

Forbidden Forest

Edlon is a Wood Elf term for outsider. Edlondil means outsider-lover, a term the Elimination faction use and mean as an insult when referring to the Integration faction on the council.

Saila Callistophylla: Grandmother of Eggs. Queen (chairperson) of the Council. Leader of the Integration faction.

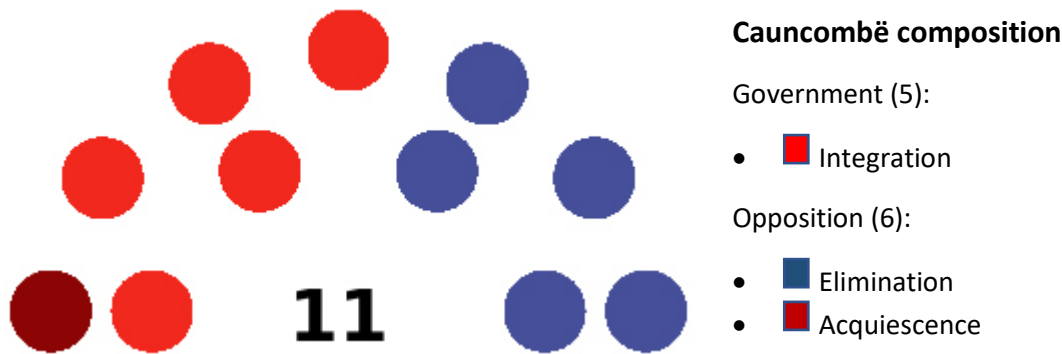
Mirya Root: She is the leader of the Root clan and leader of the Elimination faction on the council.

Gelennil Pyracantha: She is the leader of the Pyracantha clan and the only remaining member of the Acquiescence faction.

The council has 11 members which are chosen by all adult members of society in an election held every seventy-five years. The chairwoman of the council is referred to as Queen; a holdover from the mostly forgotten monarchy of old. Wood Elf society has changed gradually and incrementally over the millennia. Despite being steeped in traditions and anachronistic terms, their government is democratic in its structure.

Wood Elf families are matrilineal, so clan chiefs are always women. Only chiefs have ever been elected to the council. In fact, the elvish name for the council means assembly of chiefs. A lowborn person is a member of a clan which is not one of the 11 most important clans. Initially it was only these highborn clans who were represented. These days it varies – but there has yet to be a lowborn Queen. Regardless, it is legal for a lowborn (similar to commoner) man to become “Queen.”

Since the coming of the Edlon, Wood Elf politics have been focused on the “Edlon question.” This is, “what is to be done about the outsiders.” The Acquiescence faction was the governing faction and was led by Saila from the arrival of the Edlon until the first war with them when she founded the Integration faction and remained Queen. Since Sur La Table, where Saila lost her husband, her faction has been losing ground to the Elimination faction. Previously a very fringe faction.



Integration:

Want to forcibly restore the forest, delay the apocalypse indefinitely, kill as few people as possible, and welcome the Edlon into living harmoniously with nature.

Elimination:

Want to forcibly restore the forest, delay the apocalypse indefinitely, and remove the Edlon from these shores to do it. Some of them would prefer they return from whence they came, others don't care what happens to them provided harmony is restored quickly.

Acquiescence:

Murder is never acceptable. The Edlon should not be opposed using violence – only through changing the hearts and minds of the Edlon can the apocalypse be averted.