

# Tesya Wilenski

– The Spying Mistress of Riverheart –

## Early Years

Tesya Wilenski was born into the thriving, ever-bustling city of Riverheart, a place where the clamor of merchants and the scent of exotic spices filled the air.

Riverheart was a city of commerce, its location at the confluence of the Threnn river and roads making it a key trading hub. The **Wilenski family** was a well-known name, having built their wealth on the trade of spices, herbs, and exotic teas that flowed into the markets of Riverheart from all over the world.



Tesya's father, **Roman Wilenski**, was a shrewd businessman who had mastered the art of negotiation and forged connections with traders from distant lands. Her mother, **Theresa Wilenski**, was just as formidable, handling the family's financial matters and maintaining their social standing among the city's elite. Although not high born themselves, together, they built a prosperous life, and their family was looked upon with respect and admiration by all who crossed their path.

Tesya grew up in luxury, surrounded by the finest silks and spices money could buy. But the most cherished part of her life was her younger sister, **Elira Wilenski**. Tesya and Elira were inseparable, their bond more like that of best friends than sisters. While Tesya often found herself studying the art of negotiation or the fine details of trade, Elira was a quiet and thoughtful child with a gift that would change their lives forever. Elira had innate magical abilities, a power that her family couldn't quite understand but instinctively feared.



When Elira turned 12, their lives were turned upside down. One fateful day, while playing in the family's garden, Elira accidentally summoned a burst of arcane energy, a surge that revealed her potential as a sorceress. Faced with an impossible choice and concerned for Elira's safety, Roman and Theresa made a difficult decision. They let **The Seydir Academy** take Elira under their care, sending her away to **Solaris** where her powers could be trained and controlled.

Tesya was devastated. The thought of losing her sister, her closest friend, broke her heart, and the void left behind was something she could never fill.

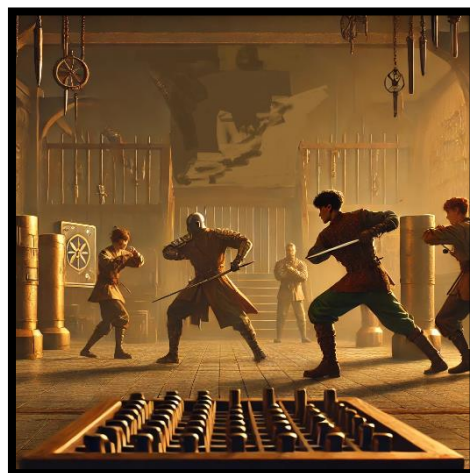
As the years passed, the memory of Elira's departure stayed with Tesya, but she did her best to focus on the future. First, she tried to follow in her father's footsteps however it was expected of someone of her status to join the military and serve the city for some years, and Tesya knew this. She enrolled in the Riverheart military academy, where she excelled in strategy, intelligence, and tactics. Though she initially started in the traditional ranks, it wasn't long before Tesya's natural aptitude for observation and problem-solving were spotted.

## Obstacles and New Friends

Tesya's sharp mind and curiosity made her an excellent fit for the covert arm of the military—the legendary **AI:5**. Upon arriving at one of AI:5's most demanding training facilities, Tesya Wilenski found herself thrust into a world of relentless challenges and near-impossible expectations. Here, only the most dedicated and resourceful recruits survived the gruelling regimen designed to mold them into elite operatives. Among those recruits was **Arlo Fray**, a young man from the city of **Retgard**, who, like Tesya, had been recommended for the program.

Overseeing their training was **Coltor Grimm**, a man whose reputation preceded him. Known for his brutal methods and unyielding standards, Grimm had a singular goal: to forge the finest agents AI:5 had ever seen. His piercing gaze and sharp bark of command struck fear into the hearts of recruits, and he made no secret of his disdain for those he deemed unworthy.

He initially regarded Tesya with skepticism. The fact that she had entered the program through a recommendation rather than standard channels seemed to ignite a personal vendetta within him. He questioned her every move, pushed her to her physical and mental limits, and tried to break her spirit with scathing remarks. *“You think connections will keep you alive in the field, Wilenski? Prove you belong here, or get out,”* he growled during one particularly brutal sparring session.



But Tesya's resolve was unshakable. No matter how harsh his methods, she met his challenges head-on, her intelligence and tenacity shining through. Slowly, begrudgingly, Coltor Grimm began to acknowledge her talents. By the end of her training, his gruff demeanour toward Tesya had shifted to one of respect. Though he would never openly admit it, he saw in her the makings of an extraordinary agent.

During these harrowing months, Tesya found an unexpected ally in Arlo Fray. Arlo, with his quick wit and easygoing nature, was a stark contrast to the unrelenting atmosphere of the training facility. A skilled tracker with a knack for improvisation, he often lightened the mood with his humour, earning him the admiration of his peers.

Tesya and Arlo were paired together for many exercises, their partnership built on mutual trust and respect. Whether navigating treacherous obstacle courses or decoding complex intelligence puzzles, they complemented each other's strengths. Arlo's optimism and adaptability balanced Tesya's methodical and strategic approach, creating a dynamic that impressed even their toughest instructors—Grimm included.

Their bond extended beyond training hours. Over late-night conversations in the barracks, Arlo shared stories of his life in Retgard, his religious family, and his dreams of making a difference. In turn, Tesya spoke of her past, her aspirations, and the unresolved pain of losing her sister. Arlo's unwavering support gave her a sense of camaraderie she hadn't felt in years. After some time Tesya felt enough trust within Arlo to share her theories about Solaris, The Seydir Academy and the "kidnapping" of her sister and magic users alike. Even though Arlo is not 100% on board with it he trusts her enough to know that there are some blank spots surrounding The Academy and has promised to help whenever and however he can.



Her time in the service of AI:5 was a defining period of growth and over the course of several years, Tesya gained invaluable experience. She travelled throughout the kingdom, piecing together whispers of rumours and hidden truths, and soon became known as a skilled operative in uncovering covert operations or exposing dangerous plots. But while her professional life flourished, the personal loss of her sister remained ever-present in her mind. A major

driving force of Tesya's career was the mystery of what had happened to Elira and what her life had become after being sent away to The Seydir Academy.

# Uncovering old Secrets

As Tesya rose through the ranks, she started to use her network for a more personal reason. Though her status as a military agent gave her access to certain classified information, she found nothing that could explain what happened behind the academy's doors. Her network was only able to provide the faintest whispers about The Seydir Academy and those that are taken.

Most of the rumours proved to be wrong or just some scary stories you tell misbehaving children. A fact that made Tesya even more suspicious. This unsettling mystery gnawed at her. She had grown used to uncovering secrets, unravelling the webs of intrigue and deception that so often cloaked the kingdom's dealings, but this... this was something else. The mere thought of her sister, alone in that institution, haunted her every night.



Tesya needed to know what happened there. Was Elira truly being trained, or had something else happened? Was her sister still alive, or had she been lost to something far more sinister than Tesya could comprehend?

Now, with her new mission taking her south to the borderlands, Tesya sees an opportunity—a way to explore what might lie beneath the surface of this mystery. She's already started to investigate, but it's clear that the path is far from straightforward. Her position as an agent has its benefits, but it also puts her in danger if she digs too deep. Yet, the desire to uncover the truth about the Academy—and about Elira—drives her forward.



## New Task at Hand

Tesya has been tasked with a new mission—a highly sensitive operation. The kingdom's borders with a neighbouring state have become tense, and there are rumours of growing unrest. As the intelligence division's most promising agent, she is ordered to travel south, assemble a small task force, and investigate the situation on the ground. The southern border is a volatile region where political manoeuvring, insurgents, and magical disturbances are all in play, and the kingdom needs someone with her sharp instincts to navigate it.



Currently traveling under the guise of a regular mercenary to avoid drawing attention to her ties with **AI:5**, Tesya is accompanied by two promising warriors: twin brothers named **Drol** and **Grisk**. The twins are fiercely loyal and capable in combat but have a mysterious and troubling affliction. Each brother has a slightly glowing eye, and this strange symptom seems to suggest something magical at work. Could it perhaps be some sort of curse, or was this some

fabrication of the Academy? Tesya suspects there may be a deeper, more complex force at play and keeps a careful eye on them. If the brothers have ties to the Academy maybe they can provide new clues about Elira or at least what goes on in Solaris,

Though the task force travels as a simple group of mercenaries for now, Tesya remains aware that this mission could unfold in unexpected ways. The political stakes are high, and the whispers of magic, insurgency, and strange forces in the southern regions only add to the danger. She knows that uncovering the truth of what's happening at the border could change the fate of **Altanarra** itself. With her sharp intellect, her background and the bond she still holds for her sister, Tesya is ready to face the unknown and tackle whatever challenges lie ahead.