Glossary & Character Guide

Acolyte: Rank of an initiate in the Temple of Life religious order.

Anatese: (Anna-tess-ee) People-like inhabitants of The Stand's canopy and defenders of Teth. Human-like, deformed, and enhanced by the unknown length of time they've lived atop The Stand.

Aquila: (Ah-quil-ah) Prudent serving on the Council of Prudents.

Arek: (Air-ek) The older brother of Mithany and a charming young fellow who is a favorite amongst the eligible women of Hensdale.

Brenal, Hollid: (Breen-ul, Hah-lid) Hensdale's village doctor serving the community for decades.

Celebratorium: One of many sacred, religious sanctums dedicated to worship and celebration that individually honors each of the Six Gifts. Celebratoria, plural.

Covenant of Absolute Universal Obligations: The founding document created by the survivors of the Great Destruction to bind all of humanity, the few who remained, and all in perpetuity until such time as a self-sustaining population can be achieved. Its dictates apply to all governments, all religious orders, and all human beings as an absolute obligation that must be followed without exception. Its principles are revered throughout Tartican civilization, and it serves as the underpinning to the Temple of Life religion.

Crip: Young man, native to Hensdale, and a member of Spetzer's inner circle who frequents the Forest Maiden Inn.

Daedyn: (Day-din) Reyne's brother. He lives with Reyne, and they run the alphen orchard together as business partners.

Damus: (Dah-muss) A mathematical genius of Evidar, capable of applying complicated equations to predict the flow of events through time.

Derr, Druin: (Dur, Drew-in) Captain and leader of the KCG. Childhood friend of Chancellor Madrotti Tomelai. A harsh, serious, single-minded man dedicated to his sole purpose in life, keeping Tomelai safe.

Devil's Blacksmith: Also known as the Architect. An Evidarian leading the effort to alter the version of Earth from which he hails.

Dillip: (Dill-up) Member of the KCG.

Dimenk, F'Saad: (Dem-ink, Fah-sod) President of Greenlin and was elected by its citizens to a life term.

Dimenk, Tague: (Dem-ink, Tay-g) Married to F'Saad Dimenk for ten years.

Dorana: (Door-ann-ah) Older woman living in Hensdale. Wife to Valillia.

Dylla: (Dil-ah) Regional leader from Evidar overseeing all operations on Tartica to eliminate anyone thought capable of transitioning between the dimensions of Earth to her home world.

Edruk: (Ed-ruc) Reyne's birth father. Died before Reyne was born.

Efros: (Ef-frose) Moon god and son of Father Sun and Mother Earth.

Emosh, Synja: (Ee-moe-sh, Sin-jah) An Evidarian of exceptional abilities in mathematics and physics. Declared a Damus by the Devil's Blacksmith.

Enlist: (En-list) Tithe master for the Temple of Life serving in Hensdale and Owls Neck.

Eurithian: (Your-eh-thigh-in) Father Sun. The one God that all others are subordinate to.

Ferpratt, Wilem: (Fur-prat, Wil-um) A senior Lieutenant in the KCG. Trusted ally and right-hand man of Druin Derr.

Gifts of Teth: Six Gifts bestowed upon humanity by the Goddess Teth: the Gift of Love, the Gift of Knowledge, the Gift of Flesh, the Gift of Life, the Gift of Renewal, and the Gift of Nature.

Grafph: (Graff) An assassin from Evidar and member of Dylla's unit.

Great Destruction: Event in Earth's history, approximately fifteen hundred years ago, that brought an end to the Second Age of humanity and nearly wiped out all life on the planet.

Gwerther: (Ga-were-the-er) Reyne's adoptive father. Died a few years before his wife Pachelle when Reyne was young.

Hangus: (Hang-us) Owner of a dry goods shop in Hensdale. Father of Y'Vay.

Hansel: (Han-sell) A prudent serving on the Council of Prudents.

Jadle Capkate: (Jay-dul Cap-kate) Communal Temple leader with the title of Mistress, in the small village of Hensdale.

Jamine: (Jah-mean) Member of the KCG.

Jerith: (Jur-ith) Member of the KCG.

Jerithan: (Jer-eh-than) Last name Cree. First Lord of the Temple of Life. He believes he is doing God's work in his own way.

Jirek: (Jer-eek) Husband of Lorique.

Judjurex: (Jud-jer-ex) An elected civil servant tasked with the responsibility to investigate, arrest and determine guilt or innocence of anyone accused of an offense or criminal act.

Kaythlin: (Kayth-lyn) Last name Tomelai (Tom-eh-lay) First Lady of Tandure and wife of Madrotti Tomelai. Maiden name F'Siyn. She is loved by the citizens of Adelle and is smart, charming, and attractive.

Kingdom's Chancellor's Guard (KCG): The KCG is the secret service, quasi-spy agency, and intelligence gathering security organization tasked with maintaining the safety of Adelle's Chancellor, Madrotti Tomelai. Under Capitan Druin Derr, the KCG has the authority to explore any avenue of inquiry, detention, or interrogation in fulfillment of its mission.

Kiple: (Kip-ul) General and leader of the Kingdom of Adelle's national police force.

Kwuinan: (Coo-in-anne) He is the de facto leader of the secular government of Teth with the title of Provost. Appointed by First Lord of the Temple of Life and answers to him or her in all matters.

Larsed, Hrotitem: (Lar-said, Hor-o-teat-um) The Prime Minister of the People Republic of Kantos. Leader of the democracy and elected Prime Minister by the Chamber of Delegates.

Lilly: (Lil-ee) Prudent Marvo's granddaughter. Lilly is eighteen years old and selected as Teth Incarnate for the Feast of Teth celebration.

Lorique: (Lore-eek) She is suspected Tweener living in the coastal town of Jarouhar and married to Jirek.

Loseff: (Low-sef) Son of Madrotti and Kaythlin Tomelai. Second in the line of succession to the position of Chancellor for the Kingdom of Adelle.

Lume: Crystal that glows green light after being exposed to sunlight.

Madrotti: (Ma-drot-tee) Last name, Tomelai (Tom-ah-lay) Chancellor for life of the Kingdom of Adelle. Physically fit and dedicated to power. He is sometimes called Rotti by only one man, Druin Derr.

Malthis: (Mall-this) God of the heavens and the stars. Son of Father Sun and Mother Earth.

Marvo: (Mar-voe) A well respected and senior Prudent. He is also grandfather to Lilly Marvo.

Mera: (Meh-ra) Mera whose full name in Meratoruc. He is Reyne's mysterious protector. Little is known of his background.

Mithany: (Mith-an-nee) Reyne's fiancée. She grew up in Hensdale. She is petite, competitive, and the sister of her older brother, Arek.

Milvoe: (Mill-voe) Member of the KCG.

Muroy: (Murh-oi) Memeber of the KCG.

Nardel: (Nah-are-del) Specialist and newest member of the KCG.

Neladith: (Nel-eh-dith) Young Evidarian assassin, capable of moving between earthly dimension, sent to Tartica to kill Reyne.

O'Hurn: (Oh-hern) A prudent serving on the Council of Prudents.

Pachelle: (Pah-shell) Reyne's adoptive mother and Daedyn's birth mother. She died when both boys were in their teens.

Prudent: Highest rank in the Temple of Life religious order but for the positions of First Lord and Second Lord.

Quith, Selundra: (Kw-ith, Sa-lun-dra) Mister Whitetop. He reports to Dylla and is the on-site field leader of the Evidar ops team tasked with eliminating Reyne and all other known or suspected Tweeners.

Razoal: (Ras-ole) He is a prudent and ally of Jerithan serving as Second Lord.

Reiger: (Ree-ger) Young man, native to Hensdale, and a member of Spetzer's inner circle who frequent the Forest Maiden Inn.

Reyne: (Rain) A young man, almost twenty-two years old and the owner, along with his brother Daedyn, of an alphen nut orchard on the outskirts of Hensdale. He is polite and well-liked by the community. Currently engaged to be married to his childhood sweetheart, Mithany.

Richelle: (Rish-ehl) Member of the KCG.

S'Leen: (Sah-lyn) Prudent serving of the Council of Prudents. She is an ally of First Lord Jerithan Cree.

Santander: (San-tan-der) General Manger of the Brenton alphen orchard. He has the reputation of being a gruff and demanding boss.

Satrin: (Sah-trin) God of water, air and fire. Son of Father Sun and Mother Earth.

Serco, Garragent: (Sir-coe, Ger-ah-gent)) Prudent assigned to the Kingdom of Adelle and who sits on the Coucil of Prudents.

Signum Circulus: A religious gesture made with the thumb moving in a circle around the heart and the hand coming to rest over the heart. It is a ritual to invoke internal peace through divine reverence.

Simurmure: (Sim-er-mure) Mother Earth. Mother to Teth, Satrin, Efros, and Malthis.

Spetzer: (Spet-zher) Lives in Hensdale, same age as Reyne, and since childhood, has a thing for Mithany.

Sura: (Sue-rah) The wife of Hollid Brenal. Died long ago.

Tane: Daughter of Madrotti and Kaythlin Tomelai. As the oldest child, age twenty-one, she is the heir apparent Chancellor of the Kingdom of Adelle.

Teth: Patron goddess of the children of Earth in the realm of Tartica. Daughter of Father Sun and Mother Earth. Born before the Great Destruction and savior of Tartica. She gathered up and led the survivors of the Second Age to settle in Tartica at the start of the Third Age.

Tetrip: (Tet-trip) An older man serving as Judjurex of Hensdale.

Thuggery: Loose association of criminals in Teth.

Ting: Member of the KCG.

Treestone: Wood product that transforms into stone once treated in a special brine.

Trell: Young man, native to Hensdale, and a member of Spetzer's inner circle who frequents the Forest Maiden Inn.

Tweener: A person with the ability to move between the two known alternate dimensions of Earth, Evidar and Tartica.

Tylus: (Tie-lus) Assassin from Evidar and a member of Dylla's team.

Valillia: (Vah-lil-lee-ah) Older woman living in Hensdale and wife to Dorana.

Y'vay: (Yah-vay) The young, fun-loving adult daughter of the shopkeeper Hangus, living in Hensdale.