

## Who are the heroes?

Oak (Dutiful Hero): Was a shepard who became Knight of Ai'Luros after siblings became lost in despair, was oldest of 3, is youngest of Hero Group. Hopes to find siblings later in life. Enrolled to become Knight and met Dreamy, Fiery, and Crafty. Met Fiery first so is the tiniest bit closer with them than the others, especially since Fiery reminds them of their youngest sibling. Has a pet corgi.

Maple (Crafty Hero): Maple, unlike her parents who were Knights of Ai'Luros, was an alchemist. Then her mother became lost in despair, while her father was able to save her mother, the power of a Knight of Ai'Luros drew Crafty Hero's attention. She became Knight of Ai'Luros to better understand the Erebal, Faelid, and the power that the Knights of Ai'Luros hold

Blaze (Fiery Hero): He was a blacksmith for his older Sister, who was a Knight of Ai'Luros. During an erebal attack on their village, they saw the strength their sister possessed and decided they wanted to fight off erebal to defend the Faelid across the country, and was more than willing to learn to help folk fight of despair as it meant they could "Cut the Erebal off at the root" as they thought of it.

(Ursun fight later in story, Blaze has to kill it to save the team?)

River (Dreamy Hero): Worked as a fisher and mystic apprentice on the island of Mystal, received visions of a great disaster befalling heartlands. Learned to become a Knight of Ai'Luros in Bubastis to help prevent it. Has recurring dream of the disaster, growing stronger through the first arc (vertical slice)

(Will ask misty about the recurring dream, Misty can lay out the groundwork of teaching River how to enter a trance in order to speak to spirits, as the spirits are trying to talk with them through their dreams "it looks like someone is trying to tell you something, perhaps learning their language would allow you to speak back.")

## How did the party meet?

Sitting down for lunch amidst each of their individual training sessions, Blaze sat down next to River because they were the first person he saw and started venting about how hard the training was beneath their counseling mentor. Oak heard it and felt the need to come over and explain the cause of it in great detail, which caught Maple's ears so she felt the need to drift over and listen closely, eventually debating points just to see the logic of it all from every angle. From

there, they started sitting together for lunch everyday during training, eventually becoming the best of friends.

(This moment is what lead to Blaze coming to the understanding that working with the Faelid that are falling into despair is "Cutting the Erebal off at the root)

(Starts with counseling mentor first as this is viewed as the "Most important duty of a Knight of Ai'Luros". Quote from Counseling mentor "Combat is something you can only truly learn with experience, but a desire to know and help the lives of others is something that must be at the base of your hearts)

## Timber and Misty Backgrounds

### Holly

Born in the far north, fought wild animals to survive, fixated on power. Migrated south to discover more of the Knights of Ai'Luros, but was disappointed to find that they used their power to solve more social issues than combat based ones. Especially since they worked in service of the community, rather than dominating it. Became fixated with the Cult of Mau'an and in turn joined, and made her way into the Heartlands to reshape the society as she sees fit.

### Timber

Timber grew up fairly popular within the village, his helpful and charismatic nature caused people to naturally flock around him. One of his strongest skills was his ability to problem solve, so by the time he reached his teen years, caretakers, parents, anyone who had any issue tended to end up relying on him. He wasn't a leader, but without a doubt he became a pillar in the community, and his outspoken nature led to him being one of the people who went to represent their town whenever meetings were called. Being everywhere in his village led him to meeting Sprig, and them eventually entering a relationship. Although, when things began to sour within the village, the Erebal cutting off their connection to the outside world, Timber's desire to help others went from a kindness to self destructive, and Sprig could no longer watch him deteriorate.

### Misty

"I was originally imagining Misty to have been a mystic, but the more I think about her character, burglar might make more sense. Burglars are the illusionists, scouts, and lorekeepers of Felidae. I was even thinking about how libraries could serve as secret bases for burglars. Like they hide ancient archives in some hidden dungeon of a library." - Bade

Grew up knowing exactly what she wanted, to become a Knight of Ai'Luros. Helped out as Burglar on various expeditions to retrieve knowledge from the collapsed Mau civilization, and retired in Fairmeadow and helps out with advice around town when she cans, though gained a

reputation as the crazy old wood carving molly that knows a little bit about everything. Has helped out Timber several times in the past to keep his head on straight, but with things getting worse he has been going to see Misty less and less.

## Trip to town

During the party's travel towards Fairmeadow to check it out they get tired and settle down. While sitting a slew of magical creatures runs past them in a large group, the party wondering what happens stands up and prepares themselves only to see a group of erebal come after. After