

GODDESS CERIS

BLESSED BE THE GODDESS CERIS - MOTHER AND PROTECTOR OF ENCARIS

USING ENCIA, HER LIFE ESSENCE, CERIS CREATED THE PLANET AND NURTURED IT INTO A DIVERSE AND THRIVING PLACE THAT MIRRORED HER PURITY. AFTER TRAVELLING THE COSMOS, ENCARIS SOON ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE CREATOR GOD TEMU AND HE WAS THE FIRST BEING TO WALK ON THE PLANET'S SURFACE. QUICKLY ENTHRALLED, HE BEGAN TO ADD LIFE TO ENCARIS. CERIS FELT HIS ADORATION FOR HER PLANET AND MANIFESTED HERSELF IN HIS FORM, LEADING TEMU TO INSTANTLY SEEK HER AS A LOVER. SLOWLY, HE WON HER FAVOUR AND THEY BROUGHT SEVEN CHILDREN INTO THE WORLD.

DEVOTING HERSELF TO THEIR CHILDREN, CERIS GAVE EACH OF THEM THE GIFT OF ENCIA, EMBUING THEM WITH UNIQUE MAGICAL ABILITIES AND LONG LIVES. SHE DECLARED THEM THE AR'ENCAL, THE FIRST RACE OF THE PLANET. AS EACH CHILD AGED, THEIR POWERS ENHANCED AND SHAPED THE WORLD, LEADING TEMU TO ALSO BESTOW GIFTS UPON THEM.

AS THEIR DAUGHTERS; ROWANA, NERA, LUNA AND TALIA WHERE AS BEAUTIFUL AS THEIR MOTHER, TEMU GIFTED THEM WITH THE ABILITY OF CREATION, ALLOWING THEM TO PRODUCE AND CARRY HEIRS, GROWING THE AR'ENCAL RACE.

THEIR SONS, VIRITUS, PIRAL AND SYRIS SHOWED SUCH ADMIRABLE TRAITS THAT HE BLESSED THEM WITH PROCREATION AND MAGICAL CONDUITS TO CARRY THEIR OFFSPRING.

AS THE AR'ENCAL RACE GREW, CERIS AND TEMU'S CHILDREN BECAME WORSHIPED AS DEITIES. CONVINCED THEIR CHILDREN WERE THE FUTURE FOR HER BELOVED PLANET, CERIS ASKED TEMU TO FADE AWAY WITH HER INTO AN EXISITANCE OF QUIET BLISS, BUT HE REFUSED.

INSULTED BY HIS DECISION, CERIS RETREATED TO THE HEART OF THE PLANET, BLESSING ONLY HER CHILDREN'S DESCENDANTS, THE AR'ENCAL WITH THE GIFTS OF ENCIA.



CREATOR GOD

Temu

THE EMBODIMENT OF PERFECTION - ALL WORSHIP THE GOD TEMU

AFTER SEARCHING THE COSMOS, TEMU DISCOVERED THE BEAUTIFULLY UNTOUCHED PLANER OF ENCARIS. USING HIS ABILITIES TO CREATE CREATURES AS DIVERSE AND UNTAMED AS THE PLANET, HE WAS APPROACHED BY THE GODDESS CERIS, WHO MOTHERED THE PLANET AND QUICKLY FELL IN LOVE. AFTER WINNING HER AFFECTION, TEMU FATHERED SEVEN CHILDREN WHO BECAME THE FIRST RACE ON THE PLANET, THE AR'ENCAL.

AS HE WATCHED HIS OFFSPRING GROW, TEMU FELT DISQUIETED AT HOW THEY DIFFERED FROM HIM, FOR AS A PERFECT BEING, WHY WOULD THEY NOT WISH TO RESEMBLE HIM? WANTING HIS CHILDREN REVERENCE, TEMU EVENTUALLY GRANTED THEM MYSTICAL GIFTS BUT THIS ONLY HASTENED THEIR ASCENSION TO DEITIES.

WHEN HIS LOVER THEN REQUESTED HE LAY WITH HER IN RECLUSIVE BLISS, LEAVING THE PLANET TO THEIR CHILDREN AND THE GROWING AR'ENCAL RACE; TEMU CONSIDERED THE GESTURE A GREAT INSULT AND HE ABANDONED CERIS.

VENTURING INTO THE VAST MOUNTAIN RANGES, TEMU WAS INSPIRED TO CREATE ANOTHER RACE, ONE THAT EMBODIED HIS PREFERRED TRAITS. THIS BROUGHT THE TERRANS TO ENCARIS, BUT UPON LEAVING THE MOUNTAINS, HE DECIDED THAT DESPITE THEM HAVING THE PERFECT PHYSIQUE, HE COULD DO BETTER.

FINALLY, ON THE SHORES OF SAINT'S BAY - TEMU CREATED A RACE IN HIS OWN IMAGE, THUS BEGINNING THE RISE OF HUMANITY. EVEN THOUGH HIS NEWEST CREATIONS DIDN'T HAVE THE GIFT OF ENCIA, TEMU WAS CONFIDNET. THEY WERE CREATED BY PERFECTION AND ASLONG AS THEY WORSHIPED HIM, THEY DIDN'T NEED MAGIC.



Viritus

THE HEALER

THE FIRSTBORN WAS VIRITUS. NAMED FOR HIS VIRTUOUS NATURE AND MIRACULOUS HEALING ABILITIES.

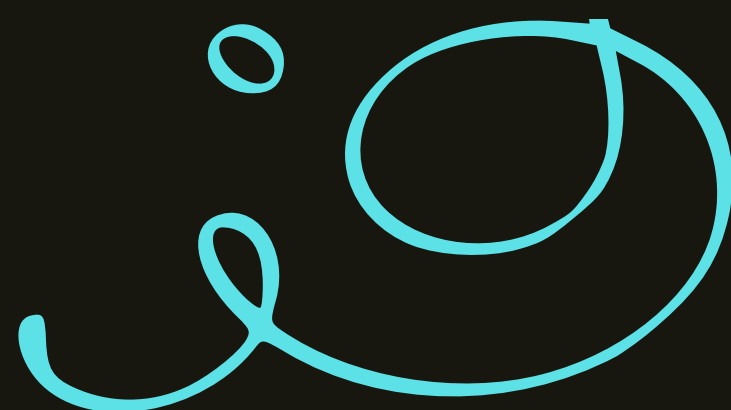
BELIEVED TO HAVE THE PUREST SOUL, VIRITUS WAS LOVED EVEN BEFORE THE AR'ENCAL BEGAN TO WORSHIP HIM. ABLE TO HEAL EVEN THOSE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH, VIRITUS WALKED AMONG THE AR'ENCAL AS ONE OF THEIR OWN, BUT NEVER HID FROM THE NOTORITY THAT CAME FROM BEING THE FIRST SON OF THE GODS.

NEVER SELFISH WITH HIS GIFTS, VIRITUS ALSO PROTECTED AND HEALED ANY HUMAN OR TERRAN THAT DISPLAYED TRAITS HE ADMIRERD, SUCH AS COURAGE, HUMILITY AND RESPECT. SCATTERING HIS GIFT OVER CERTAIN ROOTS AND FLOWERS, VIRITUS USED HIS EXPANSIVE LIFETIME TO TRAIN ANYONE WHO WISHED TO LEARN THE ART OF HERBALISM.

THIS PAVED THE WAY FOR MEDICINAL STUDIES AND APOTHECARIES ACROSS THE PLANET TO PROVIDE TINCTURES AND REMEDIES TO THOSE IN NEED. AS THE GENERATIONS PASSED, VIRITUS SOON DISCOVERED THAT HUMANS AND TERRANS HAD A SHORTER LIFE SPAN THAN THE AR'ENCAL, AND EVEN THEIR LIVELIHOOD PALED IN COMPARISON TO HIS OWN.

FABLES SAY THAT WHEN ALL OF THE RACES CAME TO VIRITUS, PLEADING TO REVERSE OR PROTECT THEM FROM AGEING AND DISEASE, VIRITUS KNEW IT WAS THEIR FRAILTY AND INEVITABLE END THAT MADE EACH PERSON AND EACH RACE LIVE SUCH EXTRAORDINARY LIVES, AND HE DIDN'T WANT THAT TO CHANGE.

REFUSING THEIR PLEA'S, AFTER NEARLY A MILLENNIA ON THE PLANET, VIRITUS JOINED HIS MOTHER AT THE HEART OF THE ENCARIS TO OBSERVE THE WORLD AND ALLOW IT TO THRIVE WITHOUT THE TEMPTATION OF HIS POWER TO SPOIL THEM.



SIGIL OF VIRITUS

Rowana

THE TRICKSTER

THEN CAME ROWANA, THE FIRST FEMALE AR'ENCAL, SHE BEAMED WITH PLAYFUL CHARM AND TRICKERY.

FROM THE MOMENT OF HER BIRTH, ROWANA DISPLAYED A PLAYFUL NATURE. SHE BROUGHT LAUGHTER, CHARM AND ROMANCE WHEREVER SHE WENT AND BECAME RENOWNED AS THE DEITY TO HAVE THE MOST LOVERS.

WHEN HER MOST FAITHFUL LOVER ATTEMPTED TO PROVE OF INFIDELITY, ROWANA'S TRICKERY MANIFESTED INTO THE ART OF ILLUSION. SHE DROVE HIM TO INSANITY BY CONJURING IMAGES THAT PORTRAYED HER AS INNOCENT WHEN IN REALITY SHE WAS WITH ANOTHER LOVER.

IN HER GUILT, SHE CONFESSED TO HER FATHER THE PAIN SHE'D CAUSED BUT HE BEAMED WITH PRIDE, EXPLAINING THAT THE PLANET WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE A PEACEFUL PLACE AND THAT DECEPTION CAN BE JUST AS EFFECTIVE OR EVEN MORE SO, IN THE RIGHT SITUATION.

WITH HER COUNTLESS LOVERS, ROWANA ALSO BROUGHT INTO THE WORLD HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AND WHILE SHE ADORED EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM, HER HEART ALWAYS YEARNED FOR AFFECTION AND THE WARM EMBRACE OF HER NEXT LOVER.

DESPITE LOOKING YOUTHFUL, AFTER SIX CENTURIES, THE AR'ENCAL SAW ROWANA AS A MOTHER FIGURE, MAKING IT HARDER FOR HER TO FIND LOVE. THEN ONE DAY, SHE SIMPLY VANISHED, WITH SOME BELIEVING SHE RETREATED INTO THE PLANET WITH HER MOTHER WHILE MOST BELIEVE SHE CAST A POWERFUL ILLUSION, CHANGING HER IDENTITY SO SHE COULD CONTINUE TO SEEK OUT ROMANTIC PURSUITS.



SIGIL OF ROWANA

Nera

THE SHADE

THE SECOND DAUGHTER WAS NERA. DEVOTED BUT CURSED , SHE THRIVED ONLY IN THE SHADOWS

ON THE DAY NERA WAS BORN, A GREAT CALAMITY STRUCK THE PLANET. THE SUN WAS ECLIPSED BY A PASSING MOON AND THE DARKNESS BROUGHT WITH IT AFFLICTIONS THAT SICKENED THE FLORA AND FAUNA ACROSS ENCARIS.

AS A CHILD, NERA WAS SHY AND VERY SENSITIVE TO LIGHT. SHE OFTEN HID IN THE SHADOWS AND EVENTUALLY BECAME SO IN-TUNED, SHE COULD LITERALLY SLIP FROM SIGHT, MERGING ENTIRELY INTO THE DARKNESS. THIS POWER THEN TRANSFORMED INTO THE ABILITY TO BEND NEGATIVE ENERGY TO HER WILL AND CONCEAL ANYTHING SHE DESIRED INTO THE NIGHT.

CONCERNED BY HER RECLUSIVE NATURE, HER MOTHER ENCOURAGED NERA TO EXPLORE THE PLANET. HER BEAUTY WAS UNDENIABLE BUT NERA FOUND THE PLANET TOO BRIGHT SO ONLY WALKED THE SURFACE AT NIGHT. WHILE THIS LED TO HER NICKNAME AS 'THE SHADE' THERE WERE SOME WHO CALLED HER 'MIDNIGHT'S GRACE' AND IT WAS THESE SOULS SHE GAVE HER LOVE TO.

DESPITE THE MAJORITY FEARING HER, NERA'S GREATEST TRAIT WAS HER LOYALTY AND DEVOTION, ESPECIALLY TO HER MOTHER. WHEN HER FATHER, TEMU REJECTED CERIS AND WENT ON TO CREATE NEW RACES, NERA WAS ENRAGED AND DESPISED HIM AND HIS NEW CREATIONS WITH FERVOUR.

WHEN HER MOTHER CHOSE TO RETREAT INTO THE PLANET, NERA WAS HEARTBROKEN AND USED HER ABILITY TRULY EMBRACE THE SHADOWS, BECOMING A CURSE THAT GRANTED HER MOTHER'S FINAL WISH - ONLY THE AR'ENCAL WOULD BE GRACED WITH THE GIFT OF ENCIA, FOR SHE MADE THE ESSENCE TOXIC TO TERRAN'S AND HUMANS.



SIGIL OF NERA

Piral

THE SEER

THE SECOND SON WAS PIRAL. WITH ASTUTE OBSERVATION, FEW COULD AVOID HIS PEIRCING GAZE

UNCERTAIN IF HIS GIFT WAS A BLESSING OR A CURSE, PIRAL STRUGGLED WITH HIS ABILITY OF FORESIGHT FOR MANY YEARS. BEING ABLE TO SEE THE BEST AND WORST OF PEOPLE PUT AN UNIMAGINABLE STRAIN ON HIS MENTAL STATE BUT AS HE MATURED, HE CAME TO REALISE THAT EVERYTHING HE SAW WAS FAR FROM INEVITABLE.

HIS VISIONS GAVE HIM AN INSIGHT INTO HOW THE WORLD WOULD BE, AND HE TRIED TO USE THE KNOWLEDGE HE GAINED TO STEER THE GODS TOWARDS BETTER DECISIONS, BUT HE WASN'T ALWAYS AS SUCCESSFUL AS HE WOULD'VE LIKED, ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF HIS ELDER SISTER, NERA.

WHILE SOME VISIONS WERE STRONG ENOUGH THAT THEY'D BE FORCED UPON HIM WHETHER AWAKE OR ASLEEP, PIRAL ALSO LEARNED THAT SOME VISIONS COULD BE TRIGGERED. IT WAS MUCH HARDER TO ACHIEVE AND REQUIRED GREAT FOCUS BUT OVER TIME, PIRAL HONED HIS SKILLS SO THAT HE COULD WITNESS THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF BOTH PEOPLE'S LIVELIHOODS BASED ON THEIR CHOICES AND COMMUNITIES BASED ON THEIR LEADERS.

AFTER HIS FATHER CREATED THE ADDITIONAL RACES, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT PIRAL WAS OVERCOME BY ALL THE POTENTIAL FUTURES FOR THE WORLD AND ALL THE CREATURES AND PEOPLE UPON IT. BEFORE GOING MAD, HE RETREATED INTO THE HEART OF THE PLANET TO FIND SOLACE, FINDING IT WITHIN THE CARE OF HIS SISTER, LUNA.



SIGIL OF PIRAL

THE PSONIC Syris

NEXT CAME SYRIS, THE SON WITH THE ABILITY TO MANIPULATE OBJECTS AND PEOPLE TO HIS WILL

WHAT IS IMPOSSIBLE WHEN UTILISING THE FULL POWER OF THE MIND? NOTHING, OR ATLEAST THAT'S WHAT THE YOUNGEST SON OF THE GODS, SYRIS BELIEVED. WITH A SIMPLE THOUGHT, HE COULD BEND OBJECTS, THOUGHTS AND EVEN PEOPLE TO HIS WILL.

HIS CONNECTION TO THE MIND WAS IMMEASURABLE BUT IN TURN, IT ESTRANGED SYRIS FROM CIVILISATION BECAUSE HE FELT SUPERIOR TO THEM. THE ONLY THING TO ALLUDE THE HANDSOME DEITY, UNLIKE THE REST OF HIS SIBLINGS WAS A LOYAL PARTNER, IT WAS HIS OWN FAULT HOWEVER, FOR HE ALWAYS USED HIS ABILITIES TO COERCE THEM AND IN TURN NEVER KNEW IF THEY TRULY LOVED HIM OR JUST BELIEVED THAT THEY DID BECAUSE OF HIS INFLUENCE.

AFTER FOUR HUNDRED YEARS ON ENCARIS, AGE SOON REVEALED ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT DRAWBACK, SYRIS HAD BECOME SO ACCUSTOMED TO MAKING OTHERS DO HIS BIDDING OR CONTROLLING THE THINGS AROUND HIM, THAT WHEN HIS POWER BEGAN TO RECEDE, HE COULDN'T ADAPT.

OBSESSED WITH RESTORING HIS LOST YOUTH AND POWER, SYRIS BEGAN BY CONSUMING EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF ENCIA. HIS MOTHER SOON FORBADE HIM FROM SUCH UNNECESSARY CONSUMPTION BUT BEFORE LONG, SYRIS VANISHED. THERE ISN'T A RECORDED DATE OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE BUT WHAT CAN BE SEEN IN WRITTEN RECORDS FROM HIS DESCENDANTS IS A SUDDEN SENSE OF FREE WILL IN THE YEAR 67-SYRIS.



SIGIL OF SYRIS

Luna

THE CHANNELER

THE PENULTIMATE DAUGHTER WAS LUNA. HER EMPHAY AND SOOTHING ABILITY WAS SECOND ONLY TO HER COMPASSION.

WHEN THEIR LAST DAUGHTER WAS BORN UNDER A SHROUD OF DARKNESS, CERIS FEARED THAT HER NEXT DAUGHTER WOULD BE TOO, BUT LUNA WAS A BLESSING, SHARING A SIMILAR PURITY TO HER BROTHER, VIRITUS.

QUICKLY KNOWN FOR BEING THE MOST UNDERSTANDING AND KIND OF ALL OF THE DEITIES, LUNA'S GIFT ALLOWED HER TO SENSE HOW OTHERS FELT BUT, AS HER POWERS GREW, ALSO ENABLED HER TO EASE OR EVEN TAKE AWAY THE EXTREME EMOTIONS OF THOSE IN TURMOIL.

TO THE AR'ENCAL, LUNA WAS ADORED BUT SHE WAS VERY SELECTIVE OVER HER LOVERS. BEING ABLE TO FEEL EMOTIONS COULD BE OVERWHELMING SO LUNA WAS PARTICULARLY DRAWN TO THOSE WITH A SUBTLE NATURE, OR A STRENGTH OF MIND THAT ALLOWED THEM TO CONTROL THEIR FEELING AROUND HER. THESE PARTNERS ALLOWED LUNA TO PROCESS HER OWN FEELINGS FOR THEM, RATHER THAN JUST BEING BOMBARDED BY THEIR EMOTIONS, WHICH SHE OFTEN MISCONSTRUED AS WORSHIP INSTEAD OF LOVE.

ALTHOUGH SHE HELD THE AR'ENCAL IN THE HIGHEST REGARD, LUNA CHERISHED ALL LIFE AND ONCE THE HUMAN AND TERRAN RACES WERE CREATED, SHE HELD NO RESENTMENT AND HELPED THEM THROUGH MENTAL AND EMOTIONS STRUGGLES, JUST AS SHE WOULD HER OWN PEOPLE,, USUALLY ALONGSIDE HER BROTHER.

WHEN VIRITUS DECIDED TO JOIN CERIS AT THE HEART OF THE PLANET, LUNA WENT WITH TOO, AND HAD SHE NOT, HER BROTHER PIRAL MAY HAVE NEVER RECEIVED THE RESPITE HE SO DESPERATELY NEEDED.



Talia

THE ELEMENTAL

FINALLY THERE WAS TALIA. SO INTUNE WITH THE ELEMENTS THAT SHE BECAME KNOWN AS
THE FORCE OF NATURE

THE FINAL CHILD OF CERIS AND TEMU WAS TALIA. UNLIKE EACH OF HER SIBLINGS, TALIA'S GIFT WAS DIFFERENT AND GAVE HER AN UNPARALLELED CONNECTION TO THE PLANET ITSELF, BECOMING ONE WITH THE KEY ELEMENTS THAT MADE LIFE ON THE SURFACE POSSIBLE.

SHE BECAME A FREE SPIRIT AND RARELY SPENT TIME WITH ANY INDIVIDUAL RACE OR PERSON, CHOOSING TO TRANSFORM INTO AIR, WATER, GROUND OR FIRE TO BOLSTER THE PLANETS ECO-SYSTEMS. BECAUSE SHE SPENT SO LITTLE TIME AMONG THE AR'ENCAL, TALIA WAS UNDERESTIMATED AT FIRST, BUT BEFORE TOO LONG, THE AR'ENCAL RECOGNISED HER IMPACT.

DESTRUCTION AND LIFE OFTEN COME HAND IN HAND - THE FEROCIOUS VOLCANIC ERUPTION THAT RESULTED IN RICHLY FERTILISED SOIL OR THE RAGING THUNDERSTORM, WHICH WOULD ILLUMINATE THE NIGHT SKY WITH TERRIFYING BEAUTY, AND THEN BRING THE OVERDUE RAIN TO REPLENISH CROPS AND RIVERS. THAT WAS TALIA'S BLESSING.

WHEN SHE DID SPEND TIME AMONG THE AR'ENCAL, THEY REALISED HER POWER WAS NOT JUST CONTROL OVER THE ELEMENTS, BUT SHE WAS ALSO ABLE TO CONJURE THEM AT WILL. THIS ONLY SERVED TO EMPHASIS THE GROWING BELIEF THAT HER POWER WAS ONE OF, IF NOT THE GREATEST OF ALL THE DEITIES. AS TIME WENT ON, THE AR'ENCAL MOSTLY REVERED TALIA, BUT OF THE FEW THAT DESIRED AND GAVE HER CHILDREN, NONE WERE ABLE TO TAME HER. THOSE WHO TRULY LOVED HER NEVER WANTED TO.

WHEN HER SIBLINGS BEGAN REMOVING THEMSELVES FROM THE PLANET, IT WAS BELIEVED THAT TALIA'S GREATEST WISH WAS GRANTED, AND SHE GAVE ALL OF HERSELF TO THE PLANET, LIVING ON AS THE ELEMENTS.



SIGIL OF TALIA