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# **NPCs**

#### **Alyona**

- Human woman who hitchhikes to Zaridel
- Tall with fair skin, golden hair, and blue-green eyes
- · Claims that Varinn has stolen something of great value from her

#### **Brother Marth**

- · Average height, somewhat chubby human with pale skin, black hair and brown eyes
- Greets the party at the entrance to Zaridel
- Reports to Varinn when the Left Eye of Magnus is stolen

#### **Brother Markus**

- Leader of platoon found in the Lavender Labyrinth
- Said that there was a shortcut to the Mystic Museum via the Lavender Library
- Despite surrendering, he was killed in battle and offered as food to Jeremy

#### **Brother Marten**

- Lead miner at Marwinn's Mine (halfling)
- Tells the party that any failure to meet the coal quota is met with harsh punishment

#### **Brother Mathias**

- Short human with lean frame, blonde hair, and green eyes
- In charge of the Guilded Tavern, Zaridel's most luxurious tavern
- Winked at Thalor

#### Charles

- Resident alchemist in the Verdant Refuge
- Dropped out of gnome college to learn alchemy on his own by trial and error
- Said he would introduce Thalor to Derek (though admitted that he only went to the same school briefly and doesn't actually know Derek personally)
- Offered Strad a potion of speed in exchange for a sample of the tainted water in the Kaysa's Great Fairy Fountain

#### Gaelor

- Harengon who just got promoted to head Librarian at the Lavender Library
- Helped the party into the Archive of Auxiliary Attunement in exchange for a rock which makes fart noises and a coin with his face on it

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 Was coerced via Charm Person to give up his steady job at the library to pursue his dream of becoming a professional dancer

## **Jeremy Bearimy**

- Black bear native to the woods near Lucky Deer Lodge
- Alyona offered Jeremy as a temporary companion to aid in the party's search for information about the Eyes of Zarus
- Loves honey
- It was revealed through telepathic bond that Jemery had a fling with a female bear and might be a father

#### **Kai Shadowthorn**

- Hermit Tiefling who lives in Owen's Outpost
- Was deemed unworthy of Zaridel for being a Tiefling
- In an attempt to get revenge on Varinn, he went to the Mystic Museum and obtained the Nevermore Necklace
- Acts crazy: is very wary of others, has wild mood swings, and is extremely forgetful

#### Lori Faewood

- elf ranger "mayor" of the Verdant Refuge who witnessed the gradual decay and corruption
- wants to find Kaysa / stage rebellion against Morgana
- · has a bad habit of breaking the 4th wall

# **Marwinn (the Magnanamous)**

- · Varinn's grandfather
- Enjoyed hunting and reportedly wore an eyepatch due to a hunting accident

## **Mayor Morgana**

- took power in the void left by Kaysa
- dark fairy who has embraced the necrotic energy by becoming a warlock (with raven queen as patron)
- Strad discovered that she's in league with varinn

### Nibbles

- magical wizard squirrel
- member of the Secret Society of Super Squirrels
- Tends to accidentally interefere in matters that he's trying to avoid affecting

#### **Timothias**

- Surprisingly fiesty old man who lives in Owen's Outpost
- Claims he coulda showed Varinn who's boss if he were back in his prime

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# Varinn (the Veracious)

- " Zarus knows all, and Varinn channels his holy wisdom to us."
- ~ Brother Marth
- Primary leader of Zaridel
- Tall, muscular human with tan skin, dark brown hair and blue eyes
- In charge of leading worship in the cathedral and interpreting the will of Zarus for the townsfolk

#### Zarus

- God of perfection, worshiped by the Zarunites
- Two spherical artifacts called the "Eyes of Zarus" are said to have been created by Zarus himself

# Locations

#### **Gallant Grasslands**

- Home of legendary fairies of old
- Has been overrun with cursed necrotic energy

## **Lucky Deer Lodge**

- Hunting cabin located in the forest west of Zaridel
- Rumor has it that this cabin was where Varinn's grandfather would go to hunt
  - Some say that he lost his eye due to a hunting accident wherein he drunkenly fired an arrow straight up and watched it fall
- More recently inhabited by Alyona after fleeing from Zaridel
- The area within ~1/2 mile radius of the lodge is filled with lush, tropical vegetation and plant life becomes more and more abundant as one approaches the the cabin.

# **Lavender Library**

- Library devoted to the study of the arcane, located 3 days journey west of Zaridel
- Home of the Archive of Auxiliary Attunement, which contains information about certain magical items for which attunement requires unconventional means

## Marwinn's Mine

- Mine immediately west of Zaridel which provides the town with various materials such as coal and iron
  ore
- None of the miners are human, they are a mixture of halflings, gnomes, and dwarves
- Run by Brother Marten

# **Mystic Museum**

Museum which safely holds dangerous magical items

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- Located north of the Lavender Library
- Varinn somehow has access to items stored in the museum

### **Owen's Outpost**

- Very small town on the outskirts of Zaridel
- Populated mostly by either ex-Zarunites or non-humans deemed unworthy for Zarunism
- Home to Kai Shadowthorn, a hermit tiefling who went mad after obtaining the cursed Nevermore Necklace
- Home to Timothias, an old man who brags about still being a great fighter despite his age.
- The market for honey seems to be extremely cut throat with the cost of a single jar running up to 30gp

## **Verdant Refuge**

- Only area in the Gallant Grasslands which isn't infected by necroctic energy
- A shield of pink pixie dust keeps the demons at bay
- Lori Faewood is the mayor and Charles is the resident alchemist

#### Zaridel

- City devoted to the cult-like worship of Zarus Main attraction is the large, red and blue cathedral which houses the Eyes of Zarus
- Led by Varinn the Veracious