

RIVERS of LONDON

the Roleplaying Game

In Liberty's Shadow

PLAYER HANDOUTS AND MAPS

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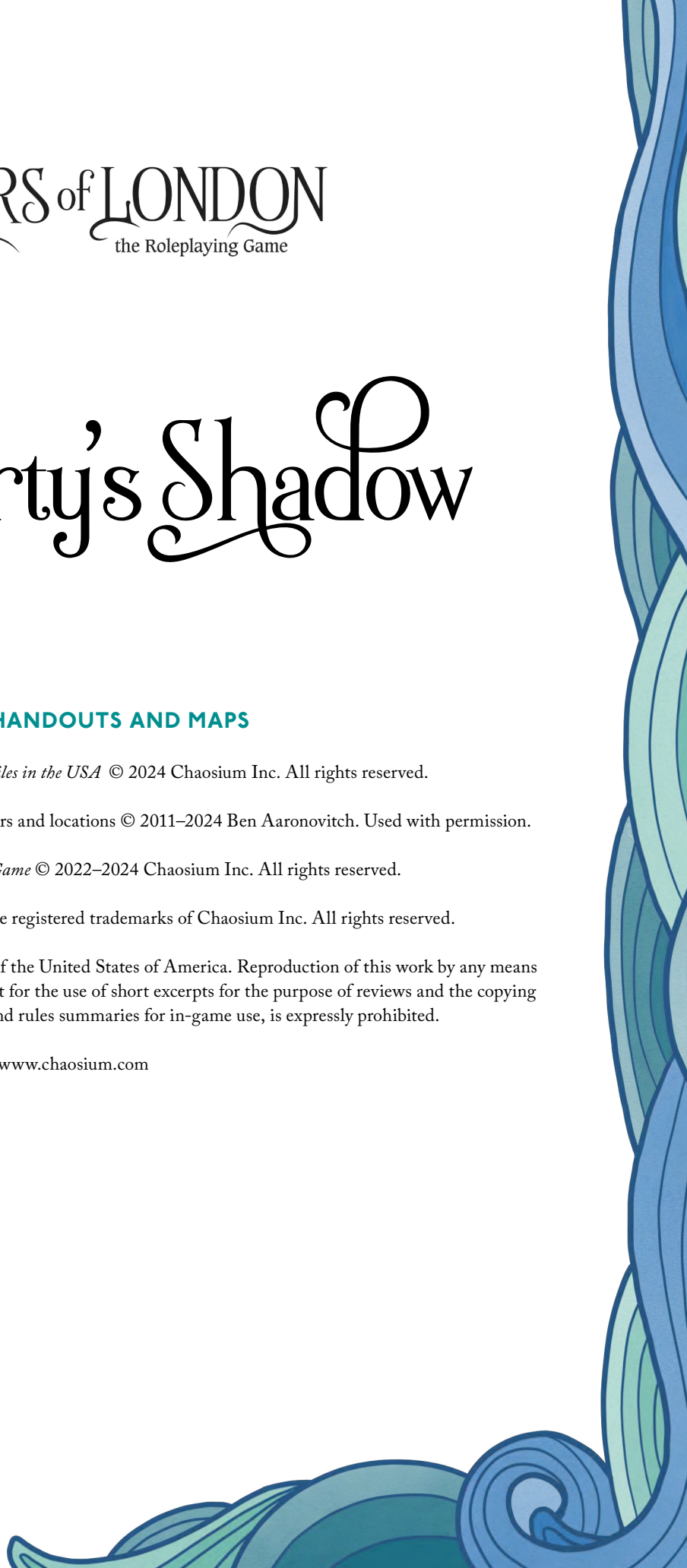
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About Meriwether

This town is in northwest Montana, located where the plains of the Big Sky State give way to the foothills of the [Rocky Mountains](#), covered in thick forests of pine and western red cedar trees. The [Kootenai River](#) (or Kootenay, over the border in Canada) flows through the middle of town. A major tributary of the mighty Columbia, the Kootenai is hundreds of miles long and eventually flows into the [Pacific Ocean](#). Originally a logging and silver mining town in the 19TH century, Meriwether's economy is now based on light manufacturing and service industries, which provide employment for its adult population of around 1,500.

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Bear Attacks in Montana 2000-2015

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Abstract

During this sixteen-year period, there were a reported 33 bear attacks on humans within the state of Montana: 25 by brown (grizzly) bears, and eight by black bears. Of these, only three proved fatal: two deaths were attributed to brown bears (October 2001, Ovando, Flathead National Forest; July 2010, Gallatin National Forest, southeast of Bozeman), one to a black bear (September 2015, Kalispell, Glacier National Park). Most attacks involved a sow and her cubs, though some were caused by food conditioning/habituation or surprise encounters with young males.

The majority of incidents took place in or around Glacier National Park. When looked at in relation to visitor numbers to the park, the chances of being attacked by a bear were calculated as somewhere in the region of 1 in 2 million. (The odds of being struck by lightning in Montana are, by comparison, around 1 in 250,000.) Almost all attacks took place from July to October; autumn was most dangerous due to increasingly active bears seeking food prior to hibernation. Attacks in spring (March–April), the time bears emerge from their dens, were rare.

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RYAN STINSON'S STATEMENT

Never felt scared in these woods 'til that... thing... turned up, 'cos nobody ever comes out here thanks to the Chief telling everyone it's off-limits. All that quiet makes it perfect for my... line of work, if y'know what I'm sayin'. Only other folks I ever seen out here are a real pair of weirdoes. All dressed up in survival gear, like with these big hoods that covered their faces. Only ever see them at a distance, digging around in the undergrowth. I swear it looked sometimes like they were eating the plants right out of the ground. Crazy.

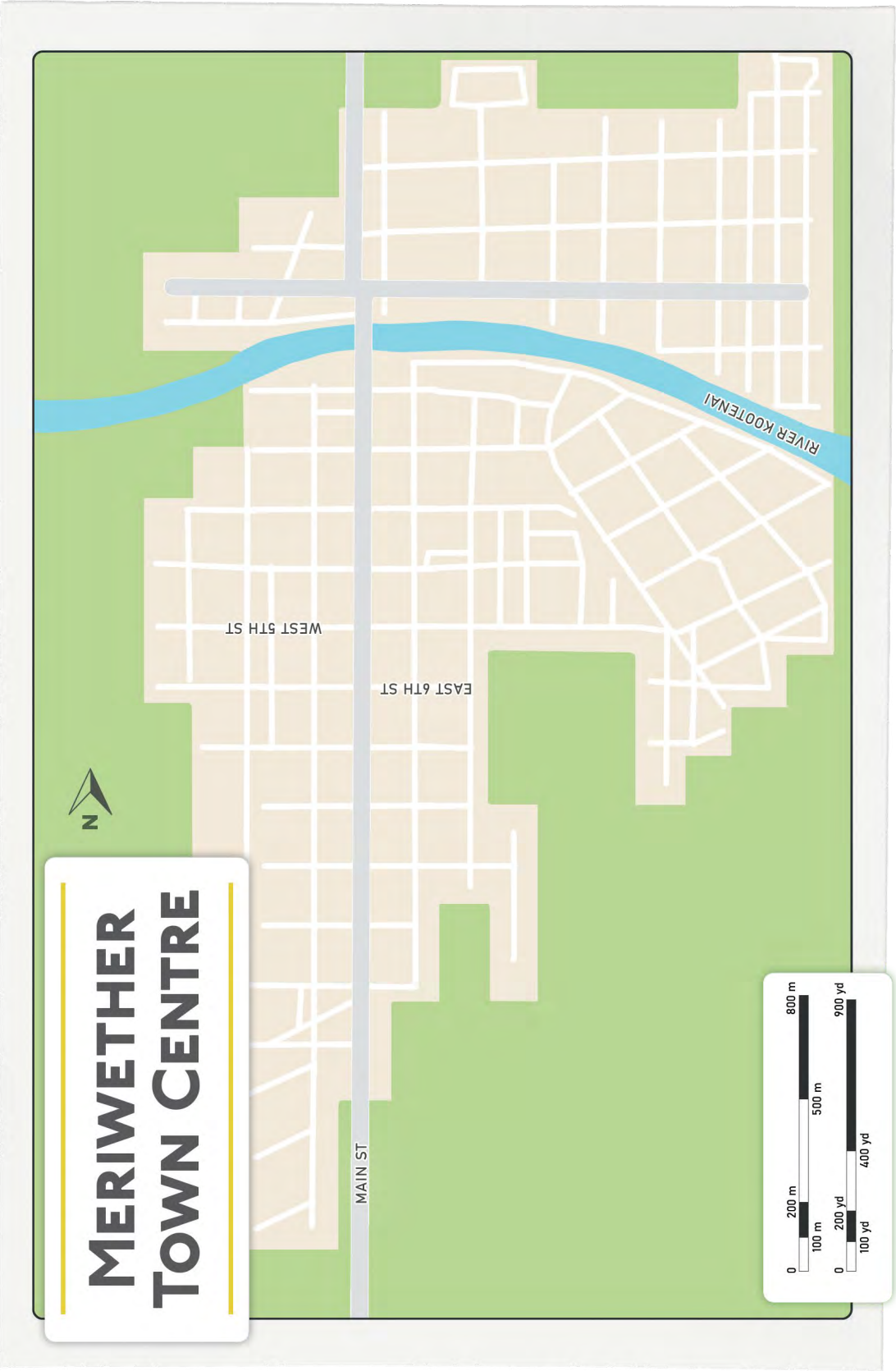
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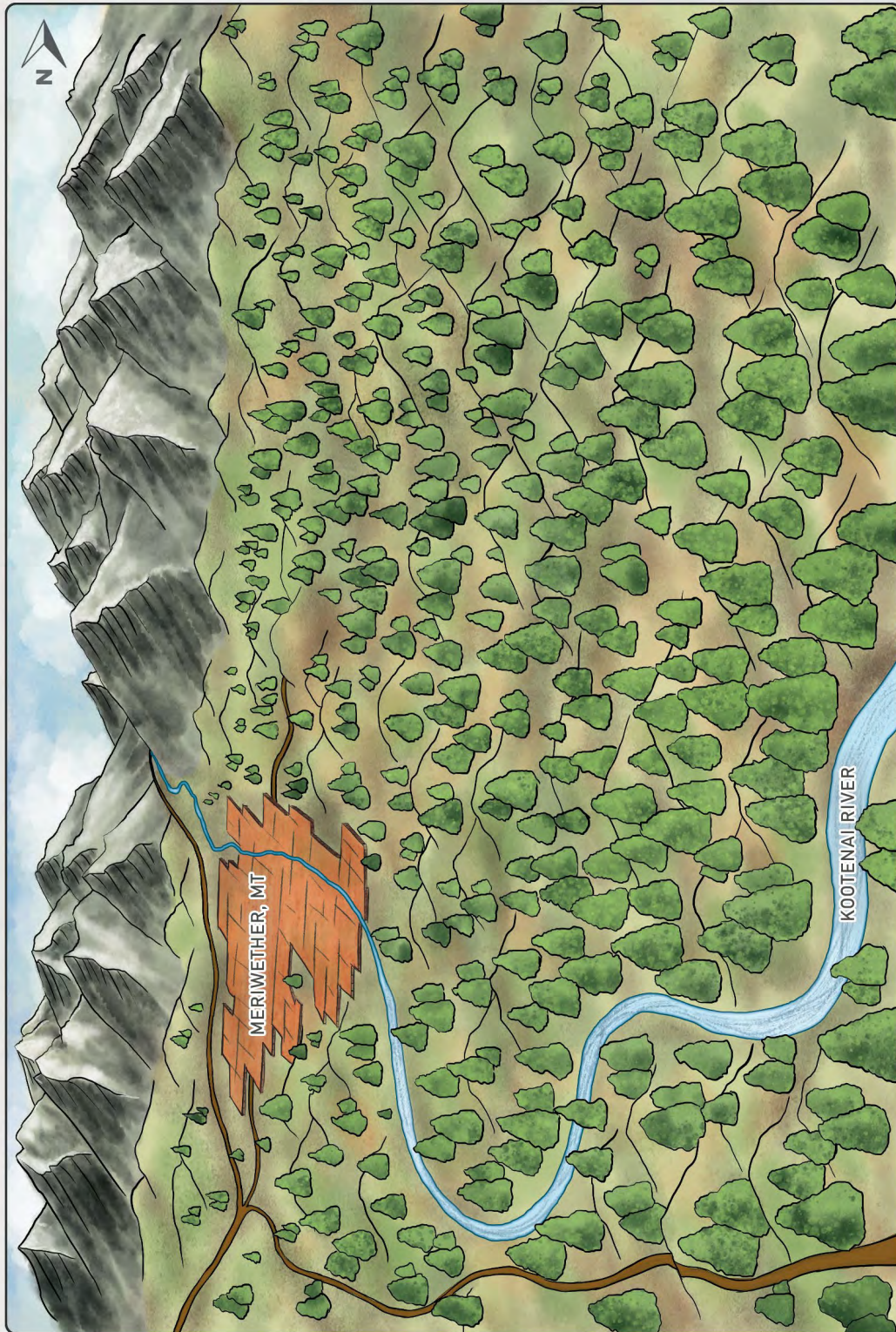
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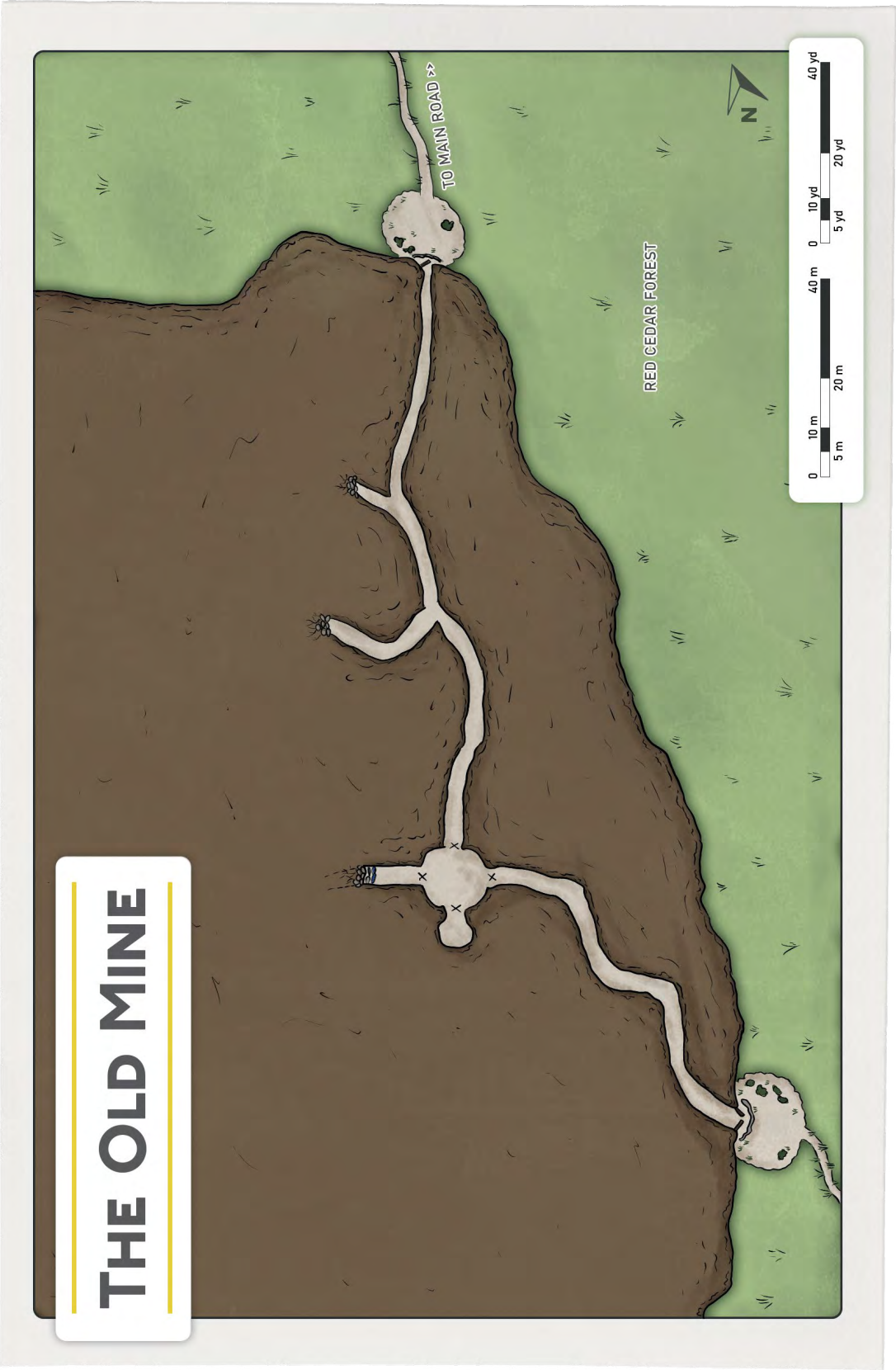
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MERIWETHER SURROUNDINGS, PLAYERS







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Located in southwest Montana, the city is currently the fourth largest in the state, with a population of around 45,000. Named after the frontiersman, [John M. Bozeman](#), it was once known as “the Egypt of Montana” on account of its scenic location and abundant freshwater springs. Bozeman has historic links to [Montana’s gold rush](#) and the earliest days of its cattle industry and was once nationally renowned for its canned pea production. Modern attractions include the [Museum of the Rockies](#) and the nearby ski area of [Bridger Bowl](#), and the region has guest starred as the backdrop in multiple movies. Bozeman is also home to [Montana State University](#), one of the city’s major employers.

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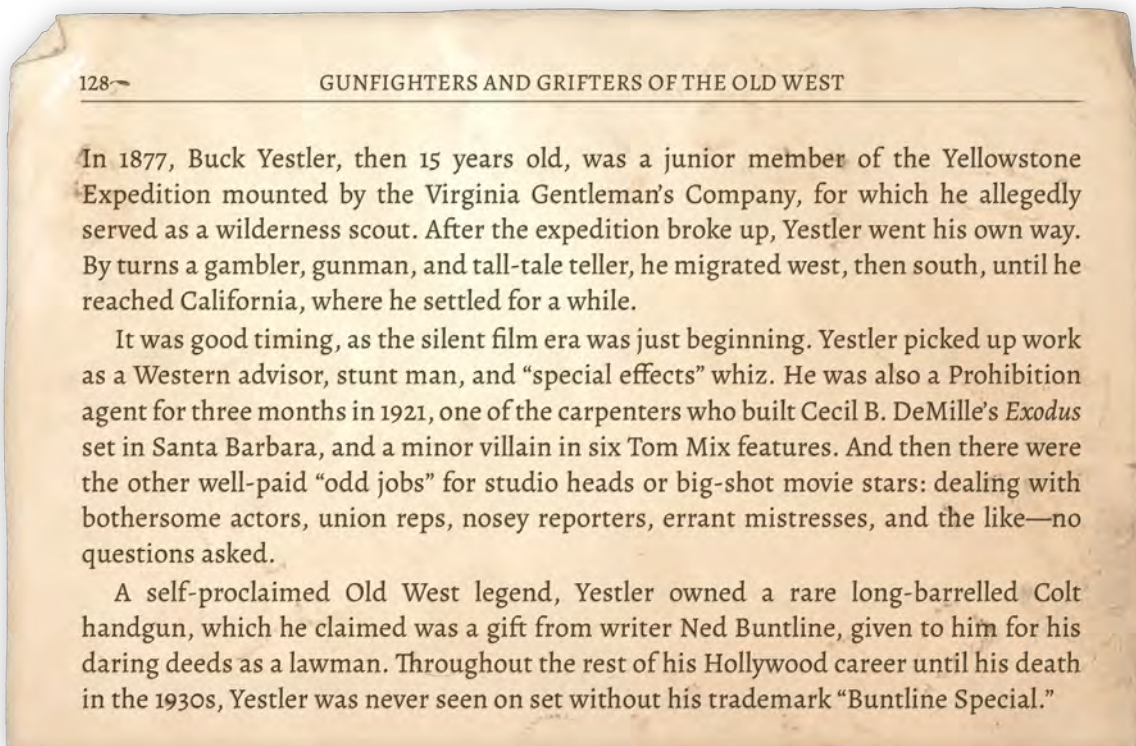
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In 1877, Buck Yestler, then 15 years old, was a junior member of the Yellowstone Expedition mounted by the Virginia Gentleman's Company, for which he allegedly served as a wilderness scout. After the expedition broke up, Yestler went his own way. By turns a gambler, gunman, and tall-tale teller, he migrated west, then south, until he reached California, where he settled for a while.

It was good timing, as the silent film era was just beginning. Yestler picked up work as a Western advisor, stunt man, and "special effects" whiz. He was also a Prohibition agent for three months in 1921, one of the carpenters who built Cecil B. DeMille's *Exodus* set in Santa Barbara, and a minor villain in six Tom Mix features. And then there were the other well-paid "odd jobs" for studio heads or big-shot movie stars: dealing with bothersome actors, union reps, nosey reporters, errant mistresses, and the like—no questions asked.

A self-proclaimed Old West legend, Yestler owned a rare long-barrelled Colt handgun, which he claimed was a gift from writer Ned Buntline, given to him for his daring deeds as a lawman. Throughout the rest of his Hollywood career until his death in the 1930s, Yestler was never seen on set without his trademark "Buntline Special."

HANDOUT: DRAMA 5 VERSION 1

Regulation Colt single action army—12-inch barrel, fancy stone grips with the name "NED" carved into them. (granite?)

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At least 100 years old. Ammunition missing—shame!!!

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