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APPROACH

Because the original stories vary from culture to culture with thousands of variations and different names for essentially the same creature or fable, this book does not adhere to any one particular story/name. The Aos St. sprites, pixies, Anjana, and Sidhe, are all essentially the same type of fey creature, just by different names depending on the region of the particular story's origin.

Only the myths, folklore, and fables specific to several European regions are included to narrow the scope, keep this book manageable, and avoid potential cultural appropriation. This book does not have mythology from East or West Asia, Africa, Mesoamerica, the Mediterranean, Central or South America, or other regions.

The intent is to capture the original myths and stories as closely as possible, with some overlap and minor changes to better fit within a role-playing game setting. There are many different versions of the Fairy Queen: Titania, Mab, Ona, or several other names, so for brevity and organization, only one name and lore will be included here, which may be a combination of aspects from each story.

Suppose you're expecting a historical representation to precisely match that of a particular story. In that case, you won't find it here, mainly because no region's mythi perfectly agrees with the next. Because there are many variations with slight differences, they have been rolled into one, despite the effort to keep them as accurate to the original as possible.

This contradiction is particularly evident when looking at the Arthurian legends and the many conflicting portrayals of the personalities within that love. There are significant differences in how many key characters were described between Geoffrey of Monmouth's Historia Regum Britannian and Thomas Malory's Le Morte d'Arthur. That's just comparing two of the sources. The disparities become even more pronounced when you also factor in other stories, each as the Valgate Cycle. Therefore, you'll find that a description of a particular creature or person berein is be a combination of one or more of these sources.

Additionally, many of these personalities from folklore have stories that cover their entire lives, from birth to death (like Arthur), or focus only on a very narrow period (like Gretel and Hansel). Unless otherwise noted, the seat blocks represent the characters during the prime of their stories or early adulthood. It is highly encouraged to incorporate them into your game at any point in their lifespan that fits your vision the best, If you want to utilize Lancelot early in his career, modify his stat block to match the knight stat block instead.

HISTORY

While there is no single or central origin of the fey (for ease of use, this term is used going forward to slign with the existing terminology of the game), most of the original stories can be traced back to causality that includes trance or dream-like states, psychic experiences, or a belief in a hidden

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people, which in turn is traced back to indigenous peoples hiding from invaders. Celeures that believe in ghosts or the supernatural also relied on those beliefs when coming up with stories (MacCulloch, 1912).

In Irish mythology, fairies are known as Toutha Dé Danann. Their origin is derived from ancient goddesser priestesses, nature spirits, nymphs, druidesses, and the faces. Thus, the Irish fey are descendants of the primordial gods and goddesses. (MacColloch, 1911). Contrast that to the Nordic vættir, which includes the Dokkálfar, Ljósálfar, and Dvergar, or the southern England coinage of the term "fairy" having originated from fear sidhean (fair-sheen) or "sidhe from the Celts.

In the late Middle English period, the term "feyrie" meant "enchanted" or referred to magical or enchanted creatures (Silver, 1999). By this time, most mythologies of the fey were heavily influenced by Christianity (Yeats, 1988).

Fairies are classified into two categories: trooping and solitary. Trooping fey are the aristocracy of the fairy world and include those fey who live in communities (such as the Aos Si). Solitary fey live alone and may not align with any particular court. These include kobolds, hobgoblins, and brownies.

The historical stories and folklore referenced and explained in context

WILLOW TREE

In the Fey Realm or similar magically touched areas, the willow uproots itself and follow the travelers when they are not looking.

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A favorise tree of hags, one should never cut down this tree without first saying the following charm, less they incur

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If two split ash trees are bound together to form an arch and a disabled or weak-limbed person walks under the arch, the diafigurement would heal by the next change of season if the two boughs have grown together.

FLY AGARIC

When a creature eats this red toadstool and makes a successful DC 12 Constitution saving throw, it gains 1d8 temporary hit points. Failure results in the creature being poisoned.

ALTERED REALITIES

Things behave differently in the Fey Realm. Time seems to have no effect, and it shares aspects of the underworld: no illness, aging, or natural death occurs (MacColloch, 1932). Mortals describe the fairy realm as beautiful, pleasant, and magical, with flowers and fruit always in bloom with a perpecual sense of twilight.

Despite its beauty, the realm is not without its dangers. It is said that anyone who partakes in food or drink while in the realm becomes trapped there forever. Only a wish spell or the command of the king or queen allows a mortal to leave the realm after eating fey food or drink

ALTERED CREATURES

Plants, light, and water sources aren't the only things to have their realities altered in the Fey Realm. The Fey Realm is full of animal morphs—where two or more animal species are morphed into one, such as the hummingbear. Many other animals have insect-like traits to them.

ANIMAL MORPH TABLES

The following tables can be used to quickly come up with your own altered animal morphs that may appear in the Fey Realm. Choose an option, or roll randomly from each table to determine the final result.

WANDEDERS OF THE FEY REALM MAY NOTICE ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING QUIRKS:

- Swarms of multi-colored butter files and other insects frequently burst forth out of the wood in swirling dencing
- Tears landing on the ground sprouts lifes. Blood dripping on the ground life the grass.
- If one move alightly, almost as if they have their own consciousness.
- Damaging trees alerts the fey and other creatures in the region, who react with hostile intere to the damaging
- Creatures in the Fey Realm can order the dreams of those in the prime material plane if they know the dreamer
- Soft music plays in the background, just quiet enough that one can't pinpoint the location of the source.
- Motes of colored light dance in the forest shadows. Springs may run backward or uphile.
- PCs experience a slight sense of perpetual introduction or
- Emotions are amplified.
- Feer gortach, or hungry grass, is planted in patches. Any or easture touching hungry grass must succeed on a DC 12 Constitution saving throw or suffer a curse to forever feel insatiable hunger. No matter how much the creature eats, they will always be ravenous, always having at least one level of exhaustion. A remove curse or wish spell ends this effect. Creatures succeeding on their saving throw will be immune to hungry grass for as long as they remain in the
- A creature walking onto a patch of stray sod must succeed on a DC 12 Wisdom saving throw or suffer the effects of a confusion spell for 1 minute. Wearing a piece of clothing inside out prevents this from happening.



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Guidelines for living in the Fey Realm, and how it alters expected norms and realities

daily activities with frequent stops to char with a badger who might have heard something from a sparrow about a group of people who entered the realm and are now trapped. Or they prefer to play with animated flowers, or laze the day a way in a hammock made from living vines.

One form of recreation among the fey is the participation in pranks. With all the time in the world, sometimes literally, many fey creatures pass the time by playing tricks on each other. Naturally, after eons of this, residents of the Fey Realm are rarely surprised by pranks or taken off guard. That is why so many fey enter the Mortal Realm to play their gags on unsuspecting humans.

THE ROYAL HIERARCHY

Despite most fey being laid back or playful, they all follow a rigid hierarchy in a feudal-like system. The king and queen are at the top, followed by the more powerful fey who take the roles of noblepersons and duken/duchesses, then the less powerful who take the roles of local clan leaders, followed in turn by the todividual members of a clan, and then finally the lowest caste, those who are individuals or semi-intelligent. Deviation from this system is highly discouraged and often punished.

Therefore, when individuals live within the Fey Realm, they are expected to follow this hierarchy, and unless otherwise given a unique title, they find themselves towards the bottom. Make no mistake, the king and queen know everything that happens within their realm as there isn't much that evades their awareness in a land of talking plants and animals.

Mortals are generally viewed towards the bottom of this hierarchy and often are viewed with disdain for those mortals living in the Fey Realm. Occasionally, mortals have been swapped on the prime material plane with changelings, with the fey parent raising the mortal child within their own realm. There are many reasons for this. Good fey feel as if they are rescuing the child from impoverishment or an abusive childhood. Evil fey steal children to act as de facto easlayed people or servants. The reasons can vary widely.

RELATIONSHIPS AND INTERACTIONS

Most of the creatures living within the Fey Realm are either part of the Seelie Court or influenced and sympachetic to it. The only exceptions are those that do not have the mental capacities to have allegiance to anything (like many animals or plants) or specifically take a neutral stance but agree to the terms and conditions of the King and Queen. Evil fey do not live within the Fey Realm but make their homes on other planes, such as the Underworld or the Mortal World.

Therefore, most interactions among the creatures living in this Realm are largely cordial, or at the very least, accepting. Fights and conflicts are rare, and those occurring are often resolved by regional leaders or the Court itself.

TOUCH OF THE FEY REALM

Any creature that has spent a significant portion of its life in the Fey Realm is infused with some of the fey magic on an inherent level. For long-lived creatures such as humans, this

may take years to manifest, but only take weeks for shortlived creatures. This magical infusion is present in creatures born in the Fey Realm and those who have journeyed to the Realm and stayed for a long time, and they remain even if the creature leaves the Realm later.

When determining the type of manifestation, either roll on the following table or choose which you feel is best:

FEY MANIFESTATION TABLE

D20	Fey Manifestation	
1	Your skin takes on a golden or silver tone.	
2	Your hair takes on a bright color, or multiple colors.	
3	An inner calm and playfulness takes root inside you, granting you a +1 bonus on all saving throws to resist fear.	
4	Your eyes take on a sparkling effect or swirl in different colors.	
s	A permanent scent lightly surrounds you. This can be floral, earthy, or musty in nature.	
6	You can detect all flusions by comparing your passive per ception against the Spell Save DC of the caster who created the Busion.	
7	You can slightly after your appearance, changing the color of your eyes, hair, and minor changes to the shape and size of your eyes, nose, mouth, and ears as a borus action.	
8	You take on an aspect of an animal. Your ears become elongated and furry, or your nose becomes beak-like, or your pupils become slitted as examples.	
9	Your voice takes on a melodic tone. Any persuasion check is made with a +1 bonus.	
10	You gain a basic understanding of the languages of animals. You can understand the general idea of what an animal is trying to say, but cannot understand details or actual words.	
11	You grow a tail, like a dog, squirrel, or monkey.	
12	Your hair appears like grass or roots.	
13	You have tiny wings (Once per day for 1 minute, you can fly at a rate of 10 ft.).	
14	Flowers bloom or wit when you come near.	
15	A barely noticeable mist surrounds you.	
16	Your skin takes on a green hue, and you gain resistance to poison damage.	
17	Your fingers and toes end in hard claws, granting a base 1d4 slashing damage for unamned attacks.	
18	Gills appear on your neck, allowing you to breathe underwater.	
19	You grow a long flickering tongue, allowing you to detect any living creature within 10 fc. (effective blindsight against these creatures).	
20	You can subsist solely on candles and cakes with no i effects. Eating a sugary treat grants you I temporary hit point (not stackable).	

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The Seelie and Unseelie Courts detailed

A FESTERING REBELLION

This section includes a series of short one-shor adventure books tied together in an untwining discovery of seditions plotting. Unlike many campaign adventures, these short adventures are not meant to occur after another but are drag-and-dropped in existing campaigns or med as one-offs.

OVERVIEW

A particular opportunistic and power-hungry creature has recognized an opportunity for his influence to grow by weakening both the Seelie and Unseelie Courts. This creature is beginning to sow the seeds of rebelling and chaos. In the quest to discover and thwart these efforts, the PCs may find themselves deeply pulled into the Fey Realm itself and intertwined with one Court or the other...

The first adventure seems like a brief one-off side quest and should be familiar to most players as their characters encounter a pair of famous figures from folklore. Enjoy the references and have fun with them.

RUNNING THIS CAMPAIGN

Approaching these adventures one right after the other in progression is difficult to manage because there may be significant time between them, and the PCs may not be experienced enough to handle future challenges unless they've had other opportunities between adventures to increase in power. At the conclusion of each quest, the players won't know of any follow-up items or quest tie-ins. as these are revealed to them when you, as the GM feel it is an appropriate time and the PCs have adequate exper

Each quest describes a recommended party level, at prerequinite plot books needed, a description of the adventure itself and any crucial areas, a final plot hool leads to the next stage, and guidance to the GM for wi could happen in between adventures. There is also got for some of them depending on whether the PCs are al themselves with the Seelie Court or the Unseelie Court

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Adventure

This series of side-quests is best used when there is a natural break in plot progression during your existing campaign. It is challenging to incorporate one of these side quests if your current cumpaign is in the middle of the Underworld, for example. However, they are easily included during the downtime phase of your games or in between campaigns.

MISSING AT BREISACH

Designed for Player Character levels 2-3.

Background: For as long as anyone remembers, the townsfolk of Bremach have enjoyed the boom of two brownies, Hazel and Grimmer, Generations of villagers have known about the brother and aister and have always treated them well. In return, the fey folk have assisted in many ways, from helping do chores when a farmer needed help to keep an eye out against the incursion of evil.

For this reason, the mood in the town is near panic as the two becownies have gone missing for more than a week now. No one knows where they may be found. Rumors are spreading, and with each passing day, they become

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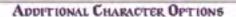
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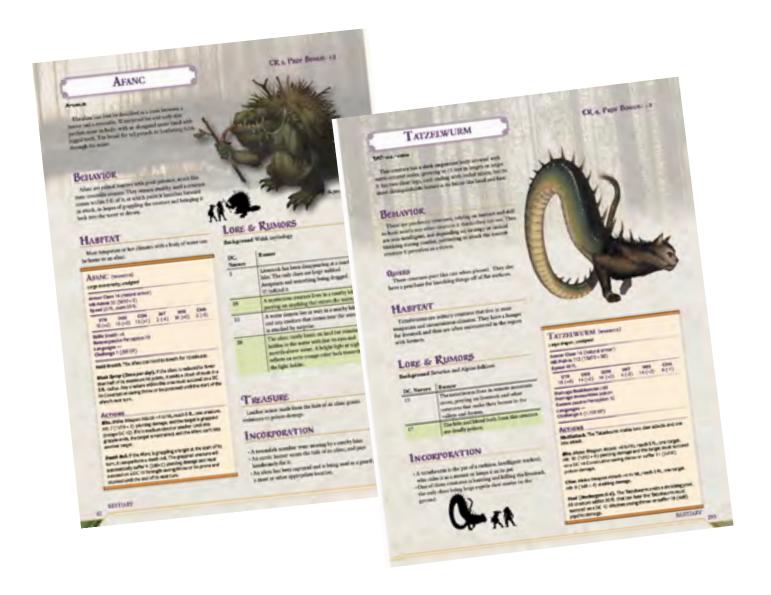
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Each creature entry not only has a description and stat block, but quirks, how to incorporate them, and a Lore E Rumors section



Dozens of artifacts from folklore and mythology included!

Thank you so much for your interest in Twilight Fables. I hope the material enhances your gaming and you have fun!

