# **Stanley Strich**

From a young age, your parents used to tell you that you would never amount to anything. You were something of a lazy delinquent, and your parents didn't really care enough about you to push you to work hard. You were ambitious in your own way, but your strategy was always to attach yourself to someone who was going places, and ride their coattails all the way to success. It was this shared trait that brought you together with Cawlin, your associate since childhood, and when you arrived at Katmeers you both immediately identified Thuban as the perfect person to carry the two of you all the way to the top. He was cunning and vicious, but he needed some muscle to get his dirty work done, and that was where you came in. You were all sorted into Eldin, and you can't imagine it having gone down any other way.

You guess most of your classmates think of your seventh and final year at Katmeers as a kind of special hell that they all went through, but not you. Batreaux was recruited into the Endless by his parents, and that dragged you and Cawlin along. But in Thevardra's company, you began to understand true power. Batreaux had never really treated you with respect, but Thevardra did. She would speak with you alone sometimes, about your potential for greatness, something you had never before believed you could possibly have. She granted you authority over the other students at Katmeers - a position of actual authority for the first time in your life. Suddenly you were no longer a lackey of a minion. You were somebody, your own ambition finally awakened, and it was dizzying.

You loved her. You loved her the way you never really loved your parents. And she loved you as if you were her son. Before the final battle, she told you that she doubted Thuban's loyalty, and that you were to stay with him, to keep him from becoming a traitor. You vigilantly watched him during the battle, but he did nothing to thwart the Dark lady. He stood on the balcony and watched everyone die, like the ice-cold badass that he was. But Cawlin! Cawlin attempted to interfere with the Dark Lady's rituals and you, horrified by the betrayal by someone so close to you, shattered the balcony underneath her, and she fell to her death. Sometimes, when you are alone at night, you feel guilty about this. but then you quiell that. You don't need to have any guilt over rooting out and crushing treachery.

When Thevardra was annihilated, for the briefest instant she touched your mind. "Strich" she whispered, in a voice amazingly serene, "Strich, my chosen heir, Ihave left my power in the world for you. One of my followers has taken it somewhere safe. Follow him to to the desert, claim your legacy, and finish my works as I could not." And then she was gone.

Claiming you were just following Batreaux's orders, you managed to avoid being thrown into Lon-Lon like so many of your housemates were. Doing so was very painful for your newfound pride, but you could hardly fill Thevardra's shoes while trapped in a high security prison. A free man, you turned your attention towards fulfilling the destiny that Thevardra had gifted you. Which turned out to be an extremely challenging task. You tracked the bearer of Thevardra's shard to an ancient shifting desert, but when you found the man, he was dead, and there was no sign of the shard anywhere.

You're not going to let that little set-back daunt you, though. If Thevardra believed you could do this, you can do this. You've assembled a little cabal of allies, most notably the Lanayru Quinn, who apparently decided after the final battle that Thevardra's return and ascendancy was inevitable and he wanted to be on the winning side. You will be the winning side, and though you intend to initially use the Paragons to gain omnipotence and immortality yourself, of course the next step would be to return your beloved Queen to the world again, and the reward all those who had been loyal to the Endless cause with the deathless state they ahd desired.

Quinn also brought along his best friend Morgiana who went quite, quite mad in the arcane backlash following Thevardra and Drew's demise. Quinn can talk to ghosts, and acts as a conduit by which Morgiana can talk to the ghost of Drew, her deceased boyfriend; you are aware that Quinn must be filtering what Drew sayas, since everything that Quinn relays is rather inconsequential. Morgiana is nonetheless, pathetically grateful for such scraps, and Morgiana is a very useful addition to your following. She is an extremely accomplished thief, and lured on by the prospect of more communication with her lost love,

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she follows Quinn's - and by extension your - commands unquestioningly. You're enterprise is being funded with money that Morgiana recovered from the family vaults of families sent to Lon-Lon. There's poetry in that you think: Building your new empire out of the ashes of those who tried and failed before you.

You're here tonight because you heard a rumor that one of the Aurors had been seen in the desert shortly before you got there, and you suspect they may have killed the bearer of Thevardra's wrath. You have a handful of classmates who are Aurors, and you figure if wasn't one of them, then they probably know who it was, and then you can find that person and find out what became of your legacy. You suspect it was Lionel of Faron house, who has been particularly zealous about tracking own any remaining Endless. You should probably take him out, just so he doesn't get in your way once you make your move.

Quinn tells you that he can sense that the Paragons are all present at Katmeers tonight. This might even be a higher priority than the shard - how often are all the Paragons in one place? With the shard and the Paragons, you would literally be unstoppable. You've got your work cut out for you this evening.

#### Goals

- Recover the shard of Theyardra's wrath.
- Acquire the Paragons. Especially the Paragon of Power, which is yours by right.
- Use the Paragons to become immortal and omnipotent, and return Thevardra to the world.
- Get Lionel killed.

#### **Notes**

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### **Contacts**

- Morgiana Aveil: A useful tool for your cause, whom Quinn handles for you. You try not to have much to do with her; Quinn tells you that she's not aware of his allegiances, adn you don't want to risk her tattling to her Auror friends.
- Quinn Trillian: Your ally, although you've been lying to him a little bit. You're sure he will understand when he finds out, though.
- Thuban Batreaux: Your former ringleader. You have no interest in following anyone else ever again, but you'd be happy to have such a ruthless and calculating man as a member of your cabal.

## Memory/Event Packets

- none

# **Bluesheets**

- none

## Greensheets

- none

### **Abilities**

Inconsequential
Thevadra's Heir
[P1] Curse
[P2] Stab
[P4] Crucio
[P9] Energy Bolt

#### **Items**

- Dagger (0000) - Key to Murchison Family Vault (0000)

## **Stats**

- Combat Rating: - γ: