

# CHARM WARS

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## Social Classes

Around the time of late Roman Republic, Romans had five social classes:

- **Patricians:** wealthy aristocrats, who were at the top of the class structure
- **Equestrians (also called “knights”):** wealthy plebeians who had been elected to the senate
- **Plebeians:** everyday Roman citizens
- **Free men:** freed slaves who had become Roman citizens upon receiving their freedom but who were not considered equal to free-born Romans
- **Slaves**

Like Roman society, Caldonian society also is divided into distinct social classes:

- **Noblesse:** the wealthy upper class of aristocrats
- **Commoners:** the lower class of everyday citizens
- **Rohan:** backwatchers and protectors who were expelled for breaking the oaths of loyalty they had sworn to serve their noblesse families. Their expulsion makes these women and men the dregs of society, and they are never hired by other noblesse families. Often they aren't even accepted as recruits by the legions or the sea service. Some rohan live in The Slums and become assassins for hire. Most become outlaws and survive by banditry.