

Mate Ora

The original villages of Mate Ora and their inhabitants are long gone, destroyed by the undead that plague the island. Small cults worshipping evil gods of the dead caused Mate Ora's dead to rise, and soon they took over the temples and killed the locals, destroying their villages. These cults built their own walled villages to keep out the island's predators and walking dead. A few villages of apemen and lizard remain on Mate Ora, their settlements relatively protected from the restless dead in the trees of the jungles or thick swamps. Burial mounds, cairns and graveyards dot the island, most showing signs that their inhabitants have dug themselves out.

Mate Ora is also home to dinosaurs and other prehistoric megafauna. For unknown reasons, some of these giant animals have also become zombies. Perhaps through a bite from a zombie, drinking infected water, or some unholy magic inherent to the island. Imagine the horror of an undead tyrannosaurus! The island is hot and muggy and stinks of decay and death. Thick swarms of flies and masses of maggots are everywhere, especially around the dead and decaying inhabitants. It is now a shunned place, feared by locals on nearby islands, although the cults of the dead continue their unholy practices.