

# CHARM WARS

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## Homes

Wealthy Romans lived in large, single-family homes. Each house had a hole in the roof that rain water fell through into a pool in their greeting hall. The pool fed the water into a cistern, whose contents was used for drinking, washing up, and doing the laundry. The Middle Ages in Europe was a violent time and many noblemen lived in walled castles guarded by their own armed retainers. During the Italian Renaissance, mob violence was commonplace and wealthy families built palaces with high walls that would keep attackers out. These three styles of dwellings served as inspiration for noblesse homes in Caldon.

Most commoners like Jedd live in tenements. Most are constructed from wood, which presents a huge fire hazard. A few are made from bricks. Some of the more well off commoners like Rill live in stand-alone houses made of stucco-covered bricks that have fireplaces for cooking and ovens for baking bread.