**Name:** Remus Decius

**Age:** 23, 22th Octas (August)

**Heritage:** Decius Family, Ridonyan Empire

**Story:** Remus Decius was born 1015 in the imperial province of Hesat in the city of Fesin. His father, a Legatus Prosperate, ruled the province in behalf of the Ridonyan Empire. Just as his father and his brothers before him, Remus chose to peruse a military career and become a Legatus himself. As soon as he was fourteen years old, Remus enlisted himself to military service under the command of his own father. Despite his young age he was seen as a prodigy by his officers and even his brothers envy him for his skills with sword and shield. He quickly gained the trust of his officers and fellow soldiers as well and was appointed Optio, the right-hand man of a Centurio right after his training was finished.

In the year 1029 Remus and his entire Legion, including his father and his two brothers, where send South to the land Venticra who had broken the imperial contract they had sworn to honor. The 51. Legion reached the outskirts of this desert land and fought for more than four years until they were able to reach the capital city of Tyrija and conquer it. The royal family of Venticra was executed and every Gifted, be it man or woman, child or elder, was killed on the spot or enslaved and turned into Blinded. It was at that time that Remus realized for what he had fought all the time. An empire that had no mercy for people who never did something wrong… After the successful campaign the 51. Legion went back home and it was during that time that Remus was granted the rank of Prefectus Legionis for his strength in battle as well as his unwavering loyalty. He took the rank but left the army shortly after, to find a woman and start a family, as he said. But Remus did nothing like that. He went to the imperial capital of Astrala, where the Obsidian Tower was located and many Gifted tried to flee the hands of the Ridonyan Empire. Ever since he left his homeland Remus has been helping Gifted to flee to the outskirts of the empire, where the soldiers where fewer and the clutch of the empires Seekers was not as strong.

**Player description:** Remus Decius is a son of the Decius family, a wealthy military family that served the empire for generations. Despite that fact, Remus chose to help those in need, putting his good name and his own life on the line to help Gifted leave the empire unseen and unnoticed. Even if he looks grim and his eyes often burn with fury, Remus has a code of honor and loyalty he strictly follows. His combat skills are unmatched and only a handful of warriors within the Ridonyan Empire can hope to fight this towering man and get out of it alive.

**When you gain his loyalty:** Remus has more to him than one might see. During his first campaign Remus fought a young Gifted girl and she gave him his burn marks on his face. Remus did not kill her, but captured her, knocking her unconscious during the struggle. Later in the camp of his army, he saw how the young girl was raped multiple times and beaten to death afterwards. Her face has burned itself into his mind, the scar a constant reminder that her fate was his doing. Ever since he struggled with fulfilling his duty to his family and his country and what is right. He wants nothing more than to repent for what he did to this girl all those years back and so he does what he does to ensure nobody has to endure such a cruel fate.

**Name:** Cecilia Aurora Mercia II

**Age:** 19, 14th Dim (September)

**Heritage:** Royal Family of Thamaria

**Story:** Cecilia was born 1019 as the only daughter of queen Selena Mercia of Thamaria rightful heir to the onyx crown and granddaughter of Cecilia Aurora Mercia I. She grew up in the capital city of Alveracc and was crowned as the queen of Thamaria when she was only thirteen years old, since her mother died of an unknown illness. What is special about Cecilia is that she is a Gifted of the goddess of the oceans, the moon, the stars and the winds.

Only and hand full of people knew the fact that Cecilia was a Gifted and even fewer knew that her mother and grandmother where Gifted as well. When Cecilia was sixteen years old the Ridonyan Empire marched against Thamaria, since it did not only allow the Gifted to practice their magic, but also helped them in their studies to understand their origin and how they came to be what they are.

The following war was bloody and within a year Cecilia’s advisors suggested her to surrender and accept the ridonyan occupiers in their homeland. Cecilia cared for her people and saw the suffering they endured, so she surrendered, but also made sure that as many Gifted as possible where hidden or could flee from Thamaria. Ever since then, Cecilia planned to reclaim what is rightfully hers, and formed an underground army known as the Grey Legion, a rundown group of war veterans, Gifted and every man or woman willing to fight for their freedom. But as noble as her intentions might have been, not everyone was against the ridonyan occupation. Prince Valeran Mercia, Cecilias own cousin, betrayed her just as she had gained enough manpower to finally attack the Ridonyans and told the Order of the Seeker, a military department of Ridonya, specially trained to hunt and kill Gifted that the queen was a Gifted herself.

Cecilia was attacked in her own palace and captured, while the rebellion began, its leader, the woman that had organized all of this for many years, was captured by the enemy and brought into the Obsidian Tower, a prison specially made for Gifted, where she awaits her execution, or a fate worse than death.

**Player description:** The fact that Cecilia seems to hate the empire with her whole heart gives her a rather cold and distant touch. She seems to know how to fight with both, sword and word, and as a Gifted her magic powers are immense. She can control the flow of water as well as his aggregate state, making ice in the middle of a desert or letting a stream flow again in the midst of winter. She is also able to create a faint light, just like the light of the moon, and able to heal even grievous wounds. She doesn’t like to talk much and does not trust anyone but herself. Whatever this young woman wants, she will get it, be it through words or steel.

**When you gain her loyalty:** Cecilia is not just a normal Gifted. She is the queen of Thamaria and the heir to the onyx crown! All her efforts up until now, where made to liberate her country and take up arms against the tyrannical rule of the Ridonyan Empire.

**Name:** Avius Cleophas

**Age:** 19, 12th Octas (August)

**Heritage:** Sibylla Cleophas (sister), Davena Cleophas (mother)

**Story:** Avius was born 1019 as the only son of a wealthy merchant in the city of Alveracc. Soon after his birth, his parents found out that he is a Gifted and his powers come from the god of fire, light, courage and fury. Despite the fact that he is the oldest child of his family, his siblings never displayed any signs of being gifted.

Struggling to find a suited teacher for his child, Avius’ father, Artorius Cleophas, send a request to the royal family of Thamaria to accept his son into the Schola Sientiarum, a special school for gifted founded and operated by the royal family.

After some time, he was welcomed into the Schola, however, every child whose parent could not afford the cost of the Schola, had to serve in a rank befitting his or her talent and work of a dept to the thamarian royal family.

Avius was a great student and a very potent Gifted. His power often riveling that of his teacher or even surpassing them in many fields. One evening, out of pure mischief, he went outside of his dormitory to try and steal something to eat for himself and his fellow students, but came face to face with a girl in the kitchen of the Schola. Boasting with his magic talent, he started a fire in the kitchen to take advantage of the chaos and steal food, but was quickly drenched in water, as the girl in front of him used magic on her own to not only control the fire but also teach him a lesson. This was the first meeting of Avius and Cecilia, the heiress of the thorn of Thamaria.

Avius and Cecilia became good friends and eventually studied together. When the war started and Thamaria was fighting the Ridonyan Empire, Avius volunteered to fight in the army as a Gifted of war. He went into two engagements with the Ridonyans and both times the Thamarian losses were so significant, that the battle was lost. The order of the Seekers and their soulless beasts known as the Blinded as well as their obsidian weapons proved to much for the Thamarian forces and so war was lost as Cecilia capitulated.

Avius and many other Gifted where forced to live in the underground, always fearful of the watchful eyes of the Seekers. During the years of occupation, Avius helped Cecilia found the Grey Legion and became one of its most feared warriors. On the night of the uprising, when the Thamarians where ready to fight for their home once more, he saw the betrayal of prince Valeran and the subsequent storming of the palace by the Seekers first hand. Unable to save his queen that night, he followed the caravan back to the ridonyan capital city Astrala where he awaits a chance to save his queen and bring her back home, so that she might unite Thamaria once more.

**Player description:** Avius is an intelligent, smart and calculating man. Despite his youth, he has seen war and bloodshed more than many warriors claiming to be veterans of war. Commanding the flames of fury and light, Avius is amongst the most powerful Gifted in the entire Empire. His power only limited by his cool and calculating mind. He speaks with a Thamarian accent and is obviously not very welcomed in Ridonya as it is. Why he chose to be here, is not known.

**When you gain his loyalty:** Avius is a thamarian Gifted and a leader of the Grey Legion, an underground rebel army aiming to fight the ridonyan occupation forces in Thamaria. He has followed Cecilias transport and aimed to free her all this time. His loyalty towards his queen is unwavering.

**Turn**: Avius is an extremely powerful Gifted. However, that was not always the case. He found out during his battles with the Ridonyan Empire, that a Giften with enough knowledge and willpower, can absorb the power of another Gifted. This is done by consuming their blood and imbuing oneself with the power of the other Gifted. This results in one of the Gifted, namely the one who’s power is going to be absorbed, dying.

Throughout his battles, Avius has been consuming the power and lifeforce of countless Blinded and even some Gifted he saw as lacking. His ultimate goal is the absorption of every Gifted in the world. He believes that when he achieves his goal, he turns into a god himself and that he can “rewrite” the world to fit his image. With no pain and injustice.