

Hatham's Traveling Circus

Hatham's Traveling Circus has plied the villages and cities of the realm for almost twenty years. One of the oldest performing groups around, they also one of the most skilled.

Hatham Mark – The founder and namesake of the circus. He is the ringmaster with a golden tongue, and undisputed leader of the circus. He recruits new acts, and decides when to retire old acts. He's known to be fairly strict, but fair. His many rules have kept this circus going when many others have failed.

Borean the Bold – Borean is a strongman. His bulk is so vast that there are rumors that he had an ogre for a grandparent, though woe be unto you if he hears you say that. Almost as broad as he is tall, he can lift one end of a fully loaded wagon with barely breaking a sweat. And his skill with the camp axe has saved the troupe more than once.

Tanis the Knife – The youngest, and newest member of the circus, Tanis is a knifethrower of rare skill. Though she has been with the troupe for less than six months she already considers it home. It's far better than the one she ran from, with its drunken, abusive husbands. And if one of her husbands should come calling...well she is a knife thrower...

The Tall Man and his Pixie Wife – The Tall Man, Kurgan, is almost 8 feet tall. Still young you wouldn't know it, as his bones and joints are that of a much older man. His Pixie Wife, Mila, is just over 3 feet tall. They aren't actually married, just very good friends and show partners. They take turns nursing each other through their various illnesses. When they aren't performing Kurgan helps Provo as much as he's able, while Mila is an exceptional cook.

Porvo Mark – Hatham's older brother, he is the man who executes the grand plans Hatham

comes up with. Hatham may be in charge, but Provo is the reason it all works. Part quartermaster, part doctor, part vet, part teamster, part carpenter, Portho is who the crew goes to when they have a problem. Only, as he's grown older, he's grown tired of building up his brother's dream at the expense of his own: owning a small farm. It's only his loyalty to the rest of the crew that keeps him around, for now.

Able and Sable – The Twin Flyers as they are called are not siblings at all, but lovers. They just favor quite a bit, not the least for their slim, athletic builds. The two are acrobats, dancing along rope lines, tumbling, juggling, and even dancing as needed by the circus. Unknown to Hatham however is their sideline as cat burglars. Most towns they visit will eventually have at least one home broken into by the two, where they steal some small trinket to decorate their wagon. It's just a matter of time before they get found out however.

The Jester – Archim is a clown, a jester. He warms up the crowds before each show with his trademark brand of physical comedy. He's growing older, but he's fanatically loyal to Hatham, the man who saved him from a life in the gutter. He'd do anything for the man, and has in the past. Should Hatham ever cut ties, the man would probably lose his mind.

The Rest of the Troupe – The troupe has a large number of other members, most of which make up the acting group. Led by Ravis, the actors were all once a standalone troupe that merged with the circus, a profitable move for both groups. Ravis chafes a bit under Hathams control, but so far she's been putting up with it due to the money they are all making. There are also a half dozen other performers, a full time cook, a couple of bards, a smith/wagoneer, and several game hosts. All told there are almost thirty wagons in the circus, and a number of other mounts. All in all, a very attractive target.