for a better life in the States. Once the fighting started between the United States government and the SAIM, of which Aztlán was part of if you paid attention, began, the shift in people changed. For a brief period, maybe five years, no one went anywhere unless they were trafficked. Then people started moving into California from the burgeoning NAN territory, and into Mexico-cum-Aztlán,

as the financial and social stresses maxed out already overwhelmed social services.
 > UCASian

Today, more than a decade after the Twins, Los Coronados is a very large and widespread collection of enclaves, both federal and corporate in nature. It is an important hub of finance, manufacturing, entertainment, and intrigue that many say rivals or surpasses that found in Seattle, Hong Kong, or Berlin. It serves as an example of what may be possible if enough effort is poured into something, and of course if you allow several million nuyen and people to go astray. Found among its enclaves are power generation and transmission facilities that bring light to more than fifty million people extending far into Baja California and Northern Aztlán. Vertical agrifarms rise above waters where aquaculture not only recovers but begins to expand once more. With most gravity-fed waterways disrupted or destroyed, water desalination and rare mineral refinement technologies provide for the hydration of the masses while, remarkably, not adding to the poisons left in parts of the new channels.

- > Mostly true. All those things do exist, but Costero is skimming his remarks here just a bit.
- > Tituba

MINORITY DE UNO

This is an important note to Los Coronados for all the census and marketing trackers. It is a certain fact that every major sprawl on the planet today is made up primarily of metahumans and metahuman variants, with a few notable exceptions in Amazonia, Yakut, and the Naga Kingdom. The people of Los Coronados comprise multiple representatives of sapient species, brought on by a confluence of massive labor demands and being part of one of the larger Awakened nations. When mingling among the enclaves, you will be exposed to individuals who are not part of the metahuman tree, and many not even of corporeal flesh. NuSapient registration for instance has risen to over fifty thousand, with the demand for Matrix housing rising with it, and as this has risen, so too has the demand for electrical power, which fortunately is plentiful.

Aztlán already recognizes a broader array of potential citizens than in many western-centric nations, but with the megacorporate sponsorship of Aztechnology and the pressure being applied by the rising social and labor markets, Los Coronados is among the first metroplex centers to include non-bipedal services as standard in many neighborhoods. The local coatl and plumed ser-

pent populations, while often discomforting for the unfamiliar visitor, have driven the demand to also include housing services that are built in what might have otherwise been inhospitable locations, reminiscent of earlier cliff-dwelling civilizations in history. Aztechnology's many architectural and engineering subsidiaries have risen to the challenges that arose in the wake of the greatest natural disaster of the century.

- > Natural, right. Seismologists remain undecided on this subject, especially what happened with the canyoning that took place with the second quake. While officially the quake was around 9.6 on the Richter scale, the damage wrought was psychologically immeasurable. The only other instance in living history is the channel that was formed when the Kamchatka Peninsula was separated from mainland Siberia. Somehow that didn't trigger tsunami events the way the Twins did.
- > Rockhound
- > Coatls, plumed serpents, changelings, shape-shifters, merrow, NuSapients ... it's more like a zoo than a metroplex in LC.
- > Sapiens

- > Easy, now. They outnumber you by your own measure.
- > Marko

- > What exactly are coatls and plumed serpents anyway? I have never been to Baja, or the Yucatán, or Amazonia, and I understand they can be found in all those places.
- > Stone

- > Plumed serpents are closely related to naga, in that they are massive terrestrial serpents, but instead of covered in scales, they are covered in feathered scales. Color variations are extensive, and they often possess serpent- or dragon-like visages (as do coatls, which are similar in appearance). Many of them further seek out the methods of altering their plumage, by mundane or magical means, just to make them more noticeable. Coatls are similar to plumed serpents—shorter in length, but with feathered wings that, when combined with their other innate capabilities, make them highly maneuverable in flight. Some athletes among them can achieve speeds comparable to small rotorcraft. The "are they dragons" debate rages, made all that much more confusing with the lack of response confirming or denying this by any of the Feathered Great Dragons like Hualpa or Mujaji.
- > Mikesh

> If you encounter any of these feathered vipers, watch out for their "Bladefeather" and "Bladebane" spells or abilities. Nothing worse than discovering that all that plumage is hard as mil-spec or sharp as monofilament suddenly.

> Zoltrix

> Question on the populace data. I've looked, and Petztli does not contain the original data points used to come at these final calculations. How was this conducted?

> Rikki

> That is a closely held secret. But techniques similar to those used by the Yakutian ambassadors and Seers in Asamando were utilized around the time of the consecration of the Faros. Combined with anonymous observations in the communities, tallies were made. The tally is also from last year.

> EvenkProud

GOVERNMENT MODELING

While all modern metropolises in the Sixth World are managed with some kind of capitalist-dominated system, Los Coronados, like many similar cities in Aztlán, are variations on the socialist theme. Consumer-socialism is perhaps the best label that professors and brain-bins have put upon it, with everyone who possesses a legal SIN being required to put in (in-put?) a required number of hours or be part of a recognized corporate entity in exchange for their rights and privileges of residency. Dependency is a subject of debate in the enclaves, which can also muddle the picture a bit. It displays the glaring differences in any sort of class or caste system. But given the cultural background that many of the persons possess, very few do not at least recognize the role they must play on some level.

> Okay, he skipped some stuff here. Every resident of Los Coronados (or "Los Locos," as we like to call it) must contribute some amount of labor registered with a legitimate business entity or government agency in order to utilize public services. The more you put in, the higher the degree of services that extends to you. Some positions of course have what are called "hour boosters" applied to them, but with the expansion of labor in the NuSapient population, more than a few of boosters have been downgraded.

> Dockhand#314

> OH-MY-GODS! It happened; they really did take their jobs!

> Slamm-0!

#user Slamm-0! on 24-hour timeout in this channel

> That took me far too long to understand.

> Bull

One of the perks of living legitimately here is that all basic medical services are covered. These include checkups, childcare, vaccinations, dental, mental health services, and basic housing. A big perk is that, starting in '81, each of the thirty enclaves have public *buey tlacualli*, or "big foods," each with serving capacities exceeding twenty-five hundred persons, arrayed in massive patio styles and themed with various local artists.



> Whoa, hold on a second. If I pull my base weight, I get all that? What's the catch?

> Stone

> The basic foods have already earned the term *itaca*, which while yes, it means "food," it's really like "foodstuff," heavy on the "stuff." I guess they aren't too bad, but some of offerings and locations do have shortages for all the flavor perks frequently. They are also outdoor seating, many covered with solar arrays or medium-scale wind power systems doubling as shelter or protection from the sun. Service varies too, but proud people sometimes are encouraged to spruce up their food where they are able. I helped set up some of the earlier HTs, and it felt good just to see people eat. It bothered me they didn't possess the ability to serve real food often enough.

> Papa Miguel

> Better than Devil Rat Skewers over barrel fires in Redmond or Silverfish Stir Fry in Kowloon.

> Lei Kung

> Truth.

> Papa Miguel

> People should also know that some of the enclaves with more well-off populations tend to also have higher-end HTs: La Jolla, Pasqual, San Diego, Coronado-Oh that is so good, etc. An old tradition known as "Restaurant Week" also kicks off quite the competition among these public spaces, often being supported by bonus offerings from the higher-star-rated restaurants.

> QuitoMole

> In the Tijuana Enclaves, these are also known as "gastro parks," with multiple smaller versions of them being paid services areas with even more upscale dining options.

> Tituba

> Can we PLEASE stop talking about food? I'm hungry now!

> Butch

GETTING AROUND THE ENCLAVES

Los Coronados is somewhat unique in that it comprises a number of metropolitan enclaves. Each having their own independent Matrix and power grids, supported by the wider San Ysidro Hydropower facilities located along the entirety of the channel, stretching from the Pacific Ocean in the west to the Gulf of California in the east. Traveling between the enclaves is possible by a number of land, sea, and air providers, both public and private.

Light rail is provided by the *Tepozcōatl*, a maglev system replacing the previous MTA light rail that operated between San Diego and Tijuana. Nearly every station also serves as a metropolitan transit hub for bussing, taxi, and rideshare options, with several stations also adjacent to VTOL and LTA air commuter agencies. Massive transit spans enable travel between the islands and the mainland, combining rail and roads for conventional vehicles. Semi-transparent solar panels overhead provide power.

> The transit spans have extra layers of Matrix security to guard against Wild Matrix incursions, in addition to any security already being provided by commercial freight-haulers on a case-by-case basis.

> Gramius

> There are large pedestrian lanes that run parallel to the standard commuter traffic lanes on the upper tier, above the rail lanes. These are more trafficked than people might believe, with the allowance for licensed personal motor vehicles giving people that ability to come and

SERVICE PROVIDER (DIVISION)

Transit Rail	Tepozcōatl (Aztech Shuttle Services)
Fire Safety	Tapayaxin Teyaochi (supported by Seguridad Primero)
GridGuide	Kuali Yauilistli (Petztli)
Healthcare	QuetzalCare (MediCarro)
Matrix Services	Petztli (Optical Dreams)
Police	Coronados Police Department (ACS)
Power	Energía Viva
Prisons	Manchón Blanco Penitentiary
Public Works	varies by enclave
Sanitation	varies by enclave

go on their own. These are monitored fairly heavily, and by comparison to many mainland streets and sidewalks, kept clear of debris ... and SINless.

> Zoltrix

> I checked out the Gran Puente that runs from Tijuana to Otay-Garita. If you have a fear of heights, do not travel this way. The spans have an 82-meter clearance above the water to allow for maritime traffic to pass beneath them undisturbed, which includes a few merchant ships and the Aztlán Navy. The various traffic decks are higher up still, with the solar panels I think at around 101 meters. They are wild. I was passed by a pair of merrow in those Evo Landreaders going full tilt, which are BIG if you've never really been next to one. I definitely would prefer the rail system, or a car, but these are something to experience as an outsider.

> Fanboy

> To be fair, not all of them are that high, but some of them in the deeper enclaves are upright (get it, UP-right?) dizzying in excess of 300 meters above the water or more.

> Sangre

During the rebuilding and expansion of Los Coronados, rail and ground commuter routes were combined in tiered structures linking most of the enclaves. Many of these run underground, well ventilated at regular intervals alongside access ramps and pedestrian egress points. Others run aboveground, soaring over waterways in massive transit spans. Integrated solar collectors and piezoelectric systems generate power.

The automated guidance service is provided by *Kuali Yauilistli*, a dedicated series of more than thirty framework hosts that load-share and inter-

act to provide X-Guide services. While these services are shielded by the Petzli matrix, they are capable of network isolation upon instruction from appropriate directors such as the Aztlán military or emergency response services.

> The designs of the transit spans, travel corridors, and interchange hubs were outlined decades ago by Mahmoud Ettouney (dual PhD in civil and architectural engineering) and brought up to modern technological standards by Jason Spurrier (PhD in mechanical engineering). The latter being one of the design masterminds within Cityscapes, whose wife is now the COO for the Los Coronados offices. Their daughter is in the priesthood locally.

> Pyramid Watcher

> I heard there are issues surrounding Juliana. She had scholarships gifted to her by the Aztlán Department of Education that she never sought out or applied for. Her parents attempt to keep a close eye on her, but it seems that the Voices of Tezcatlipocas, a group within the larger Tezcatlipoca faithful, are most eager to have her join them.

> Frosty



> She's a gifted young woman and has displayed Awakened talents as well as the intellectual prowess of her parents. She is rarely without a Uniball-4 personal service drone, which has been identified as "Kenny" in Matrix recognition services. The drone has proven time and time again to be most successful at providing her with both security and personal protection.

> Clockwork

On the subject of vehicles, owning a non-electric variety is more expensive, made more so by the licensing restrictions placed upon them. Fees imposed upon vehicles that originate from outside the nation are commonly ten percent of the vehicle's listed sale price at the time of purchase. Non-electric private vehicles from outside the na-

tion are expressly prohibited in Los Coronados.

> This sounds rough to some old-timers, but it really is not that bad. Most vehicles are electric these days, and more than 50% of LC is very friendly for PMVs of all types. That's not to say they don't exist, but given that more than 15% of our population has some kind of heightened senses, having a combustion-style vehicle is a detail that will certainly stand out.

> Sangre

Some of the travel spans have significant meaning to the people of the enclaves. The rebuilt Coronado Bay Bridge connects downtown San Diego with Coronado Island as it once did before. In memory of the previous bridge, the span is colored a vibrant navy blue with the checkpoint on the Coronado side functional once more. On the San Diego side, pier 19 beneath the bridge now has a bay view park that is open during daylight hours and has a brief memorial and AR history of the original bridge and its significance. The same history also includes trideo and AR overlays that include the USS Midway's location in the immediate aftermath of the Twins.

The Ndaxagua Bridge that connects the north shore of Cabrillo just east of Ocean Beach across Mission Bay was the first new transit span to be completed, funded almost entirely by local businesses and philanthropic organizations. It has dedicated ramps that lead down to Ce Huēyātl before continuing to the east of cruise-ship row where it follows up the route of the old I5 canyon east of La Jolla before branching out.

Aztech Shuttle Services provides more than sixty percent of the aerial commuter shuttles that crisscross between the more distant destinations. Commuter aerodromes provide multiple landing platforms for VTOL and LAV aircraft and are part of the overall design of the Transit Interchange Hubs—nicknamed "ties"—most of which are centrally located in the commercial and economic hotspots of the enclaves. The primary airports are located in the Otay-Garita and Esperanza-Ramona enclaves. Esperanza-Ramona is a non-hypersonic facility, with extensive LTA and VTOL fields as well as flights to nearby major airport hubs. Otay-Garita is certified as a mega-facility, with two primary airfields which include sub- and transorbital air services as well as a central aerodrome with a capacity of sixteen vertical points. The O-G facility is also a major Transit Interchange Hub, serving both light rail and directing rail freight traffic to appropriate routes beneath the airport.

> The loss of the Miramar airfield was almost a crippling blow to the northern Aztlán air force and should have been, had it not been for some

incredibly fast responses to launch every aircraft they had.

> Titubo

> There remain so many elements of conjecture that at least some individuals had advanced knowledge, and this is one of the biggest. It turned out to be elements of timing and training rotation.

> Costero

PEOPLE OF THE CHANNELS

Life has returned to Los Coronados, but for many it's not the same. The place they knew doesn't exist anymore. The neighbors are strangers, either displaced or immigrated with the rebuilding. The fundamental trust that the land beneath their feet will always be there was broken in '69. This manifested a generation of survivors to give up living in a house on land and finding comfort in a boat that can move if another quake (or worse) strikes. What started as a makeshift collection of whatever floats has evolved with the influx of trajineras built for transporting goods through the smaller channels and the arrival of tribal missionaries like the Uros people to teach survival skills to those not yet helped by the government. Irony was not lost.

The People of the Channels are diverse but have the same goal of eking out a living as everyone else. They have simply chosen a different avenue to do so. Their homes have many modern conveniences with solar or wind collectors to run food processors, recharge drones, distill water, etc. They have created semi-permanent chinampas for food to supplement fishing within the channels. In the wider (and deeper) channels, you have the floating totoras, an organic collection of chinampas

and ships creating a permanent village with no ties to the land, slowly drifting around the channel through the seasons. It may sound like a Costner flatvid, but it's only such if you know what a flatvid is.

Channel living comes with one benefit, as they pay no utility service to any of the major Enclaves and can often relocate elsewhere if they need to. There are docking fees if anchored at any of the nearly nine-hundred marinas throughout Los Coronados. Many of those with shopping or small storefronts often keep their AROs for their pochteca (merchants license), listed but buyers are just as likely to encounter people with expired or illegally obtained versions.

CHANNEL LIFESTYLE

(Middle Class) 9,000 nuyen

REQUIRED ASSETS/QUALITIES

Off the Grid
 Drifter
 Living Expenses
 Survival Assets x1
 Personal Hygiene x1
 Bug Out Container I
 Entertainment Assets (Public) x1
 Delivery Service
 Hangout
 Household Gremlins
 Permits (Fake SIN)
 Extra Mouths to Feed
 Meta-Accommodating I
 Entertainment Assets (Private) x1
 Climatized Gear (W3)
 Environmental Hazard (Channel)



ROLLING DOWNHILL

Every enclave contracts third-party organizations to fulfill sanitation and related services, with a number of material diversion facilities established. All remaining petroleum-based products, such as plastics and mechanical lubricants, are taken to one of seven processing centers: **Sorrento Mesa Recycling** in Torrey-Carmel, **Iron Mountain Disposables** in Papas-Fritas, **Barona Recycling and Refinery** in Esmeralda-Ramona, **Sunbow Services** in Bonita, **Los Cabos Collection and Recycling** in Tijuana, **Rinconada Material Recovery** in Zona Rio, or **San Pablo Solutions** in Tecate-Granja. These same centers are joined by more than tenfold that number in local processing centers that help to sort materials and determine where best they can be reused. Composting services is big business in Los Coronados and is part of the overall water and soil reclamation efforts spearheaded by Aztechnology's **Pemex** and **Productos Cultivados** subsidiaries within the enclaves.

Water distribution and monitoring is a multi-faceted operation, consisting of **Saotome Solutions** (Saotome Aquadomes/Evo), **Mayan Sol** (Mitsuhama), **Shiawase City Services** (Shiawase), and of course lastly **Aztec PureSource** (Aztechnology). These services span every imaginable technology, and thaumaturgical methodology, regarding fresh and salt water management. **Desalination** processing stations exist in **redundancy**, or **will by 2084**, in every enclave with **storage facilities both on the surface and now subsurface on each island**. Smaller islands, such as those in the **Ahcopechtli**



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Archipelago (Central Core Enclaves) and the Lesser Islands of Poway, have their water provided by causeway pipelines or through bulk shipments that often arrive by aerial courier services.

> One of the thaumaturgical developments to surface (am I a comedian tonight or what?) is the *Clear Water* formula and its variants. This is different from spells and enchantments that work toward complete purification and detoxification of water. These formulae remove debris and particulate matter from a volume of water. They do not do anything to the chemical nature or content of the water volume affected. An employee with Aztec PureSource was explaining how it worked to me when they were sent to deal with a water main that had burst in my housing complex last year. It was located beneath a water-feature that cascaded down through the buildings, and the breakage had muddied up the area, making it impossible to clearly see what was taking place.

> Mujeres

> The original spell formula was up for corporate ruling back in '58, between a number of megacorporate and privately funded agencies. The court, in an amazing turn of events, ruled that as the formula was now in multiple hands and had been leaked to additional agencies, it would be made Open Source. Since then, it has found occasional usage in the field of diving and had very little applicable usage at the commercial level until after the Twins. It is now used to help with debris recovery methods in the canyons and where more hazardous superstructures have been submerged.

> Winterhawk

> Since it cannot be used for water purification, its commercial uses were deemed limited and could be replaced by cost-effective technologies. Immediate benefits are considerable, however, as it significantly improves visibility in cloudy, mirky, waters.

> Lyran

Fire Response is provided by **Tapayaxin Teyaochi** (roughly translated to salamander fighters), which is a local business built up after the Twins. Funded heavily by the various enclaves by way of the council directly, they have a significant drone, volunteer, and professional base to call upon. VTOL and aquatic vehicles enable them to respond to every location on the surface of the land or the seas. Subsurface responders have drones and custom-designed vehicles developed by **Seguridad Primero**, who also provide coordination and training facilities for the Teyaochi staff. **Seguridad Primero** further introduces newly developed

response technologies and techniques with the Tapayaxin Tevaochi, when responding to extreme responses like those of chemical spills or seismic phenomena.

LET'S TALK NUMBERS

Population: 5,500,000 as of 2082

Metahuman: 95.7% (5,263,500)

Changelings: 9% (473,670+)

Dwarf (includes Hanuman, Koborokuru, Menehune): 18% (947,430+)

Elf (includes Dalakitnon, Nocturna): 9% (473,715+)

Human (includes Nartaki): 38% (1,999,940+)

Ork (includes Hobgoblin, Ogre, Oni): 21% (1,105,335+)

Troll (includes Cyclops, Giant, Minotaur): 14% (736,890+)

Metasapient: 3.1% (74,000+)

Centaur: 1.5% (1,100+)

Coatl: 43.6% (32,300+)

Merrow: 22.9% (17,000+)

Naga: 12.3% (9,100+)

Pixie: Below 1% (600+)

Shapeshifter: 18.8% (13,900+)

Other – 1.2% (65,000)

Free Spirits (5,000+)

Infected (10,000+ Ghoul)

NuSapients (50,000+)

Education

Uneducated: 5% (275,000+)

Primary: 6% (330,000+)

Secondary: 65% (3,575,000+)

University: 18% (990,000+)

Advanced: 6% (330,000+)

Per Capita Income: 32,500¥

Population Below Poverty Level: 15%

Estimated SINless: 8% (440,000+)

Education: Education is free and compulsory for the first 6 years.

Literacy: 95%

> 13,000 shapeshifters!? Just wow. No wonder Yakut came to help after the Twins.
> Stone

> Those numbers are from after. The quakes displaced a lot of individuals who were staying

BONUS GAME RESOURCES

During the development of Los Coronados, a map was developed to help the writers to grasp the changes as well as what was possible. This resource has been exported to a map and viewable through the Google Maps platform. This is merely bonus content, and will be updated occasionally. The link to this resource can be found on the Penumbra Games website and is available without additional cost.

Certain details can be found highlighted upon the map, and is intended as helping to provide additional flavor and to show you the reader, the extent of what happened in 2069, during the Fourth Edition of Shadowruns development time.

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out in the mountains and down the Baja. The labor call was also put out early, and a lot of people were attracted to it and the promises that came with it. Prior to the Twins, it was probably a quarter of that number. Have to remember, for all its shadowy shortfalls, Aztlán allows most shapeshifters to be citizens. Also, before the Twins, some aid came from Amazonia. It was probably the last beneficial thing to take place between the two nations.

> Marko

> Most? Why not all? I mean, why get picky?

> Stone

> There are some who have a disposition that is hard to shake and considered more socio-pathic than others. Certain shark groups for instance.

> Marko

> Now, now, we aren't all that poorly tempered.

> Greylord

> True, but they also aren't as old as you are either.

> Marko