

## Spider Island

Spider Island is a tiny island, thickly forested to the north and with swamps, grasslands and small jungles to the south. Tall, sharply-peaked mountain ranges run the center of the island.

Unlike neighboring Puia Hanahana, tiny Spider Island has no dinosaurs. Instead, it is populated by mammalian megafauna such as Irish elk and small herds of mastodons. The island is also home to any number of species of small mammals, birds, reptiles, and countless varieties of insects. Typical predators are cave bears and saber-toothed tigers, the exception being the presence of giant prehistoric crocodiles and titanoboas in the wet and swampy regions. The most deadly predators, however, are giant spiders. Nocturnal, these monsters grow to the size of cattle or small elephants. The giant spiders stay mostly to the northern end of the island, and have completely shrouded two mountain ranges in their sticky webbing.

There are two tribal villages – Parkona and Tangaro, and two settlements of ape men – Rah’oo-ag and Hoo’ar-uhn. Lizard men used to also dwell on the island, but their villages have long been abandoned. The humans worship the Spider Queen at an ancient temple to the north, periodically tying living sacrifices to a pair of ancient obelisks that flank the temple. Once per solar year they must offer up their strongest, most handsome young warrior and their most beautiful young maiden to the Spider Queen.

Other prehistoric obelisks dot the island, although their purpose is a mystery, as is the origins of nameless ruins to the west.