

# Key Personalities

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## Abbreviations:

*Æl*—Ælendi

*Lorn*—Lornish

*Sidh*—Sidhelien

*Tal*—Talish

## The Companions

**Charis Quickhand** Street thief turned adventurer, later trained as a priestess of Fabian. Exquisitely beautiful hands. Born in Timbervale.

**Lupus Dunne** Career soldier formerly in the service of Sir Lawrence Reynard. Quietly discharged from Sir Lawrence's unit in Aeshandra of 756 for an alleged indiscretion, he joined the companions as an adventurer.

**Mirod DuLorn** Magus, formerly apprenticed to Ektor Maijlin. Native of Tringarde, devotee of Tasman. Entered the service of Septimus Stout in Aeshandra of 756. Sigil: fire.

**Shana K'lith/Shana Hartley** Awakened K'lith priestess. Declared outcast from her family according to the religious Law of Ponteous. At various times she has been a student of Mugabe the Awakened and Niniane.

**Simon "Pinch" Pynchurst** Caravan merchant turned adventurer. Joined the companions in Aeshandra of 756. A large and amazingly strong man who uses illusion to appear short and weak.

## THEIR COHORTS AND FOLLOWERS

**Aluric Downing** Magister in Artibus, trained at Casselorn and Avénaille. Sought employment from Lord Waleran de Coudrai, but ultimately entered the service of Charis Quickhand as her personal scribe and business manager.

**Craft, Grace, Prudence, Stealth and Vigilance** Feline companions of Shana K'lith.

**Edgar** Raven familiar of Mirod DuLorn.

**Edric Hortun** Peasant archer trained in the Duke's army during the Aridan civil war. Former manservant of William Brademor and sole survivor of the Fangtooth raid on Camford in Deloco of 755. Loyal cohort of Mirod DuLorn.

**Tuold Cutel** Caravan guard turned adventurer. Healed of a broken leg by Brother Gervase, he joined the company in Delaeni of 756.

## SOMETIME MEMBERS OF THE COMPANIONS

**Adeus, Brother** Priest of Wyshhan, harborwarden of Coralis. Assisted the companions with the eradication of a Sahuagin clan and joined them on a sea voyage to Kesh in 756.

**Angharad Mabon** Daughter of wealthy sea-captain Fulk Mabon. Gifted with psychic powers. Former student of the late Lord Alexander Morwin. Currently embroiled in a legal dispute with the crown over the status of Lord Morwin's estate.

**Anton Robinet, Lord** Second son of baron Edward Robinet. Slew his cousin Elstan DuRobinet in a formal duel, earning many bitter enemies among his extended family. Anton lives in exile as a common soldier, using the name "Geoffrey Warlin." Last known to be in the service of Lord Godric de Coudrai.

**Ashia** (*Kesh*: life) Priestess of D'lani native to the Matai valley, mother of Asmera, Bahati, and Yohaness. Clerical mentor to Jaramogi. Befriended Lanelle DuLorn in 754 and sought her assistance two years later during an invasion of her homeland by a Nalinquar magus. When Mirod and his companions were sent instead, Ashia joined them during their exploration of *Locus Refugium*.

**Gervase Delvois/Brother Gervase** Tenth child of Louis Delvois II (Père Louis), the third borne by his third wife, Margot. Renounced his noble birthright in order to live undisturbed as a Tasmanite acolyte of *Sedes DuLorn*. A devotee of Petrin the Inscrutable, Gervase briefly joined the companions during the *Rudrik's Fang* campaign. Presently installed at *Arx Validus*, where he is cataloging an ancient Tallen library.

**Gilamor Deerhurst (Deceased)** Sole survivor of a family slain by the Order of Math during Randal the Younger's rampage through Glanshire in 743. Slew Hal DuBraifield in 749, earning the hatred of Charis Quickhand. Traveled with the company during the months of Deloco and Fabian 755. Driven by his hatred of the Order, he rashly swore a blood oath to slay Sir Bennet Lawshield. He was mortally wounded by Sir Bennet in a duel on Fabian 20, 755, but was ultimately slain by Charis.

**Nethra Half-Elven** (*Sidh*: he who goes first) Half-Sidhelien ranger and native of Rillia who migrated to Harkwood following the destruction of his tribe's forest in 744. His skin is covered with camouflaging tattoos which change with the seasons. Sometime student of Nigel Hardwyn. Squired to Sir George Reany of the Oaken Brotherhood in Delaeni, 756. Species enemy: Drow.

**Oji** (*Kesh*: giftbearer) Wood owl companion of Ashia.

**Tacuma** (*Kesh*: he is alert) Hawk-eagle companion of Ashia.

**Turstan of Kröen/Brother Turstan** Wafaring priest of Rhondelain. Former companion and student of Brother Alberic. Famous in Pavia and elsewhere for his role in the miracle of 755, wherein Alberic gave his life to eradicate the withering plague. Traveled with the companions from Fabian 755 to Delaeni 756. Moves about frequently, fleeing hoards of pilgrims.

# Allies

## NIGEL HARDWYN AND HIS HOUSEHOLD

**Nigel Hardwyn, Lord** Sheriff of Haleshire, Ranger, and *familiaris* of King Anton III. Legitimized bastard son of Sir Reginald Hardwyn. One of three rangers who charted the “King’s Pass” in 741. Casual worshipper of both Caidian and Delaeni. Granted healing powers by the god Caidian. Species enemy: Ratmen.

**Bertram Wyle** Chief messenger and herald of Lord Nigel Hardwyn. Swift and efficient, but has a self-important manner.

**Colette DuVivian, Mother** Priestess of Delaeni. Custodian of the sacred garden at Radmouth, Deleanite intercessor for Nigel Hardwyn.

**Daniel Owen (Deceased)** Close friend of Nigel Hardwyn who was seriously wounded by a ratman in 747. Slain by Nigel at his own request to prevent him from transforming into a lycanthrope.

**Hubert Ross, Father** Priest of Caidian. A former soldier for the Empress under the command of Sir Reginald Hardwyn, Hubert was captured in a minor skirmish and imprisoned for seven years. In despair over the squalid conditions of his prison, he sought solace from the god of healing and eventually gained the powers of a Caidianite priest. Serves as healer and Caidianite intercessor for Nigel Hardwyn and his personal company. Vocal opponent of the Mendanite movement.

**Richard Pickett** Aide-de-camp and friend of Nigel Hardwyn.

**Jock Tulley, Prachett Sweet, Rupert Warlin, Russ Hodges** and **Talbot Bains** Soldiers of Nigel Hardwyn’s household.

## CORALIS/ISLE OF SUTHY

**Guichard** Young servant of Vergé Orlou, skilled in many languages.

**Mugabe the Awakened** Priest of K’nath, mentor of Shana K’lith.

**Vergé Orlou** Versi expatriate moneychanger and moneylender based in Coral. Son of a poor draper. Vigorously promotes the advancement of the merchant class, occasionally doing favors for Septimus Stout. Housed the companions during their visit to Coral in Aeshandra 756.

## HIGHPORT

**Bonenfant DuLorn, Abbod** Abbod of the Highport Temple of Tasman.

**Durant Ormesby, Brother** Priest of Tasman, prominent in the Highport temple.

## TRINGARDE

**Caspian, Brother** Priest of Tasman based at *Sedes DuLorn*. Frequent companion and protector of Brother Martin.

**Eleanor Cook** Ektor Maijlin’s elderly cook.

**Hector, Brother** Acolyte of *Sedes DuLorn*, specialist in bestiaries.

**Martin, Brother** An acolyte at *Sedes DuLorn*. Possesses the gift of Truthsight. A gifted but as yet inexperienced practitioner of both divine and arcane magic.

**Odo** A Tringardi sage who specializes in heraldry. Hangs out at the Watchful Tower masquerading as Anton Robinet’s manservant, using his regular contact with the young nobility to keep his research up to date.

**Stephen Gardner** Middle-aged caretaker of Ektor Maijlin’s estate.

**Torold Felton, Abbod** High priest of *Sedes DuLorn*, friend of Ektor Maijlin. Performed rites of initiation for Lanelle and Mirod DuLorn. Current patron of Gervase Delvois.

**Waleran de Coudrai** Minor Tringardi noble with influence in the city and Tilbyshire. Hired Mirod and his companions on Fabian 24, 755 to investigate the strange behavior of his brother, Godric. He contacted them again in Aeshandra of 756 to investigate brigand raids in southeast Tilbyshire.

## OTHER ALLIES

**Benedictus** Redcap and herald of Septimus Stout.

**Erasto** (*Kesh*: man of peace) Native of Agulo kidnapped by the Waszula to serve in the excavation of *Locus Refugium*. Rescued by the companions in Caidian 756.

**Fulk Mabon** Wealthy sea captain and trader, owner of several ships. A former employee of Samson Golberth, Fulk replaced William Hartley the elder as captain of the shipping vessel Windfall. He later purchased the ship and became an independent merchant in 746. Father of Angharad Mabon.

**George Reaney, Sir** Knight of the Oaken Brotherhood who assisted the companions in their exploration of Arx Validus. Took Nethra Half-Elven as a squire in Delaeni of 756.

**Giles Halfclaw** A former crusader from an unspecified noble family, Giles took the crusader’s oath in 748. In Kesh, the hand bearing his bloodscar was cut off by scornful natives, who left him in the jungle to die. He was found by Kasimu and trained in the way of K’nath.

**Godric de Coudrai** Minor noble of Tringarde, younger brother of Lord Waleran de Coudrai. Devoted Uriahn and supporter of the Crusade. Imprisoned and impersonated by a mutabilis for four months in 755. Sometime employer of Geoffrey Warlin.

**Jaramogi** (*Kesh*: he travels often) Son of a crusader knight and a Kesh mother, fluent in the languages and customs of both the Northern and Kesh cultures. Rogue and priest of D’lani. Mingles freely with both peoples, but does not feel at home with either. Friend and ally of Ashia.

**Lanelle DuLorn** (formerly Lanelle Hanby) A young maga in the service of Septimus Stout. Former apprentice of Ektor Maijlin and fellow student of Mirod DuLorn.

**Megiliel** Half-elven swordswoman. Traveling companion of Lanelle DuLorn.

**Niniane** Awakened priestess of K’lith, custodian of a small shrine in the village of Willowby. Taken prisoner by Drathis and his K’hona followers in Delaeni 755, she was forced to eat cat flesh for five months until she was rescued by Shana K’lith and her companions. Shortly thereafter she undertook

a pilgrimage to the sacred grove frequented by Mugabe in order to atone for her transgression.

**Ryeti Kerithess** (*Æl*: jade eyes, child of Elven spell) Half-elven fighter/magus, son of Tialia. Born in Elaira, he was trained as a warrior by Garik and as a magus by Dalior. Returned to Elaira with the companions in Aeshandra of 756. Became leader of new Elaira community in Rhonde-lain of 756.

**Solomon Baynard** Captain of *The Sculpin*.

## Contacts

**Bernard Langley, Lord** Sheriff of Tilby, which includes the city of Tringarde. *Familiaris* of King Anton III. Son of a major baron, war veteran. Referred to by those who serve him as “Lord Burn.”

**Drago Rohan** Prosperous dwarven goldsmith, jeweler, and fence who works in Tringarde’s Eastside district. Specializes in reworking and disposing of easily-identified goods. Contact of Charis Quickhand.

**Eadfrith Tickler** A skilled pickpocket and coney-catcher who works for Viktor Silvertongue. Accompanied the companions in their search for Charis during Delaeni of 756.

**Eudo Tapper** Shifty inkeeper of the Watchful Tower. It is rumored that he can provide anything, legal or not. Openly called “Weasel” by his inn’s regulars.

**Hammond “Ham” Tapper** Inkeeper of *The Drowsy Lass*, a noisy inn and tavern in Rye Street, Tringarde. Occasional tipster for Simon Pynchurst.

**Ismena** Priestess of Aeshandra at the *Garden of Ease*. She once bargained with the companions, exchanging a stolen reliquary in exchange for relief from a favor she owed to Goffridus Lang. Her ruling passion is food.

**Mauger Scrapmonger** A legless beggar who dwells in the city of Tringarde. Tipster for Charis Quickhand and others.

## Enemies

**Cordeliana** Nalinquar witch, mother of Mirod DuLorn.

**Lavinia “The Whip”** Mercenary rogue and cruel mistress of the whip. Fanatical Pontean. Served for a time with the remnants of the Stalwart Brigade, but escaped when the unit was destroyed by the companions on Aeshandra 11, 756.

**Morgan Farrimond** Magus who set up illicit *bliss* trade in Highport. Able to cast fog- and gas-related spells into glass globes for later use by himself or his minions.

“**Swan**” Hedonite priestess of Aeshandra. Worked in a *bliss* den with two other members of her order who were slain by the companions in 755. She has vowed to avenge her sisters, and once attempted to murder Anton Robinet.

## Others

**Asante Zuberi** (*Kesh*: Asante the strong) Kesh chieftain who began uniting clans in 754 to drive out the crusaders.

**Bennet Lawshield, Sir** Knight of Math based in the city of Tringarde. Descendant from Tallen ancestors. Gilamor Deerhurst believed him responsible for the murder of his family, but this is disputed. Mortally wounded Gilamor in Fabian of 755.

**Charles Ramsey, earl of Suthey** Lord of Suthey, father of Lady Elena Ramsey, and Grandfather of Shana K’lith. Infamous for his cunning and guile.

**Ektor Maijlin** Elderly magus and former resident of Tringarde, where he was tutor to Lanelle and Mirod DuLorn. Vanished under mysterious circumstances on Ponteous 32, 755. His estate is still maintained by his servants.

**Elena Ramsey, Lady** Youngest daughter of Charles Ramsey, Earl of Suthey. Wife of William Hartley the Elder, mother of Shana K’lith.

**Fulcher Kite** Disagreeable priest of Al’tara, whose totem bird is the black-shouldered kite. Sent by Adam Hawklin as a messenger to Shana in early Delaeni of 756.

**Goffridus Lang** A wealthy master merchant of Tringarde, whose ruthless business dealings have earned him many enemies. A lecherous man with many odious habits. Employed the companions briefly in 755.

**Grakis** Chieftan of an evolving Gorlog tribe. His people are based out of a stronghold southwest of Highport.

**Grimbald Rye** Priest of Vvarrda. Claimed Galiena Doomsayer’s bones after her death in 755.

**Ivor McFee** Mercenary soldier, formerly an officer under Sir Lawrence Reynard. Dismissed abruptly under mysterious circumstances, now active in the crusader cities of Kesh.

**Jonas Ramsey, Lord** Half-brother of Earl Charles Ramsey. Manages Ramsey affairs when the earl is absent.

**Leofwin Hammer** Credaghi-born personal smith to Earl Charles Ramsey. Manages a large workshop of many forges crafting weapons for the earl and his followers. Forged the weapons lost in the sahuagin attack on the *Terrapin*, and seeks its betrayer.

**Maduka** Kesh matemasia who sometimes works with agents of Septimus Stout. Assisted Lanelle DuLorn in her search for the companions in late 756.

**Magnus FitzWarin** Wealthy merchant of Tringarde. Tall, stern, sober, ruthless. Principal rival of Goffridus Lang.

**Matthew Digby, Master** Architect employed by Mirod to design new houses for Ektor Maijlin’s estate.

**Nabate** (*Kesh*: little) A young boy native to Minjaro, kidnapped by the Waszula to serve in the excavation of *Locus Refugium*. Rescued by the companions in Caidian 756. His eyes were gouged out by a Nalinquar magus, but later restored by the *platform of healing* in the stronghold’s temple of Beratus.

**Rainald Gilmore, Baron** Baron of Willowby. Rainald’s father built an adulterine castle in the midst of the river Ramblerun during the reign of Randal DuLoi. This fortress was later destroyed by soldiers of King Anton III, led by Nigel

Hardwyn. In subsequent years the ruins were taken over by a false K'hona cult, which was driven out by Shana K'lith and the companions.

**Reymond** Priest of K'hona who was deceived by Drathis. Entire body covered with thick brown fur. Member of the Willowby cult until Tasman 755. He was imprisoned on Baron Willowby's estate, but escaped shortly thereafter. Awakened in late Fabian of that year, he triggered Shana's own awakening in early Delaeni of 756. He later traveled to Kesh and entered the service of Shumba.

**Samson Golberth** Shipping magnate based in Highport, rival of William Hartley the Elder. Former employer of Fulk Mabon. Former owner of the *Windfall*.

**Shumba** Awakened K'hona priest. First seen by Shana in a vision at the fountain of Elaira, and later encountered in Kesh in 756.

**So'Cha** Gorlog officer of Grakis' Tribe.

**Theodric Verdun, Lord** Elderly knight of Math with great influence in Tringarde. Sometime mentor and patron of Sir Bennet Lawshield.

**Trenton Ingram** The present Giver of Law, supreme mortal authority of the Pontean faith. Head of the third largest noble house in Kystfelde.

**Viktor Silvertongue** Priest of Fabian. Daymaster of the temple in Tringarde. Patron of Charis Quickhand.

**William Hartley the Elder** Influential merchant, head of a prosperous shipping trade based in Coralis. Former captain of the shipping vessel *Windfall*. Obsessed by a personal feud with Samson Golberth. Respects Pontean law on land, but is corrupt and ruthless at sea. Father of Shana K'lith.

**William Hartley the Younger** Firstborn son of William Hartley the Elder. Aesthetic young man who disdains wealth. Strong, intelligent, he formerly spent most of his time working on his father's ships. In Skerta 755 he fled from his father and joined the crew of the *Riverwind*. He is Shana K'lith's eldest brother, and has broken the religious ban against communicating with her.

**Winton Whitecap** Magus of Ordo Urlik, custodian of the Star Gem and the Gearsworks of Tilby cliffs.

**Yohaness** (*Kesh*: gift of the goddess) Son of Ashia and Damani. Kidnapped by Waszula priests during the excavation of *Locus Refugium*, he was later recovered by Ashia and the companions.

## Aridan Royal Family and *Familiares*

**Anton Cortené/Anton of Candria/King Anton III** First son of Count Raymond Cortené and Empress Mary of Pavia. He became, in succession, Duke of Candria, Count of Rançon, and King of Aridane.

**Anton DuRoy, Prince** Second son of King Anton III and Magaret of Chartraille, and the eldest survivor. Heir to the throne of Aridane.

**Æthelmær Westmorlin, Sir** Leader of the ranger party which charted the "King's Pass" across the mountains in 741.

**Candrian de l'Épée, Lord** Sheriff of Coralis, *familiaris* of King Anton III. A cold, secretive, and devious man who relishes the challenge of keeping the Ramseys in line.

**Cedric "Corténé"** Legitimized bastard son of Anton Cortené. Priest of Uriah.

**Cedric DuRoy, Prince** Fifth child of King Anton III and Magaret of Chartraille, the fourth son.

**Celeste DuRoy, Princess** Seventh child of King Anton III and Magaret of Chartraille, the third daughter.

**Dominick Ramsey, Lord** A younger son of the treacherous Earl Charles Ramsey of Suthey and apprentice to Gamaliel. Dominick has an obsessive lust for power which knows no bounds...it is said he is even willing to betray members of his own infamous family. To the frustration of all his rivals, Lord Dominick is filthy rich and is very attractive to women.

**Frederic Radnor, Earl of Lichden** Prominent nobleman who switched sides at Stanbridge Ford, giving then-duke Anton Cortené control of thirty castles and a foothold in the midlands of Aridane. Since the death of Earl Malcolm of Stokingham in 743, he was widely recognized as the most powerful baron in Aridane. He became Co-Justiciar upon Anton's ascension to the throne in 744, and is foremost among the king's deputies.

**"Four Horsemen"** An oblique reference to the four apprentices of Gamaliel: Lord Dominick Ramsey, Sir Lawrence Reynard, Mace Graymantle, and Lord Robert de Sutton.

**Gamaliel** Magus of Herefast, warmage of King Anton Cortené. Foremost of the three magi known to serve the king.

**Goscelinus Welwin** Alchemist to King Anton Cortené, a magus of Cardell in his middle thirties. He is remembered fondly by veterans of Anton's winter journey across the mountains in 742, when he often transformed melted snow into chicken soup, beef broth, wine and other liquids calculated to boost morale.

**Hervé Delvois** Fourth child of Louis Delvois II (Père Louis), the first borne by his second wife, Blanche. Hervé developed a love of nature early in life, and sought training as a ranger. His calling was ridiculed by his father and brothers until his role in charting the King's Pass was revealed. *Familiaris* of Anton III and friend of Nigel Hardwyn.

**Jacob Corby** Former friend and chancellor of Anton III, later elevated to the Archprefectry of Aldbury. Offended the king by zealous promotion of Uriahn doctrines, currently exiled in Versic.

**Lawrence Reynard, Sir** Aridan warrior turned magus. A supporter of Mary in the Aridan civil war and *familiaris* of Anton III. He is noted for his skill as a diplomat and negotiator. Commands a force of soldiers trained to deal with monstrous or magical threats to the kingdom. His talent for magic was discovered late in his life, and through his connection with the king he was apprenticed to Gamaliel. Patron of Lupus Dunne.

**Mace Graymantle** A commoner who has achieved great social status in Aridane by virtue of his magical talents. He was discovered by Uriahn priests who used their influence at court to bring him to the attention of Gamaliel. His faith in the Avenger is strong and rather tiresome (he attempts to convert everyone he encounters to the Uriahn faith), but it cannot be denied that he is a powerful spellcaster of great promise.

**Margaret DuRoy, Princess** Sixth child of King Anton III and Magaret of Chartraille, the second daughter.

**Margaret of Chartraille, Queen** Former queen of Versic, divorced by her first husband for her failure to produce male heirs. Wife of King Anton III, Queen of Aridane, Duchess of Chartraille, and proud mother of four male heirs thus far.

**Mary DuRoy, Princess** Third child of King Anton III and Magaret of Chartraille, the eldest daughter.

**Raymond DuRoy, Prince** Fourth child of King Anton III and Magaret of Chartraille, the third son. Named for his grandfather.

**Richard “Broadsword”** Recognized bastard son of Anton Cortené.

**Richard DuRoy, Prince** Firstborn son of King Anton III and Margaret of Chartraille. Died at the age of three in 746.

**Robert de Sutton, Lord** Youngest son of a minor Aridan Baron. Trained in the House of Herefast by Gamaliel. Hero of the Sapphirian front. He breeds and trains dogs, and is a casual Pontean. Robert assisted Nigel Hardwyn at the siege of Willowby in 746, but nearly died beforehand when he mis-identified a poisonous plant. Nigel saved his life, earning the young magus’ gratitude. In 748 he played a prominent role in Nigel’s campaign to eradicate the Ratmen from Highport. He was also present with Nigel at the grave of Daniel Owen on Ashendusk of 755. Robert manifested the True Gift in Aeshandra of 756.

**“The Third Magus”** A powerful magus of Ordo Culai who is rumored to serve King Anton Cortené. His identity is said to be known only to the king and his closest advisors.

**Thurgis Nod/Thurgis Blademaster** Highly-respected swordmaster of Aridane, much patronized by noble households. Said to be the “ugliest man alive,” a distinction he revels in. Long scar on left arm. Sometime tutor of Anton Robinet.

**Warren Reade, Sir/“Warren the Loyal”** Knight who rose to prominence during Randal’s reign. In the latter years of DuLoi rule he was sheriff and royal justice, held the custody of two major castles in Aridane, and was one of the most experienced and trusted of Randal’s servants. His skills were recognized by Anton Cortené, who appointed him Co-Justiciar of Aridane upon his ascension to the throne.

## The Concilium of Rillia

**Albertus Noblin** (*Lorn*: bright noble) Urlik chair of the Concilium, protege of Deodatus and a possible candidate for Primus. He is the most accomplished arcane spellcaster of the Concilium, but lacks the political skill of his main rival, Septimus Stout. (No relation to Clavius Noblin.)

**Anareth** (*Æl*: arcane hand) Elven maga and priestess of Tasman. Serves as Dalior’s representative to the Concilium chair which bears his name for all but the most pressing of issues. Supports Septimus for Primus.

**Anselmo DuLorn** Youngest member of the Concilium, holds the Gildene chair. Like many of his house, he is torn between Ordo Urlik’s desire to suppress evil magic and Ordo Stormfather’s more sympathetic understanding of Gildenite philosophy. His support wavers between the factions of Albertus Noblin and Septimus Stout.

**Corvus Vitruvius** Middle-aged warmage, entrusted with the defense of Rillia and the Herefast chair of the Concilium. He has seen action many times over the years, principally against Kystfeldan invaders and seafaring pirates. He maintains an ongoing rivalry with Gamaliel of Aridane. Aspires to be Primus, but lacks political support. His house has a long-standing animosity toward Ordo Urlik, and thus supports Septimus for Primus.

**Delora Wefan** An ancient and wizened crone, Delora is a direct descendant of Tala Wefan. It is rumored that she can communicate with Tala’s spirit. Holds the Wefan chair of the Concilium, and supports Septimus for Primus.

**Deodatus** (*Lorn*: given by/to the gods) Current Primus of the Concilium, called “Deodo” (day-AH-doh) by friends and other members of the Curia. A ranking member of Ordo Urlik, Deodatus is weary from his tenure as Primus, but retains the position to prevent his rival, Septimus Stout, from assuming it.

**Fiorenzo Rectoris** Middle-aged magus and champion of social justice for the common people. He has an analytical mind, an outgoing personality, and is fascinated by people and politics. Holds the Lenveiset chair of the Concilium. Supports Albertus for Primus.

**Maxilianus Mentitus** Culai chair of the Concilium who always appears masked. Little is known of him. His preference for Primus is undeclared, but his house is generally hostile to Ordo Urlik.

**Remigio Scribonius** Master alchemist and arcane sage, famous both for his research and unshakable concentration. Holds the Cardell chair of the Concilium. Supports Albertus for Primus.

**Septimus Stout** (*Lorn*: the seventh) Seventh son of a prominent Rillian noble family. A powerful magus of excessive girth. Holds the Stormfather chair of the Concilium, and aspires to be Primus. Patron of Lanelle DuLorn and Mirod DuLorn.

# Historic and Legendary Figures

## ARIDANE—CONQUEST AND CIVIL WAR

**Anton the Bastard/Anton the Conqueror/Anton I** Duke of Candria who conquered Aridane in 655. King of Aridane from the conquest until his death in 676.

**Anton II** Third son of Anton I. King of Aridane from 690-725. Father of Empress Mary of Pavia, Grandfather of Anton Cortené.

**Baldwin V** Former count of Rançon, a title he passed to his son Raymond in 717. King of D'arialaam from 721 until his death. Father of Raymond Cortené. Died Tasman 8, 733.

**Gerbod Lawspeaker** Former Prefect of Corchester. Priest of Ponteous, brother of king Randal DuLoi. Prime mover in the religious persecutions of Randal's reign, he chose self-exile rather than suffering the humiliation of surrender to Anton Cortené. Dwells in Kystfelde.

**Ivo Fidelis** Archprefect of Aldbury during Randal DuLoi's reign. Organized Uriahn resistance to Pontean persecution during the civil war. Early advisor of Anton III. Died 751.

**Malcolm, Earl of Stokingham** Strong-willed Earl from the days of the civil war. Master of territories in the north of Aridane near the Sapphirian border. Though he declared support for Randal during the civil war, he soon revolted against his overlord. His betrayal was the impetus for the Battle of Peregrine Hill. Malcolm was a major ally of the Empress and her son Anton, and was considered the most powerful baron in Aridane until his death in 743. Rumored to have been poisoned by a rival, Lord Gunter de Clipsby.

**Mary, Empress** Daughter of Anton II, contestant for the throne during the civil war of 727-743.

**Ragnar V, Emperor** Emperor of Pavia who married Mary, daughter of Anton II. Died 716.

**Randal DuLoi** King of Aridane from 725-744. Spent most of his reign fighting a civil war against the Empress Mary. Ultimately designated Mary's son Anton Cortené as heir to the throne.

**Randal DuLoi the Younger** Son of King Randal DuLoi. Died in 743 before he could become a contender for the throne, leaving the way clear for Anton Cortené.

**Raymond Cortené** Count of Rancon until 742. Second husband of the Empress Mary and Father of Anton Cortené. Conquered Candria during the civil war in Aridane. Upon his death, his titles passed to his son Anton.

**Richard, earl of Penhurst** Favorite bastard son of Anton II. Chief male supporter of the Empress Mary's claim to the Aridan throne. Died 737.

## ILNAZZER AND HIS DISCIPLES

**Ilnazzer** Rillian scholar, ambassador, and linguist who re-discovered the secrets of Lornish magic in 292. His research is the basis for nearly all magical study indigenous to the northern continent, with the exception of the ice magic practiced by the Sapphirians.

**Dalior** Elven magus, one of the first students of Ilnazzer. Later reconstructed the ancient power language of the Elves, restoring arcane magic to his race. Still alive and active in Rillia.

**Drummond Herefast** Kystfeldan magus, one of the original students instructed by Ilnazzer. Specialized in the uses of the Elder Arts in warfare.

**Gambel Lenveiset** (gam-BELL len-vee-ZAY) Versi magus, one of Ilnazzer's original students. The son of a brewer, Gambel developed a series of logical formulae to define and teach magical processes.

**Jordan Blevin/Jordan Stormfather** First apprentice taken by Ilnazzer, later a powerful magus in his own right. Native of Rillia. Assisted Urlik the Twain in the liberation of Aridane and Tringarde. Fascinated by politics, Jordan has at various times lived in most of the Five Kingdoms, always taking an active part in public affairs. He was the driving force behind the creation of the Concilium-based government in Rillia, and served as its first Primus. He later became one of the five original founders of the Order of the Silver Pentacle in Kystfelde.

**Nalin** One of the original students of Ilnazzer, a native of Kystfelde. Selfish and evil, he attempted to murder Erik Moriden as a means of testing his mastery of necromancy. Nalin was slain at the height of his power by minions of the god Vrrarda.

**Roth Gildene** Paviani Magus, one of the original students of Ilnazzer. The teachings of Ordo Gildene are an oral tradition with many regional variations, disdaining magical writings in favor of the natural magic of the elements, the spirit, and the gods. Students of his house learn their arts as traveling companions, sometimes without the benefit of literacy. Most arcane magic used by bards derives from Ordo Gildene's teachings.

**Tala Wefan/Tala the Weaver** Visionary seeress, the only female apprentice of Ilnazzer's original disciples. Native of Pavia. Lover of Dorak the Eternal. Few students of Tala become powerful magi in their own right, but the strength of the order is in cooperative magic, an art as yet unmastered by all other houses. Ordo Wefan is also known for its academic schools established for the education of women.

**Thane de Culai** Versi magus, one of the original students trained by Ilnazzer. The disciples of Thane specialize in deception, scrying, concealment, and other magics useful to the intrigues of those in power.

**Urlik the Twain** One of the first magi trained by Ilnazzer, a formidable spellcaster and artificer reputedly able to be in two places at once. Urlik and his followers were instrumental in driving the forces of the Tallen Empire from Aridane, and later from Tringarde. Many years later he was active in Kystfelde, where he was one of the five founders of the Order of the Silver Pentacle. Died 582.

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**Ancel Windrider** One of the first apprentices of Jordan Stormfather. Ancel is mentioned twice in the Tringardi histories as one of the Magi who aided Theobald the Grim in his expulsion of the Tallen invaders. He later held the Stormfather chair of the Concilium when his former mentor was elected the first Primus.

**Cardell** Rillian magus who re-discovered the science of alchemy. Though the school of Cardell is not one of the original eight, it has gained widespread acceptance as a legitimate avenue of study, and a place on the Councilium.

**Clavius Noblin/Clavius “The Impotent”** Last hereditary ruler of Rillia, magus of Ordo Stormfather. Under the guidance of Jordan Stormfather, Clavius established the Concilium and endorsed its right to serve as the ruling body in Rillia after his death.

**Petrin Ingel/“Petrin the Inscrutable”** A noted philosopher, mathematician and magus of the sixth century. Author of several texts on mathematics, logic, and the philosophy of magic, including *The Metaphysics of Mathematics* (551), *Ars Geometrica* (577) and *Geomancy* (591). His complex theories of magic derive power from arcane symbols and elaborate geometric procedures.

## OTHER FIGURES OF LEGEND

**Alberic, Brother** Wayfaring priest of Rhondelain, mentor of Brother Turstan. Died of Withering Plague in 755, leaving his staff with a miraculous power that eradicated the disease.

**Bælin, King** Legendary ruler of Dariala’am, revered by both Ponteans and Uriahns. Best known for condemning his son and heir to death for the rape of a peasant girl.

**Dorak the Eternal** (*Lorn*: cursed one) Professional soldier cursed with the inability to age, learn, or die. Only known human survivor of the Elder Age.

**Galiena “Doomsayer” Morslin (Deceased)** Legendary priestess of Vrrarda who sent many men to their deaths in pursuit of her unearthly beauty. She was granted the power of “death sight” in her late sixties, and became the most feared member of her order. Retired to a hermitage in Harkwood when old age transformed her into an ugly crone. Swore Gilamor Deerhurst to a blood oath to slay Sir Bennet Lawshield, then committed suicide by throwing herself onto his sword.

**Marius Merus** (*Tal*: Marius the Pure) Priest of Abalion, key member of the *purgatio* movement during the Tallen occupation of Tringarde. Founder of *Arx Validus*. Executed by political rivals for crimes he did not commit in 293.

**Naiwyn** (*Æl*: oak music) Master carpenter of Elaira, exceptionally talented at wood carving. Ryeti Kerithess believes he is alive, and hopes to persuade him to return to Elaira.

**Nicholas Math** Speaker of Law, founder of the Order of Math.

**Petrill of the Sword, Saint** Uriahn warrior-priest who inspired the first crusade into Kesh.

**Rudrik** Half-brother and murderer of King Bælin.

**Theobald the Grim** Key military leader of the Aridan revolt against the Tallen Empire in 363-365. Later united the scattered tribes and became first king of Aridane in 384.

## The Elders

**Beltran** Magus, arcane sage, and gifted painter. Associated with the rune Muto in Elder symbology.

**Caecilius** Sorcerer, skilled diplomat, and lover of Silvia. The most passionate and compassionate of the Elders, Caecilius later succumbed to madness. He betrayed the Elders, releasing a chaotic host into *Locus Refugium* and murdering Patricius, but was trapped attempting to steal Beltran’s stone. He is associated with the rune Rego in Elder symbology.

**Eusebius** Priest of an unknown god, wisest of the Elders, but also vain and plagued by desire for sensual pleasures. He is associated with the rune Intéllego in Elder symbology.

**Hamlin** Fey familiar of Beltran.

**Patricus** A brilliant general whose military prowess enabled the Elders to establish dominion over much of the known world. He is associated with the rune Perdo in Elder symbology.

**Silvia** Druid priestess. Conceived *Locus Refugium* as a retreat for the elders, and selected the site of its construction. She is associated with the rune Creo in Elder symbology.

**Veraiconica** Wife of Beltran who willingly chose death over immortality.