

Spider's Wyrd: Major Characters

In Order of Appearance

Ulla Thorsdaughter (call sign: Spider)	Starfighter whose life is about to change.	<i>Oh, Kate. I am so not from here.</i>
Olwyn Dara Wittber-Argeles (United Telepathic and Paranormal Practitioners' Guild)	Telepathic communications contractor and Guild representative for the UW&NS <i>Resolute</i> .	<i>I wish I could just fix the universe, but I can't.</i>
Lieutenant Commander Mary Nkosi	SpaceCom officer in charge of intelligence support to starfighter operations on the UW&NS <i>Resolute</i> .	"Do you think I'd risk a witchcraft conviction?"
Stelle Pietersdaughter (Flint and Flint, adopted)	A little girl who is growing into tremendous psi talents.	<i>May I ride behind the Starfighter? Please?</i>
Pieter Erikson (Piet) (Flint and Mountain)	Stelle's father, Flint Clan's head capraglama keeper. He is really good at telekinesis.	<i>See, Starfighter? I knew you could do it!</i>
Hanni Rubensdaughter (Flint, adopted and Turul)	Piet's wife and Stelle's mother. She is the senior healer on the trek where Ulla finds herself.	<i>We are On'oi. Guardians, not 'herders.' And do not ever call the Hjralma 'trolls.'</i>
Thom Yensson (Raven and Worldtree)	Planetary Restoration Project land-use inspector on special assignment for the High King, who happens to be his father.	"Did you really have no idea you had a Gift?"
Nathan Steves (offworlder from Earth)	Thom's friend from university. He's a physician who travels widely and is unsettlingly proficient with weapons and explosives.	"What do you think so far?"
Ingeborg Yensdaughter (Flint and Worldtree)	Thom's half sister. She is a healer who has almost completed her apprenticeship with Hanni.	<i>Savoring the moment, Starfighter. You're hard to startle.</i>
Admiral Imelda Rosen (call sign: Rosie)	Director of Operations at SpaceCom's Bailey-Duran headquarters in Newcastle. Years ago, she was Ulla's flight commander.	"The Guild rep says your psi talents include leaving your body to fly independently. I would love to know what that's like."

Skuli Branson (Raven and Worldtree)	Balanced Trade Enforcement liaison at SpaceCom headquarters in Newcastle. He is Thom's long-time best friend.	"What you're proposing sounds right up there with bow-hunting for wild pigs."
Victor Jamesson (Mountain and Thistle)	On'oi businessman in Newcastle. He's also a soulslayer and president of the Matthias Carroll Memorial Society.	"We're the strong, short-range mind-talkers your Guild tries not to anger."
Detective Matti Brown	Newcastle City Guard detective. He's a soulslayer, too.	"You'll need conventional deadly force—not just soulslaying."
Maribet (Flint, adopted)	City upper-class born and bred. That didn't work out; now she's Flint Clan's primary telepathic communicator.	"The Hjralma are all about three things: restoring this world to its former glory, restoring the Ancients' Rings, and keeping the Yotne the hell out."
Kamna Trentsdaughter (Flint and Worldtree)	Healer's apprentice in her late teens.	<i>Wow! The starfighter is just a regular human!</i>
Senior Spinner Fripp	Ulla's Hjralma mentor whose psi talents include the ability to alter the space-time continuum.	<i>Do not fret, Child. I will show you other, less perilous ways to achieve the same objectives.</i>
Dev Aronson (Flint and Worldtree)	Flint Clan Chieftain.	<i>I trust you, Starfighter, but not everyone does.</i>
Katrin Ostapsdaughter (Granny Kate) (Flint and Raven)	Ulla's soulslayer mentor and favorite unofficial aunt.	<i>I've been listening to your inner skeptic every afternoon for two weeks.</i>
Dmytro Robson (Flint and Turul)	Flint Clan member, Ring song teacher, and continental-range telepathic communicator.	<i>There are other trails, Starfighter. I've been stomping around on Bald Mountain all my life.</i>
Yasmin Tully	Thom's childhood friend in Newcastle who steps up when Ulla needs help.	<i>That looks vile.</i>
Renata Connersdaughter Hjralma-On'oi Alliance Minister of Culture (Elg and Hare)	Thom's aunt, who with her husband Padraic took baby Thom into their home in Newcastle after his mother died.	"Good morning. Is that all you're eating?"

Padraic Willemson Hjralma-On'oi Alliance Minister of Trade (Raven and Thistle)	Thom's uncle, who with his wife Renata took baby Thom into their home after his mother died.	"Glad you could make it."
Lieutenant Margaret E. Papas (call sign: Mags)	Ulla's friend and shipmate. She is a starfighter who winds up with a desk job.	"This little guy was a surprise."
Lieutenant Fergus B. McCauley (call sign: Fergie)	Starfighter, soulslayer, Ulla's ex—where do we start?	<i>One well-placed grenade . . .</i>
Colonel Teller Becenti	Director of Planetary Surface Operations at SpaceCom's Bailey-Duran headquarters.	"I'd be more worried, Lieutenant, if you were raring to go."
Ensign Mikko Strom	Junior SpaceCom officer with more military experience than most. He is going places.	"Good situational awareness, Lieutenant."
Thor Bjornson	Ulla's widowed father. He commands an army of mercenaries.	"This trip was supposed to be a low-key job combined with house-hunting."
Berit Gee	Thor's partner. She is a healer and a masterful logistician who had just as soon retire.	"Impending disaster is a terrible reason for putting life on pause."
Neal Erikson (Flint and Mountain)	Soulslayer and academic whose life's work is restoring the Ancients' technology.	<i>One culture's technology is another's magic.</i>
Sean Patel (Dolphin and Bulldog)	Neal's grad student from Landfall. He knows at least as much about Rings as Neal does.	<i>That was us. Sorry it messed with your comm.</i>
Miles Rogers	Prominent folklorist who has made his career recording Bailey-Duran Three's Ring lore and oral history.	"An awful lot of what we thought was superstition is turning out to be accurate."
Aubrey Rogers	Miles's archaeologist wife who has discovered and published more about Bailey-Duran Three's Ancients than anyone else in explored space.	"So, you're the spinner who fell out of the sky."