

## LORE CARD 009 “VIMANA STATION”



Vimana Station sprawls across a lonely mountainside, far from the squabbling remnants of the shattered Infinite Republic. Any airship you like, from majestic gliders to cargo-grade dirigibles to vortex air cruisers are all made with pride here, universally prized for their craftsmanship and innovation. And at its heart, Vimana still maintains an oriel gateway, hundreds of years old, leading to an expanse of hangars and factories, broad testing fields, and a technical university. It's one of the few oriel gateways known which were designed for airships to fly straight through into another world.

Vortex technology is an engine of miracles, enabling everything from mog crawlers adhering to the walls of buildings to half-mile high hydrofoils on the sea that travel at the speed of sound. Largely due to the audacious and paradigm-shattering engineers of Vimana Station (who dream of airships from their cribs), such vortices have taken to the air with sleek, elegant gliders and cruisers.

While many daring young souls take flight in small solo vortex gliders large enough only for themselves and collapsible into a rucksack, it's the majestic larger air cruisers that draw the crowds. Almost works of art and not airships at all, vortex air cruisers ride invisible whirlwinds much like dragonflies and can dart in any direction you like as if dancing on a string.

Grizzled veterans of the War Of The Rupture are still around these days, and it's those old hardened souls with leather faces and quiet secrets that are the first to stop what they're doing and smile when one of these cruisers passes by with only a whisper.