



•HOUSE DUNE•

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HISTORY

Before the Dappled Forest, all northern Seelie fae lived in the kingdom of Unitaithe¹, ruled by House Elderberry. However, in 723, the death of King Persimmon Elderberry with no heirs resulted in political instability. War broke out, with two families, House Dune and House Champignelle, fighting for dominance over the country. Eventually, the two came to an agreement, where House Dune would control the mainland, while House Champignelle controlled the island of Finapor.

The first king of the Dappled Forest (est. 727) was named Cillian Dune (702-798). He was well-known for his extreme paranoia, with his first order as the new king being to build a wall all along the border between the Dappled Forest and the neighboring elven kingdom of Naranthia, as well as the Outer Lands, a mostly uninhabited plain stretching north towards the Rhume Mountains. King Cillian also created the first organized Seelie military, using uninhabited Unitaitian mansions outside the city of Caisbaile² as the original barracks for the soldiers.

King Cillian had five children with his wife, Queen Isobel, Aisling (722-802), Lachlan (723-805), Eysteinn (725-789), Lorna (727-743), and Eoghan (728-821). Their eldest son, Lachlan, was crowned after King Cillian's death, with his own son, King Kenneth I (748-828) being crowned king soon afterwards. This pattern continued for some time, where a man would be king for less than two decades before his



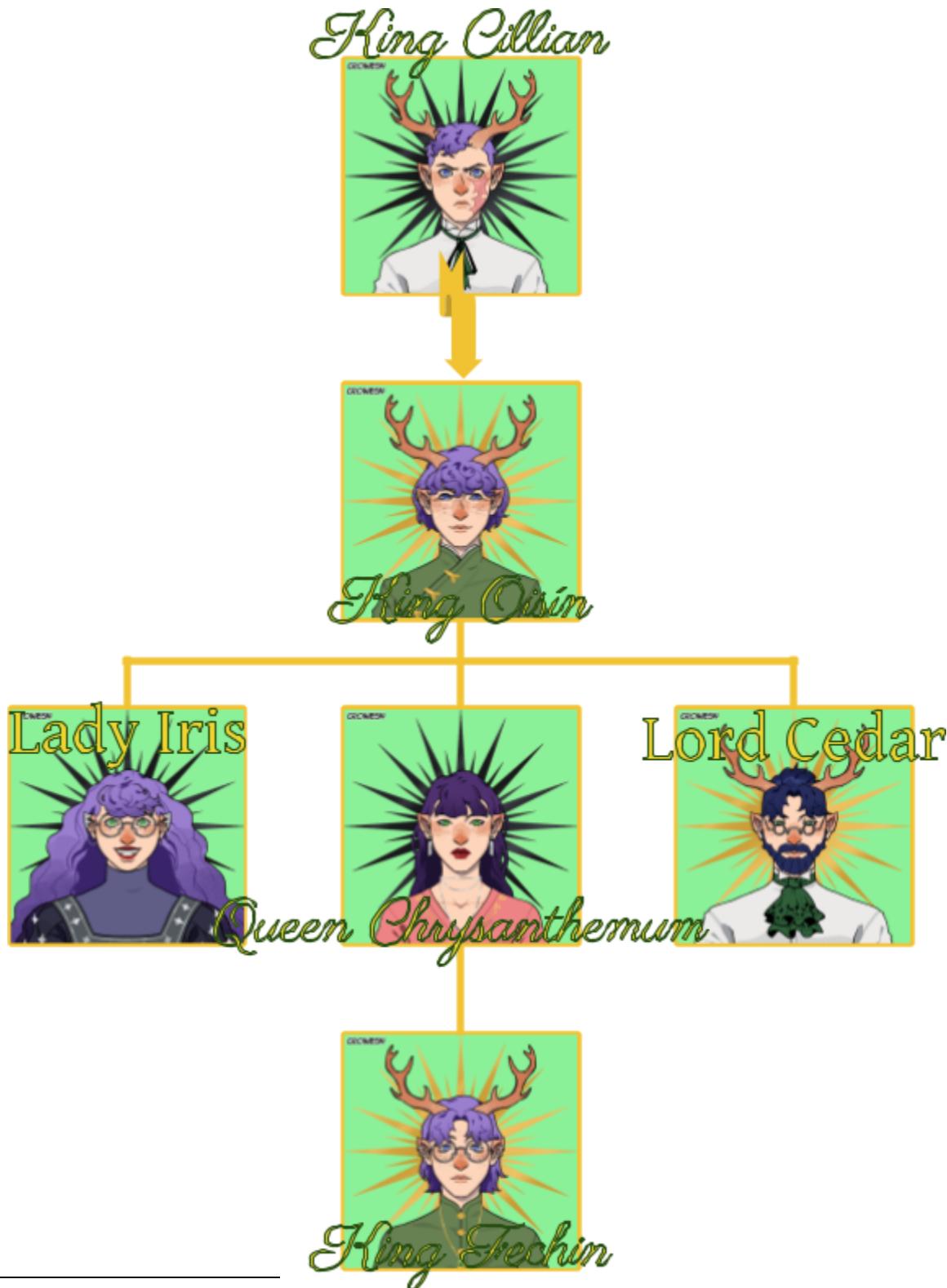
death, until the first Elven War in 1256, when Ailleen Dune (1238-1335) stole the throne from the rightful heir, her twin brother Alastair (1238-1324), to prevent the war from continuing under his rule, after the death of their father, King Conall (1194-1256). After the coronation of Queen Ailleen I, female rulers in the Dappled Forest became more common, but their numbers did not exceed that of male rulers.



¹ Combination of the words “uni” (French, united), and “aontaithe” (Irish, united)

² Combination of the Irish words “caisleán” (castle) and “baile” (town).

MEMBERS³



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King Oisín Dune

Birthday: 1 March 1955

The only child of King Kenneth, III (1934-1992) and Queen Isolde (b. 1934), King Oisín was born in Sliabh⁴ Rook in Caisbaile, during a time of relative peace between Naranthia and the Dappled Forest. In 1965, an attack on a farm along the north-eastern border of the Dappled Forest by Naranthian elves (according to sources from inside the kingdom, which are heavily disputed by modern scholars) led to the start of the Noble War, a decade-long conflict resulting in the deaths of hundreds of Seelie fae and elves alike.



Oisín was too young to participate in the political and military planning during the first three years of the war, but often found descriptions of the reasons for the war to be confusing and unconvincing. When he got older, near the end of the war, he did more research into the causes, and began creating secret connections with Naranthian elves and fae outside the Dappled Forest, which hadn't been done for many decades. The battles associated with the Noble War ended in 1975, though there was no formal peace treaty signed, and the Dappled Forest heightened border security, withdrawing further from international life, and even banning entry and exit between other Seelie fae kingdoms for many years.

In March 1976, while on a walk in the gardens of Sliabh Rook, Oisín was introduced to the lady-in-waiting of a local noblewoman, a young woman named Virila Barasho. The two immediately became friends, bonding over a love of books and an interest in history. Three months later, when the king and queen suggested Oisín start looking amongst the noblewomen of the Dappled Forest for a wife, he instead suggested marrying Virila. His parents were initially hesitant, but eventually approved the union, with the royal wedding between then Crown Prince Oisín and Virila Barasho occurring on 11 October of the same year. The two then moved to Spring House in the Southeastern Dappled Forest, where they lived until the death of King Kenneth in 1992.

In 1998, King Oisín disappeared. Rumors stated that he was not happy with being king, and planned to pass the throne to his son, Cedar (b.1984), due to the fact that his two daughters, Iris (b. 1978) and Chrysanthemum (b. 1980) did not seem fit for the role. They say that, upon learning this, Chrysanthemum conspired with other members of the Floral Court to depose her father,

⁴ Irish, "mountain"

formally removing him from the throne and putting herself in his place. Afterwards, many records of King Oisín were removed from the official history.



Queen Mother Virila Dune

Birthday: 20 May 1956

The Queen Mother was born in the border village of Mionbeag⁵. Her father, Elie-Yves Barasho (b. 1930), was a traveling merchant from a town in the North of Finapor, while her mother, Hallie Greenway (b. 1931), was of a nearby farm called Spás Glas⁶. Elie-Yves and Hallie married in 1951 and moved around the Dappled Forest and Finapore before

settling in Caisbaile in 1960 with their three children, Octavie (b. 1952), Virila, and Daryn (b. 1958).

When the Noble War started in 1965, Elie-Yves was immediately drafted, and Hallie got a job working as a maid in Sliabh Rook. Both Octavie and Virila, who were 13 and 9 respectively, sold vegetables from their home garden to make a little bit of extra money, due to the financial strain that the war caused to the Dappled Forest. The next year, Octavie caught the eye of a young noblewoman, Boudicca Hywel, who was a year older than her at age 15. Octavie was made a lady-in-waiting for Miss Hywel, and Virila was made a second lady-in-waiting when she turned 15 in 1971.

After the end of the Noble War, Elie-Yves returned from battle, now missing an arm. He and Hallie, along with Daryn, now 13, moved back to Mionbeag and lived at Spás Glas to attend to Hallie's aging parents. Virila and Octavie both sent money home and visited approximately once a month until adulthood. Octavie never married, but Virila did, marrying then Crown Prince Oisín in October 1976, only 7 months after they first met. They had their first child together, Iris, nearly 2 years later, while living in the Royal Family's Spring House in the Southeastern Dappled Forest.

On 2 June, 1988, while on a horseback ride with her two daughters, Iris and Chrysanthemum (b. 1980) to celebrate Iris' 10th birthday, Virila's horse was suddenly startled and began to buck, eventually dislodging her and causing her to land on the rocky path. While doctors were called quickly, they were unable to repair damage done to her spine and legs, which resulted in her needing to use a wheelchair for the remainder of her life. The true cause of the incident is unknown, but many believe that Iris may have caused it in some way, as a way

⁵ "Mion-" is an Irish prefix indicating smallness. "Beag" is the Irish word for small.

⁶ Irish, "A green space"

of preventing her mother from taking the throne in the event of King Oisín's death.

When King Oisín was coronated after the death of his father, King Kenneth, Queen Virila took an active role in the government of the Dappled Forest, working towards a true peace treaty between her kingdom and Naranthia. However, after King Oisín's disappearance, Virila was barred from participating in the Floral Court in a political capacity, and was often relegated to her personal chambers in Sliabh Rook.

Lady Iris Dune

Birthday: 31 May 1978

The eldest daughter of Oisín and Virila Dune, Iris was born to much fanfare. She grew up in Spring House, spending holidays on the beaches in the Southern Dappled Forest.

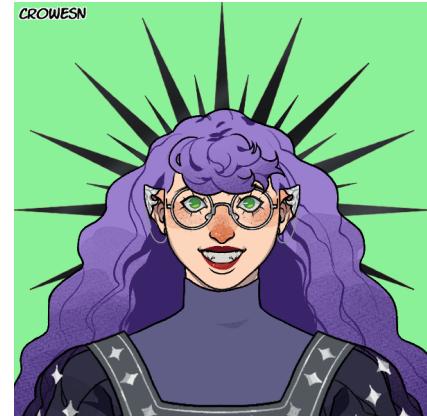
As Iris grew, her manipulative tendencies began to worry her parents, as it seemed that she would do anything she could to get her way. She would bribe or even blackmail servants for extra dessert, and would trick her parents and grandparents into giving her extra gifts after being refused. She seemed intent on becoming Queen, with former nannies stating that she would act out horrific scenes involving the orchestration of her parents' deaths so she could get the crown.

On her tenth birthday, while out horseback riding with her mother and younger sister, Chrysanthemum (b. 1980), an incident occurred which resulted in Queen Virila being bucked off her horse and landing on the ground, breaking her spine and causing permanent disability. The circumstances of the incident are unclear, but many believe that Iris, possibly with the help of her 8-year-old sister, was responsible.

While attending her first debut ball at age 16, Iris was introduced to Sir Florent Champignelle (b. 1977), the son of Lord Champignelle, whose family had formerly ruled the island of Finapor. The two became fast friends, and eventually began courting in May 1995, getting married less than a year later. The marriage was said to be a good one, with Iris apparently acting the "most calm anyone had ever seen her." However, in 2001, Florent Champignelle suddenly disappeared while traveling by boat to visit his family in Château, Finapor. The reasons behind his disappearance are unknown, but many believe Iris to once again be the cause of the incident. Those around her, though dispute this, stating that Iris truly loved Florent, and still grieves him to this day.

Iris did not remarry until 2002, after meeting a man named Silver Windigast (b. 1982), a young musician from the eastern region of the Dappled Forest. The two only courted for three months before their wedding, and their marriage lasted only a year, after which Silver divorced Iris, leaving the country to move to the Fulica Archipelago.

Of the many romantic relationships that Iris had, none lasted longer than her marriage to Florent Champignelle. Her entire list of husbands is as follows:



1. Florent Champignelle (b. 1977): Married April 1996, died January 2001
2. Silver Windigast (b. 1982): Married May 2002, divorced March 2003
3. Donagh Kuollut (b. 1983): Married July 2003, died December 2004
4. Dominic McEvoy (b. 1983): Married February 2005, divorced March 2006
5. Odhran Keevan (b. 1988): Married May 2008, divorced February 2011
6. Killian Mertvetilo (b. 1991): Married October 2012, died December 2014
7. Caelan Whelan (b. 1996): Married February 2016, divorced June 2018
8. Adrien Bellegarde (b. 1999): Married September 2019, divorced February 2021



After her most recent divorce, Iris publicly renounced marriage, stating that she would never be married again.

In 2023, after the imprisonment of her younger sister, Chrysanthemum, and the coronation of her nephew, Fechin, Iris returned to Sliabh Rook upon invitation by her mother, where she resides to this day.

Chrysanthemum Dune

Birthday: 7 January 1980

The second child of Oisín and Virila Dune, Chrysanthemum was born during a winter visit to Sliabh Rook for the New Year. She was a quiet child, especially compared to her older sister, Iris (b. 1978), who talked constantly. The two got along wonderfully, though. When Chrysanthemum was 5, she attempted to hit a servant with a large serving spoon, a pattern of violence which continued as she got older. Her parents became concerned when, during her younger brother Cedar's (b. 1984) 7th birthday, she attempted to throw a rock at him. She was sent to multiple rehabilitative counselors, who tried to teach her to be kinder to others, and not to be as self-centered as she was, but it was ineffective. Because of this, she was not often taken in public, and her ladies-in-waiting were trained in self-defense to prevent her from attacking others.

As Chrysanthemum entered her teens, she became less physically violent. However, a new pattern of manipulative tendencies and being quick to anger, in line with Iris' behavior, presented itself. Along with that, she became very well known for her extravagant everyday wear, including large ball gowns that cost thousands of dioscóir⁷. She often went on long vacations to different places in the kingdom, showing off her extreme fashion sense and luxury lifestyle, which often did not match up with the financial situations of those around her, or even her own family. This earned her a lot of dislike, and even outright hatred, from those living within the Dappled Forest.

While visiting the coastal town of Portániasc in 1994 with her sister, Chrysanthemum was introduced to a local bookseller, Rian, with whom she became immediately infatuated. The two began having an affair, and Chrysanthemum invited Rian to move to Sliabh Rook. They continued courting each other, even after the birth of Calliope "Calla" Fogg (b. 1995), Rian's daughter with another woman in the Floral Court. Chrysanthemum reluctantly agreed to raising her, and was often said to mistreat the young girl, having her do tasks meant for servants as opposed to treating her as a daughter.

In August 1997, two years after her official announcement of courting Rian, Chrysanthemum announced their engagement, with the ceremony being held only a couple weeks later. Unbeknownst to the public, or even her parents, Chrysanthemum had become pregnant, and the quick marriage was used as a way of preventing her reputation from being too sullied by her sexual



⁷ Dappled Forest currency, combination of the Irish words "diosca" (disc) and "óir" (gold).

practices. In April of 1998, she gave birth to her only son, Fechin. She often switched between loving Fechin, refusing to put him down or let others near him, and being hateful of her son. However, she always portrayed herself as a very caring mother, and would punish those in the Floral Court who said otherwise.

After learning of King Oisín's plans to have her brother become the official heir to the Dappled Forest, Chrysanthemum became enraged, believing that the crown was rightfully hers. Using her connections within the Floral Court, she spent the next year enacting a plot that dethroned her father, installing herself as the new Queen of the Dappled Forest.

In 2022, after being queen for 24 years, Fechin, now married to Prince Knox of Naranthia, approached his mother to create a treaty, officially ending the Noble War. However, Chrysanthemum refused, and Fechin, with the help of Calla, had her formally arrested by the Dappled Forest's Royal Guard, and her title was removed.

Rian Dune

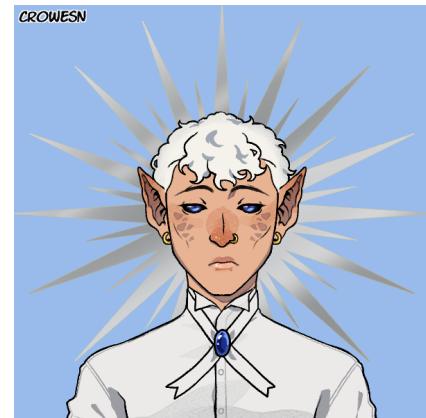
Birthday: 4 January 1976

Born on the island of Vráchos⁸ in the Fulica Archipelago, Rian was the oldest of 7 children. The culture of sirens living on the island was to have a more communal parenting style, so Rian never felt quite close to his parents, and had difficulty remembering the names and faces of his siblings.

At age 16, Rian left Vráchos to work on a passing fishing boat owned by a group of fae from Finapor and the Dappled Forest. They traveled throughout the area, selling mostly to Finapor, Naranthia, and various Fulican islands.

When the borders of the Dappled Forest began to open up more in the 1990s, Rian moved to the coastal town of Portániasc⁹. It was there in 1994 he met then-Princess Chrysanthemum, who had come to the village with her sister, Iris, for the summer. The two quickly bonded over their love of art and fashion, and Rian was invited to live in Sliabh Rook. The two married in September of 1997, as, unbeknownst to the public, Chrysanthemum was pregnant.

After Chrysanthemum was crowned as the Queen of the Dappled Forest, Rian joined the kingdom's army as a lieutenant. He was a somewhat attentive father of his son, Fechin, as well as Chrysanthemum's ward, Calliope Fogg (b.



⁸ Greek, “cliff”

⁹ Combination of the Irish words “iasc” (fish) and “portán” (crab).

1995), who was later revealed to be his daughter with Countess Melirianne Verdi. Calla was born a twin, and her sibling, Rowan, was adopted as an infant by the Naranthian royal family.

An injury during a skirmish between the Dappled Forest and Naranthia in 2008 allowed Rian the opportunity to leave his post as prince consort by faking his death. He was unhappy living in Caisbaile, due not only to his love of the open ocean, but also due to the deterioration of his relationship with Chrysanthemum. He moved back to Vráchos, where he lived until 2022. After hearing news of the coronation of his son, Fechin, as the King of the Dappled Forest, Rian decided to return to the kingdom. After his return, it was then revealed to the royal family the true nature of Calla and Rowan's parentage, which resulted in Rian being ostracized from the Floral Court and Seelie fae society.

Lord Cedar Berkery

Birthday: 1 March 1984

Cedar Dune was born at Spring House in the Southeastern Dappled Forest, the youngest of three children between Oisín and Virila Dune. He led a relatively happy childhood, but was consistently the target of violent attacks by his older sister, Chrysanthemum (b. 1980). At his 7th birthday party, she attempted to throw a large rock at him, leading to Cedar being sent to live at Sliabh Rook with his grandparents, King Kenneth and Queen Isolde. He lived there until he was 13, when he decided to move back in with his parents, who still lived at Spring House.



As a child, Cedar was very close with both of his parents, even after having to be separated from them. He had a strenuous relationship with his elder sister, Iris (b. 1978), and after the incident at his 7th birthday, he took great lengths to avoid spending time with Chrysanthemum. He was also very close to his grandparents, due to having to live with them for multiple periods as a child and into adolescence, as a way of avoiding arguments or attacks from either of his sisters.

After the death of his grandfather in 1992, Cedar began to drift away from his family, eventually leaving the Dappled Forest in 1994, after Chrysanthemum brought Rian to live at Sliabh Rook. He deeply disliked Rian, for his overbearing demeanor and tendency towards rudeness, especially to King Oisín and Queen Consort Virila. Cedar settled in Château¹⁰, Finapor, where he met Raspberry Berkery, who had traveled there to buy books for the library she worked at. The two became good friends, getting closer after Cedar moved to Esperidoeidés¹¹, the village near the Berkery farm, in 1997. The two eventually began courting in 1999, and were married at a small ceremony in the orange orchards on 26 June 2002. Queen Mother Virila was in attendance, but neither of Cedar's sisters were invited.

After a honeymoon on the beaches of Southern Finapor, Cedar and Raspberry moved to Esperidoeidés, where they operated a small bookstore. Cedar ran much of the actual store, while Raspberry assisted her family with their farm and selling their produce in the town. The two waited to start having children, though, as Cedar continuously worried that their child would grow up to be like his sisters, neither of whom he talked to anymore. They also

¹⁰ French, “castle”

¹¹ Greek, “citrus”

visited the Northern Dappled Forest every so often, as in 2012 Oisín re-established contact not only with his former wife, but with his only son, who he believed to be the proper heir to the Dappled Forest throne.



Lady Raspberry Berkery

Birthday: 7 August 1984

Raspberry Berkery was born in the Portokáli¹² region of Finapor, to Vanko (b. 1950) and Apollonia (b. 1950) Berkery, who were orange farmers. She was the second of four children, Arancia (b. 1983), Zoey (b. 1986) and Pearce (b. 1988). Her birth name was Maibritt, but she was given the nickname “Raspberry” as a child, not only for her vibrant red hair, but also for her love of the fruit, which grew abundantly in the wild hills near their orchards. Even as an adult, she rarely used her birth name, preferring to be called Raspberry, or “Rozzie” for short.

Growing up, Raspberry was extremely fond of books, often sneaking them into meals and at school and temple. When her family traveled to other towns in the area to sell their wares, the first place she would look for was the bookstore or library. At 13, after graduating primary school, her parents and siblings scraped together enough money to send her to the elite Academy of Finapor so that she could get a better education than those available at Portokálian secondary schools.

After graduating from the Academy of Finapor, Raspberry moved back to her family’s farm, splitting time between the orchards and working at the library in the nearby village of Esperidoeidés. As a librarian, she was often sent to other towns, as well as to Château, to buy books and learn from other Finaporian librarians. While on one such visit to the capitol in 1994, Raspberry was introduced to Cedar Dune, who had just moved there and was working in the Royal Library’s archives. The two became good friends, and Raspberry very excitedly accepted when Cedar asked Vanko and Apollonia’s permission to court her in 1999. They were married in 2002, and after their honeymoon they returned to Esperidoeidés, where Cedar operated a bookstore, while Raspberry assisted her parents on their farm.

Initially, Cedar did not want children, much to Raspberry’s disappointment, as she had wanted to have a large family. However, after learning more about his childhood, and understanding his fear of having a child turn out like Iris, or even Chrysanthemum, she agreed that it might be best to wait to have

¹² Greek, “orange”

children. In 2021, after learning of Chrysanthemum's son, Fechin, and his work towards peace between Naranthia and the Dappled Forest, despite having been formally removed from House Dune by his mother, the two agreed that their fears of a psychopathic child were not as well founded as they believed.

In October 2021, Cedar and Raspberry announced that they were with child, and their daughter, Lavender Berkery, was born on 24 June of the following year.

After the arrest and imprisonment of Chrysanthemum, and the coronation of Fechin Dune as king of the Dappled Forest, Queen Mother Virila invited Cedar and Raspberry to move back to Sliabh Rook. While not wanting to leave their Finaporian home permanently, the two did visit for a period of time, becoming closer with the family that, for the most part, neither of them had ever met.

King Fechin Dune

Birthday: 9 April 1998

The current king of the Dappled Forest, Fechin is the only son of Chrysanthemum and Prince Consort Rian. He was raised alongside his half-sister, Calliope (“Calla” for short) in Sliabh Rook, though neither of them knew about their relationship to each other, nor of the existence of their sibling, Calla’s twin brother Rowan.

Fechin grew up very separated from his family, and the world in general. To maintain her control of him, Chrysanthemum relegated his interactions to her, a select group of servants and nannies (many of whom were humans who had been kidnapped from other parts of the forest), and Calla, who was under the same strict control. He very rarely saw his father and grandmother, who he considered himself very close to. Along with this, his mother tended to pit Calla and Fechin against each other, leading to a hatred and rivalry between them that lasted well into adulthood.

At age 18, Fechin was asked to select his future bride, with his mother pushing him to court the younger sister of a schoolmate of his, a girl named Niamh Fenring (b. 2002). His refusal led to a series of explosive arguments between Fechin and Chrysanthemum that eventually resulted in him being banished.

After his banishment, Fechin spent a year living in the Northern Dappled Forest, separated from both his parents after the death of his father in 2008. He kept to himself, avoiding humans living in the area, and stealing food from stores and homes on the outskirts of the Dappled Forest. He was eventually arrested in December of 2016, after being caught climbing the wall into the kingdom, which resulted in his mother sentencing him to 1 year in prison (a sentence spent almost entirely in a solitary cell in the Prison Tree in Caisbaile) before two years house arrest, as well as a formal stripping of his title as Prince of the Dappled Forest.

In 2020, after his house arrest sentence was finished, his mother allowed him to stay in the kingdom, rewarding him with the title of Captain of the Royal Guard, before stationing him at an isolated post along the border wall between the Dappled Forest and Naranthia. It was there he lived with his pet panther, Allie, who he had gotten as a child as a birthday gift from Prince Consort Rian.

Shortly after being stationed at the border wall, Fechin caught an elf climbing over. Attempting to capture him, Fechin fell over the border wall,





sustaining multiple injuries. The elves on the other side took him to their home, in the palace in Kolona, Naranthia, attempting to nurse him back to health. Among these elves were the princes of the kingdom, Prince Knox, and Prince Rowan, who was a wingless fae, and Fechin's half-brother. Apprehensive at first, Fechin eventually became friends with the two, and began courting Knox near the end of 2020, getting married in spring of 2022. Through their relationship, they also began to repair the relations between their two kingdoms, much to the displeasure of Chrysanthemum.

Near the end of 2022, Fechin and Knox traveled to the Dappled Forest with a proposition for Chrysanthemum – either she sign a treaty officially ending the Noble War, or be taken into custody by the country for treason. She fought against this, but eventually it was on Calla's word that she was arrested and sentenced to life in prison. Since then, she has also had child abuse and neglect charges added onto her list of crimes.

After his mother was officially dethroned, Fechin was coronated as King of the Dappled Forest and formally reinstated into the House Dune and the royal line. He will rule until the day that his sister, Calla Fogg, has completed the ceremony and training necessary to be added to House Dune, and become the Queen in his place.