Create an Imaginary World

What does this world look like?

What is the topography of this world? (Examples: barren red rock with occasional geysers, heavily forested and mountain ranges, islands with palm trees that drift with the ocean current)

- 1. What is the climate? (Examples: temperature that never rises above 32 degrees below zero, jungle-like all year round)
- 2. What are some natural resources? (depleted coal reserves, little water, atmosphere without oxygen)
- 3. What type of sun? (huge blue-white, short life span; small, bright orange with a long life span; two suns in orbit around each other; if planets can exist at all, they might have unstable orbits and climate conditions)
- 4. Do you want to create an artificial structure in which your characters live? (Example: space station)

What are the rules of your society?

- 1. Rigid and hierarchical?
- 2. Freedom for all?
- 3. What sort of economy is used? What do they use for money, if anything?
- 4. Are there religions? If so, what kind and what role do they play in society?
- 5. How is it governed? (Examples: Group mind? Rulers with a certain lineage? Teenagers make all the decisions?)
- 6. How do people communicate? (Examples: villages are isolated and many language barriers, mind travel to other planets)
- 7. What happens when people get sick and old?
- 8. Who has power? What happens when that power is challenged?

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