

Study of the Fey Spring 1105

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The Origins of the Fey

*As a race the Fey claim to be the
oldest of the Heartland beings, Yet
in truth, no one knows the validity
of this claim.*

*In the beginning there was only the
nothingness of the void. Then the
Makers created the world of Erdreja
and hung it in the emptiness.*

*Erdreja was barren and empty, a
maker known as Danu is by legend
denoted as birthing the first of Fey
from the power of her dreams alone.
Other makers likewise added being
of their own to take their place on
Erdreja, these first races are now
known as the Elder races and consist
of Dwarves, Elves, Ologs and a
handful of nameless races who have
not survived the Aeons to this day.*

*Over time un-measured the race of
Fey began to split into two castes,
which would become known as
Seelie and Un-Seelie Fey. As the
divide within the Fey became more
defined the power the birthed them
likewise began to split until a
separate power sprang forth from
that which was Danu.*

*Danu and Domnu, each adopted a
caste of the Fey society into their
embrace and protection, though each
power is treated with respect by the
followers of the other.*

*Fey kind are immortal, the sacred
blessing of two their mothers... if
laid low a fey will be reborn on the
first day of the Fey Spring.*

Fae spend much of their existence in a magical realm known as Arcadia that is ruled by Oberon; the Lord of all Fey-kind. Within that place the two castes are organized into a series of courts varying in size and power.

The "Courts" are much like the royal courts of the mortal-kind where by a King will rule over all with a queen by his side, with other Fey falling into the roles of other traditional courtly figures such as Guardian, High Magi and Jester.

Whenever a Spring Equinox comes to pass on Arcadia the Fey within a court (save the King / Lord who retains his mantle) exchange roles... he who was the Jester may find himself as the High Magi or Guardian and Vice Versa.

In this way it is entirely possible that a single fey may find themselves taking on the Role of all the Courtly figures over the span of his immortality.

This passage of time is difficult to measure against the mortal timeline, some fey Seasons can last many hundreds of years whilst others can last only a day from the perspective of a mortal man.

Fey walk the lands of Erdreja by the will of their mothers, to guide the

younger races in the true way of all things.

Though this wisdom is not given freely... Mortals must show the wit and conscience to ask the questions that the Fey have the knowledge of... this wisdom may in turn have a cost of its own.

The Nature of the Fey

Fey are a deeply spiritual people, though little is openly known of this spirituality. What is known is that long ago, the Fey lost the ability to procreate and to replenish their race as such each and every Fey is precious to their own kind.

Fey of both Seelie and Unseelie nature revere themselves as the highest of all beings (save the Makers themselves), this confidence in their own standing often portrays itself as extreme arrogance and utter belief in their own self being.

The nature of any individual Fey depends under which sway he has allowed himself to fall... Seelie or Unseelie.

Seelie Fey, are Lawful (though not necessarily good) whilst Unseelie Fey are Chaotic (though not necessarily Evil).

Seelie Fey view mortals as innocent Children (and are not beyond punishing them as would an angry parent), their very existence and every act is structured and ordered. Some of their edicts and morals stray very close to that which Mortals embrace and understand.

Unseelie fey view mortal as playthings for their entertainment (and are not beyond inflicting terrible torment on them), their very existence can be traced by a line of chaos and suffering among mortal beings. Unseelie Fey have very few moral codes and some of their most passionate edicts are far beyond Mortal understanding.

These definitions are not set in stone, they are the most extreme definitions of the Fey. Just as there are Fey who will fit the mold set here perfectly there are also fey whom stray in the balance that lays between them... over the span of the immortality they may cross over into the opposite caste and back again many times over.

Fey Glamour and other known powers

Fey of both Seelie and Unseelie castes wear decorative woad on their faces known as Fae Glamor, these markings denote a huge amount of information about the Fae though the full content of that is only obvious to the Fey.

It is known that a Fey's Glamour will impart to which Court he belongs, his standing in that court, to which Fae Season he is most strongly bound and a measure of his power. As mentioned there are countless other intricacies related to the Glamour but these are simply lost on none Fey-kind.

In the most powerful of Fey this Glamour acts as protection, more surely than the finest mortal armours. This Glamour will protect the Fey from most mortal weapons and save them from demise.

Fey are beings strongly tied to magic, even more so than Elves. Even amongst the most humble of Fey there are levels of spell casting to rival mortal mages whom spend their lives in pursuit of magical studies.

Among the most powerful Fae it is not un-common to find those whom

can control High Magic... Lord Oberon is by legend able to control True Magic such is the potential of the Fey and their closeness to the magical weave.

Such is their bond with the weave of magic that errant magic's will commonly falter around them as if they had iron will set upon them. Incantation has be recorded as having some effect but commonly the target Fey will call upon their own craft to negate any errant spell as would any mortal spell-caster.

Fey Gifts

It is of particular note to mention gifts given by the Fey, if a mortal accepts a gift given by a fae he may be bound into a Gaes that will allow that fey to ask for repayment in kind for the gift. The nature of this repaying may be a deed of the fey choosing rather than an actual gift as such may lead to no end of misfortune.

Only the very strongest of minds can resist this Gaes... it is far easier to deny the gifts of Fey than break the Gaes once it is set.

Known Weaknesses

For all their strengths the Fey are not without their weaknesses, they have a unique vulnerability to the touch of cold forged iron. This rare metal is of the same source that created them as such can wound them more deeply and surely than any blade set upon a mortal being.

If a Fey is slain by cold iron he will not be reborn in the next Fey Spring, his essence will be lost into the nothingness of the void.

The Fey Glamour that protects the more powerful fey can only be defeated by a weapon crafted of

Silver or Enchanted with powerful magic's that remain in the weapon long after its crafting.

If a Fey is laid low, but his glamour is not defeated it is not unknown for them to regenerate fully within the space of a few heartbeats.

One last weakness that has laid many a Fae low is their arrogance, that a Mortal could defeat a Fey is almost beyond the belief of those Fey whom have not spent any great measure of time in the company of Mortals... this arrogance has led many a Fae to a life of contemplation on the true nature and potential power of the "Child Races".

The Crystal Court and the Rookery

Two of the Fey Courts that are probably of most note at this time are that of the "Crystal Court" led by the Seelie Fey- "Lord Coronal" and the "Rookery" led by the Unseelie Fey-Lord "Sethyc Crateris".

Nearly 250 years ago by the mortal timeline the Seelie Crystal Court and the Unseelie Rookery were in open conflict.

Members of the Rookery stood accused of the murdering (immortal murder beyond all recovery or rebirth) of a Seelie Fey from the Crystal Court.

It was within the Crystal courts power to destroy the Rookery entire, but casting Fey into oblivion from which they could not be reborn was brutal beyond measure of their noble moral code.

Of the two Fey courts the Crystal court was by far the stronger, by the will and power of Lord Coronal the Rookery were stripped of their powers and imprisoned inside crystals that were then placed inside a magical box of his own crafting.

This box was then placed in the mortal realm of Erdreja (in northern Albion near the Townstead of

Naseby) so the Rookery could not even taste the sweet existence of Arcadia within their prison.

Almost a year ago (Nearly 250 Years after the imprisonment began) members of the Scouts Guild happened upon this box and opened it, unknowingly releasing the Rookery from their bind.

Angered by the interference of the Scouts Guild, Lord Coronal and other figures of the Crystal Court appeared and tasked the Scouts Guild to hunt down the members of the Rookery and return them to their prison... else face his wrath.

The Scouts Guild for their part agreed to do so and were given a year and day to complete the task, rumour is abound that those who released the Fey will be taking their place in the box should the Rookery not be returned before the deadline set by the Fey-Lord.

*The Shadow Court and the Scouts
Guild*

Firenzi, senior aide to Grandmaster Fitz offered another recourse that held if anything held a greater chance of success when weighed against an open conflict between the Scouts Guild and the Crystal Court.

Firenzi began recruiting members of the Rookery into his own Unseelie Fey court known as the "Shadow Court", it is hoped that this union of the Fey Courts combined with the Scouts Guild will be enough to draw equal to the power of the Crystal Court.

Lord Coronal will soon be faced with a choice stand against the forces that now oppose him and defy his sentence over the members of the Rookery... or let the matter lay and end before both his court and his race suffer losses that may never be undone.

Those of the Shadow Court and the Scouts Guild would undoubtedly face grievous losses during any conflict of this scale considering the great powers that the members of Crystal court posses.

