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# WALTZ

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INTERVIEWS WITH  
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REXXAR TALOS

FC ART  
GALLERY

WALTZ OPEN HOUSE

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# Interview with . . . Rexxar Talos



## **How did you get into the game?**

I knew some people who played pre-A Realm Reborn, but I wasn't vibing with MMO's at the time. By the time 2.0 rolled around, a lot of friends from Final Fantasy XI all decided to meet back up to experience it.

## **What's your favorite part of the game? What keeps you playing it?**

I mainly just work on achievement hunting, though I finally decided to step back into raiding on the weekends. I haven't done static raiding since Binding Coils and it was kind of nice to get back in it with my playtime.

## **What is your favorite battle class? Favorite non-battle class?**

Omni-tank and maybe Reaper/Samurai this expansion. Nothing for non-battle comes to mind—I have a love/hate relationship with fishing because of the RNG, but when you finally land a rare fish it's a good feeling.

## **Which expansion has been your favorite so far?**

Heavensward probably contains my most fondest memories, and I realize how many didn't get to see the transition of Mor Dohna and Idyllshire. Nowadays no one will get to experience how back then Diadem was an open zone to fight in and a random pink weapon drop had a chance to be the best weapon if you rolled the best stats.

## **Who is your favorite NPC(s)?**

The Iporrits in general are my favorite NPCs.

## **What's one thing you're looking forward to most in the coming patches?**

Graphic update and hopefully the devs can focus on 7.0 more, to put as much content if not more than they did in Stormblood.

**Do you have a favorite glam? And can you show us?**

All my job glams are the best, nothing but top tier quality.

**Do you have a background to your character's name?**

I decided to change for something new and at the time was going to change race to Hrothgar, before I realized how much I didn't like them. Before I changed it was "Heavens Knight" which I had since FFXI and I chose that name because my buddy who got my in to FFXI made his character's name "Devilz Knight" and I thought it was corny.

**What is your favorite mount and your favorite minion?**

Raigo is my favorite mount even if it's not as much as a flex anymore. Penguin minion because not many have it.

**What is your favorite hangout spot in the game?**

The roof of my house so I can overlook all of you.

**Now we're going to move onto some non-FFXIV questions to get to know who you are outside of the game. Are there any other games you play outside of FFXIV?**

Lately just Call of Duty: Warzone if I get dragged into it with friends. Unless I can get them to play Grounded.

**What hobbies do you have outside of gaming?**

Hanging with my cat and powerlifting.

**Are there shows/films or songs you would recommend?**

The Raid is a great movie, the last Dredd movie took the concept from it.

**Tell us a little bit of what you love to eat, even if it's a snack.**

Everything, which is a problem. So I meal prep weekly to stay focused. Mainly meat and fruit at the moment.

**Tell us one awesome fact about yourself!**

There's absolutely nothing, I'm lame.

**If you were able to, would you be down to meet people outside of this game? If so, what do you think would be your first reaction when you first see them?**

I've met people outside of this game and out of FFXI. It was good times, even got an ex-wife out of it.



**If you have a pet, what kind of pet is it—or if you want to own a pet, which one would it be?**

My cat Rico.

**There are people from around the world that play this game, where do you play from?**

U-S-A.

**All right, I'm going to probably make you sad, just a bit, ready? The game is coming to an end, you have thirty minutes to an hour to do one last thing, what would it be?**

Honestly, if it isn't like the last reset where everyone can stand somewhere and watch Dalamud drop together, I'd probably just be alt-tabbed watching YouTube.

**And lastly, share with us a quote you live by.**

"It is what it is."

# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!

View some of the stunning screenshots created by your FC mates last month!



Veniliana Matibereo

Kellin Silverwillow



# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!



Vasto Ishuma (feat. Khaishan Bah)

Lyrie Mehsair (feat. Verzehren Arkan & Lyrica Keito)



# SCREENSHOTS CORNER!



Neko Para

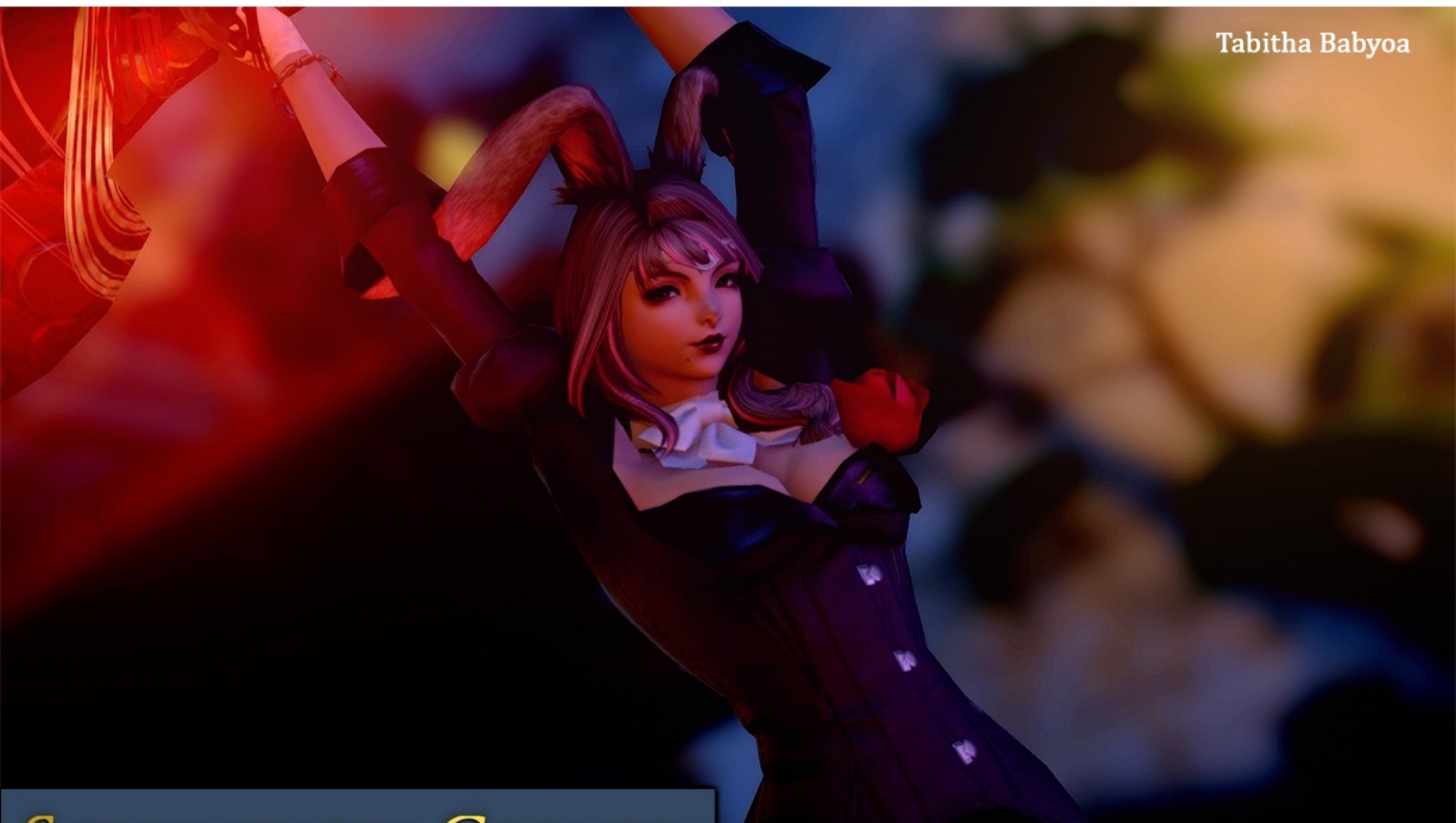
Lyrie Mehs



Turbo Quando  
(feat. Dennis Richey)



Calyx Ariti



Tabitha Babyoa





Rin Liyan

Shi Liyan



SCREENSHOTS CORNER!

# THE BLACK WALTZ ART GALLERY

Take a moment to gaze upon art made by your fellow FC mates.



Adori Amoru

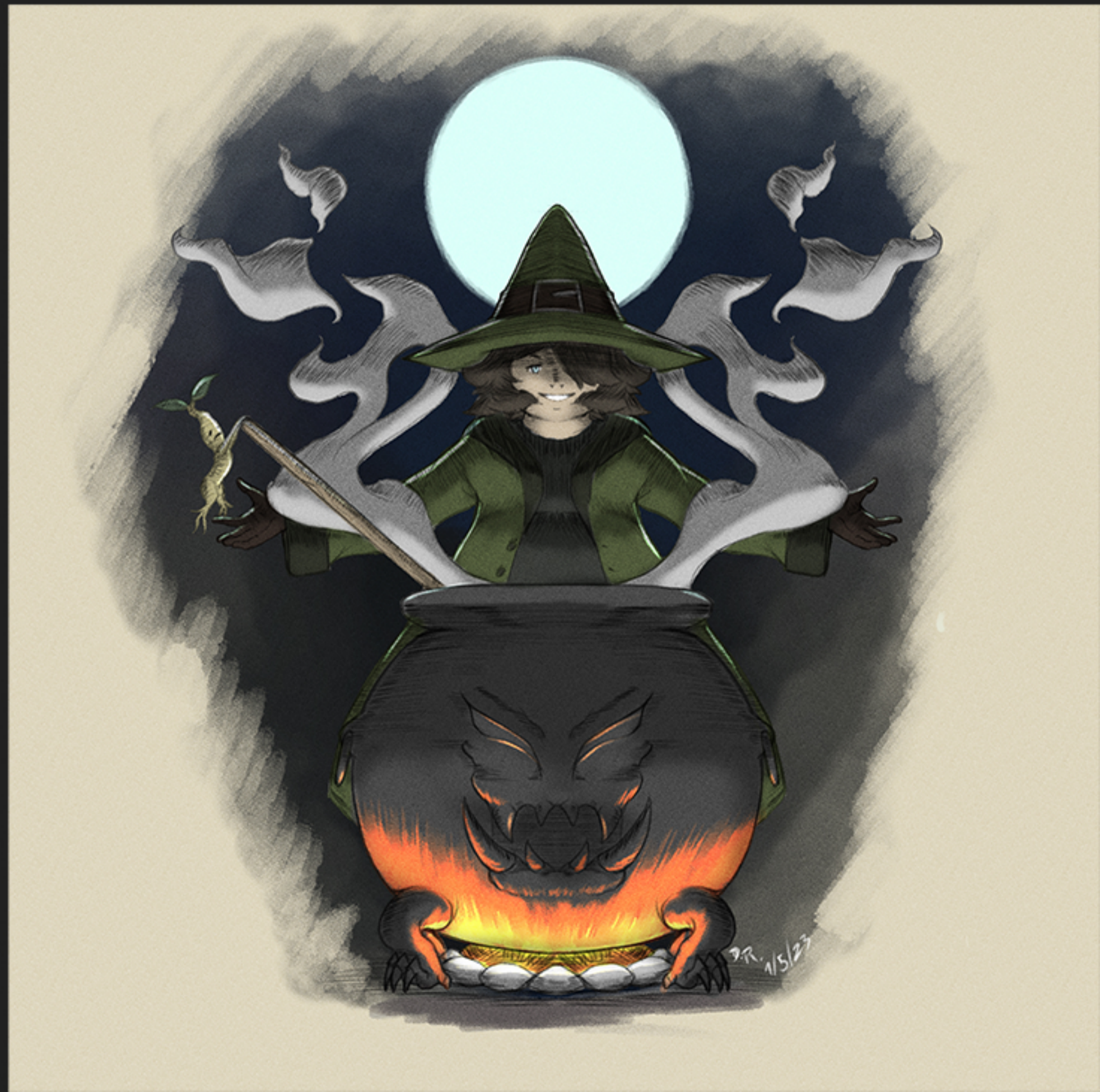


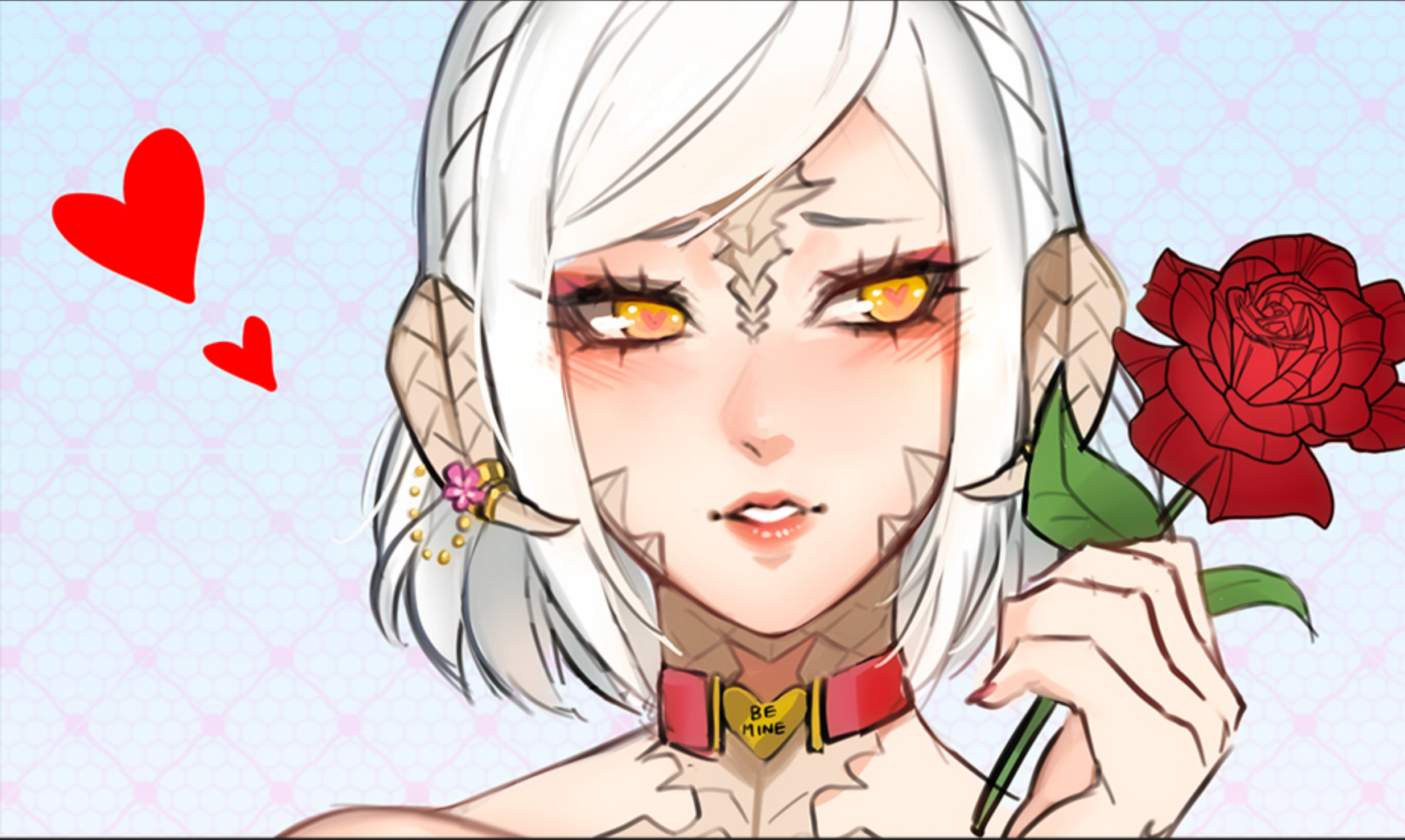
Arcana Asil'kan



Ayumi Enoshima

Dennis Richey





Diana Waters

Enebish Dalamiq





Etney Barrows

Ilya Alfonse





THE BLACK WALTZ ART GALLERY



Kiyomi Taira

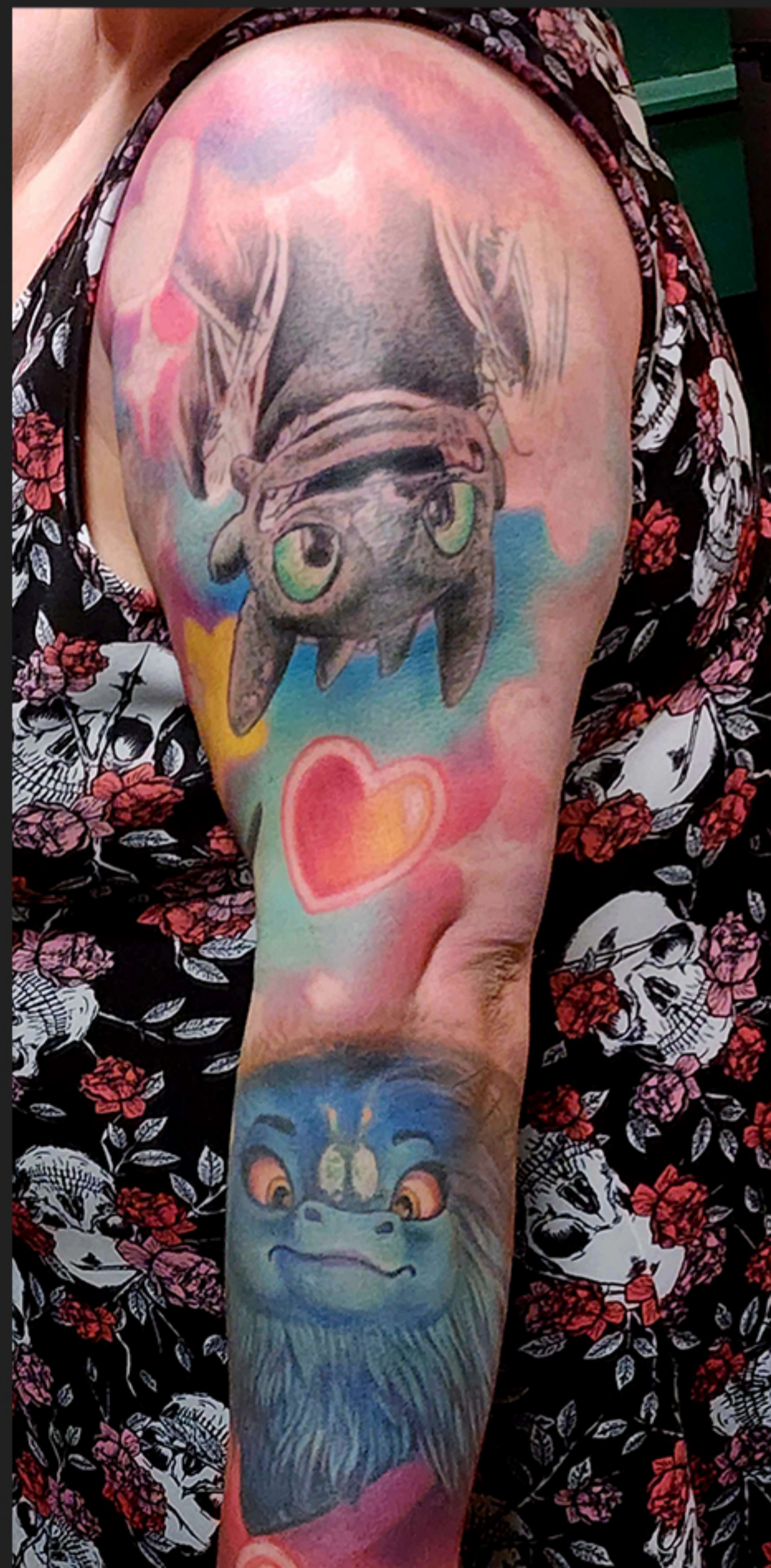
Kouya Kaji





Laureall Morgan

Leneira Drachanyx





Lunaron D'artemisia

Lyrie Mehsair







Mirako Mintii

Mufinela Pemstein





Nimue Umiko

Ponka Punk





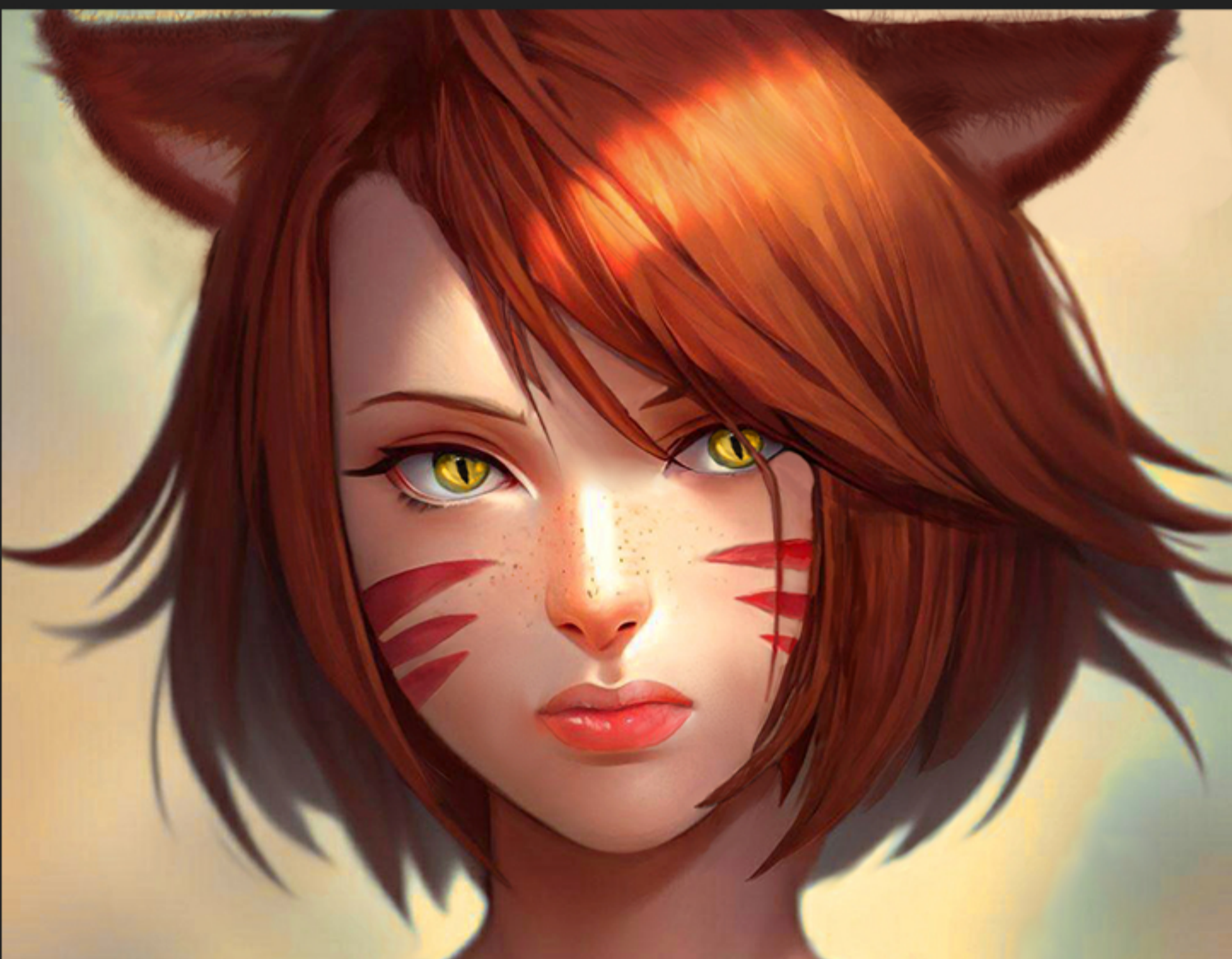
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Sulia Beaugard



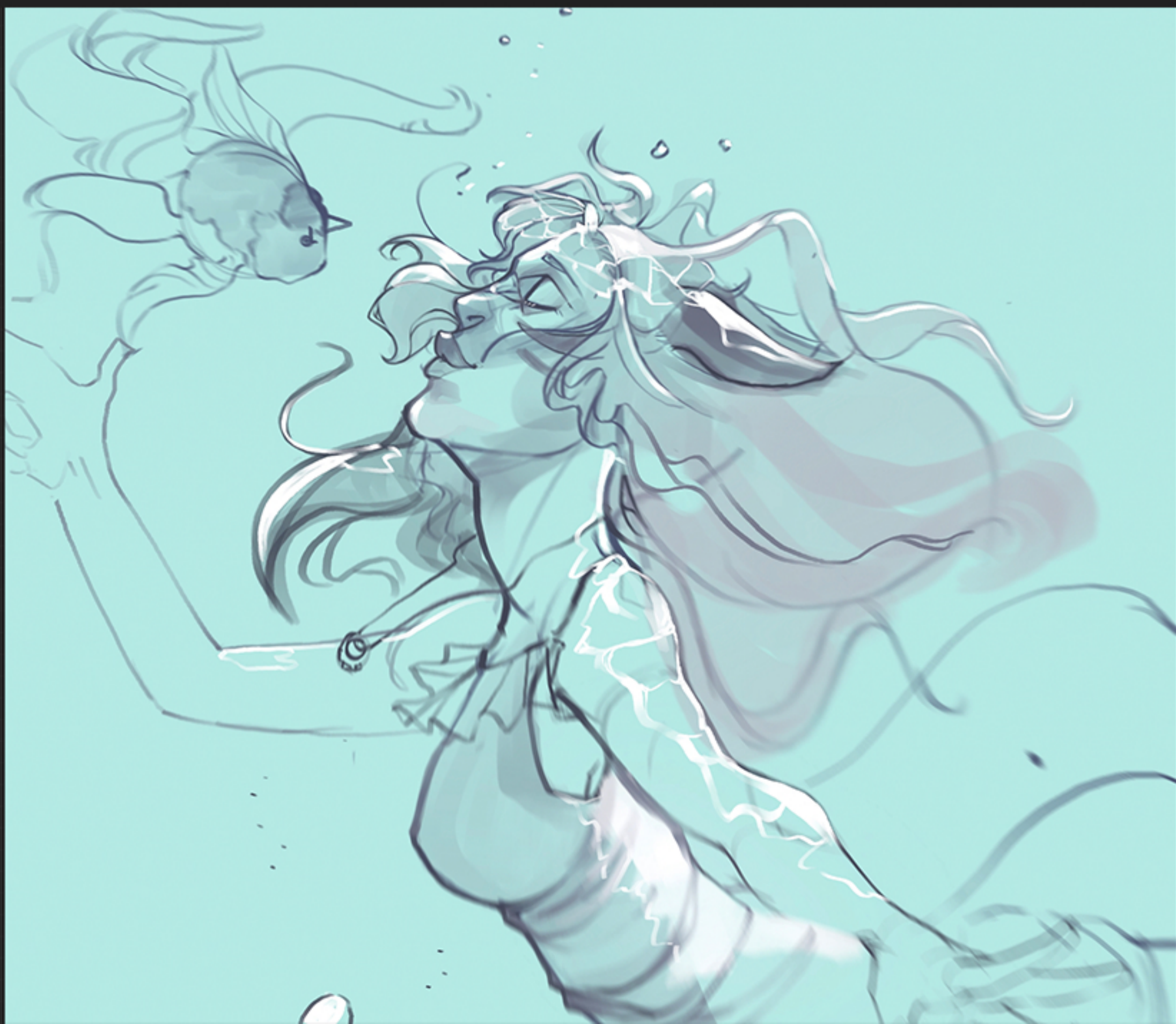


**THE BLACK WALTZ ART GALLERY**



Trinity Mohun

Vahn\_A





Velilah Auroth

Zara Thustra



@ezrageist



# THE OPEN HOUSE



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Shirogane - Ward 30 - Plot 19

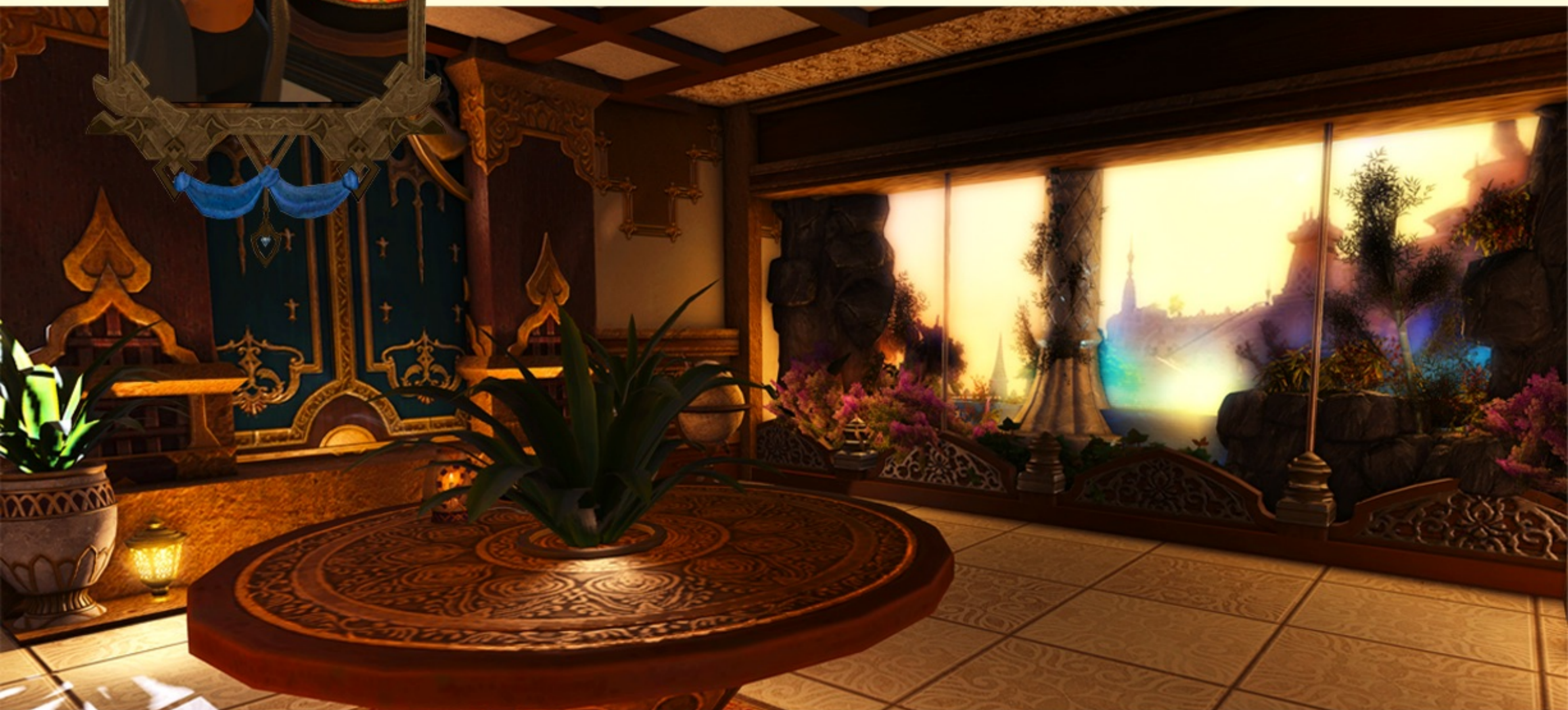


# THE OPEN HOUSE



## DEVRIES BAE

Goblet - Ward 19 - Plot 50



Growing up in Forgotten Springs in the middle of the desert, I wanted a taste of home with a bit of a Thavnarian flair!

# THE OPEN HOUSE



## LENEIRA DRACHANYX

Empyreum - FC House - Room 75





# THE OPEN HOUSE



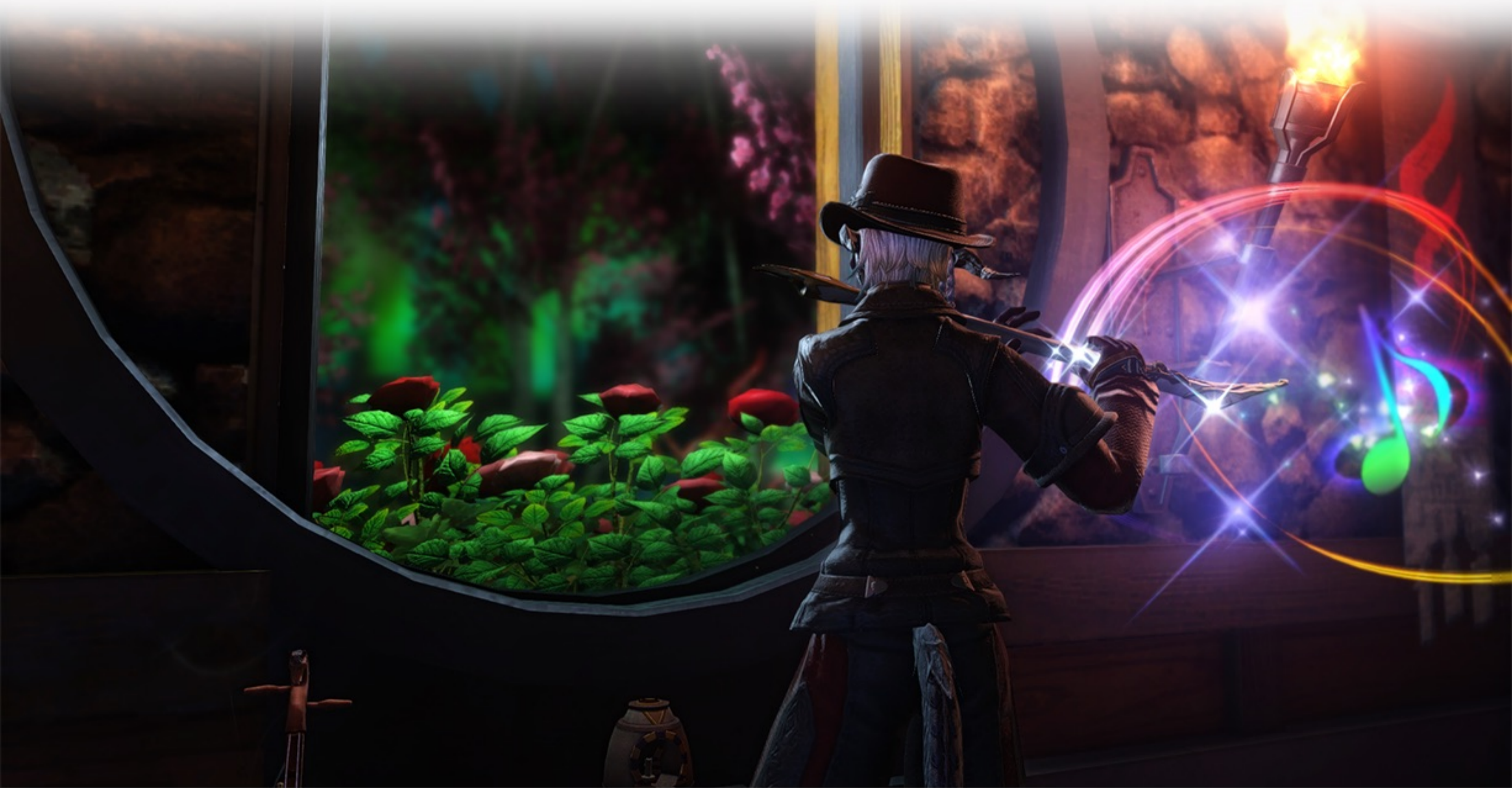
**LHEI TAYUUN**  
Lavender Beds - Ward 7 - Plot 59



I definitely have cottagecore vibes.

Interview with . . .

# Akaelda Matibereo



**First question: How did you get into the game?**

I think it was good timing to want to step away from World of Warcraft and try something different. I was very tied into an online anime community through IRC and someone I was friends with at the time also played. I was also pretty heavy into Japanese language learning, so I used the opportunity to join a Japanese server.

I've always been a Final Fantasy fan, and I think ARR came out right around that time. I started playing right at the beginning almost.

**What is your favorite battle class? Favorite non-battle class?**

So I took a break from the game and came back as you more or less see me now. The old me would say toss up between Astrologian and Scholar. The new me would say Ninja. Akaelda is a ninja. Non-combat: Miner.

**What's your favorite part of the game? What keeps you playing it?**

The biggest draw into the game for me was how alive my character felt. With clear intent to provide a good RP experience, Square's really done a good job so far with this aspect. Akaelda is me. What keeps me hooked is the PvP though!

I was pretty big into PvP (casually) in World of Warcraft, so coming into this game was a bit of a learning curve. The way the technology operates is a little different so you have to change your tactile responses to how your brain processes an event, but I would say Frontlines is perfect. It took Battlegrounds to the next level.

**Which expansion has added something you like?**

Performance mode (Stormblood) and housing (ARR) added some of my favorite things.



**Do you have a favorite glam? And can you show us?**

Akaelda is 1st Surveyor of the 62nd Immortal Flames, so she spends a lot of time out in the field with her equipment.

**Do you have a background to your character's name?**

Akaelda was my character back in WoW. It was a random spurt out of an ex's mouth when I was making a new WoW character with them at the time to be my "new main." But Akaelda, like all names that are good, is rare and must be held closely forever and ever.

Matibereo is "Mateo" and "Tiberius," who are our two boys. But Matibereo, much like my own last name, is part of a big family legacy that goes back 1000 years.

**Who is your least favorite NPC(s)?**

The guard next to the Ul'dah Aetheryte Plaza—Always barking at me that if I cause any trouble he'll see me locked up. I'M THE WARRIOR OF LIGHT, I'm just walking here dude!

**What is your favorite mount and favorite minion? I know this might be a hard question considering how many we have of each.**

Favorite Mount is the Black Chocobo and the Plush Cushion is my favorite minion, it has good RP value.

**Where is your favorite hangout spot in the game?**

Outside the Immortal Flames office in Ul'da, that's where Akaelda works. I also like my FC room, I spent a lot a time on it, and our house in Shirogane.

**Now we're going to move onto some questions not related to FFXIV. Are there any other games you play outside of this one?**

I play a lot of different games outside of FF. Some are Polytopia, Legend of Zelda: Tears of the Kingdom, and Event Horizon.

**What hobbies do you have outside of gaming?**

I pick up a lot of trash walking around the neighborhood, and I spend a lot of time teaching our boys all sorts of things.

**Are there any songs you would recommend?**

"A Life Sent On" from Xenoblade Chronicles 3 and "WAP" by Cardi B.

**Tell us a little bit of what you love to eat, even if it's a snack.**

Cool Ranch Doritos, salads, sandwiches. Sandwiches are almost the perfect food, my favorite sandwich is veggie on sourdough or rye/hot pastrami.

**Tell us one awesome fact about yourself!**

My last name traces back to ~980 AD, and our family has a castle in Scotland. There are many famous Galbraiths throughout history!

**If you were able to, would you be down to meet people outside of this game? If so, what do you think would be your first reaction when you first see them?**

We already have semi-firm plans to meet up with the Mokos this year, they're going to be in our area-ish so we'll be making an attempt I think.

**There are people from around the world that play this game, where do you play from?**

Sacramento,CA!

**All right, I'm going to probably make you sad, just a bit, ready? The game is coming to an end, you have thirty minutes to an hour to do one last thing, what would it be?**

First half I would PvP, second half I would play Performance Mode one last time and RP with my friends. And then Akaelda would log out in her bed next to Veni in our house.



**And my last question: What is a quote you live by?**

There's a quote from Jean-Luc Picard: "It is possible to commit no mistakes and still lose. That is not a weakness; that is life."

Every Frontlines I do is with that at the core. The worst/best part of Frontlines is the same thing about life: sometimes you're just unlucky. Yeah it can suck, but it's not your fault.

# Duelist's Daughter

By Lyrie Mehsair



**Head:** Purple Campanula Corsage

+Dye: *N/A*

**Body:** Boulevardier's Ruffled Shirt

+Dye: *Ceruleum*

**Legs:** Salon Server's Skirt

+Dye: *Ceruleum*

**Feet:** Virtu Duelist's Thighboots

+Dye: *Bark Brown*

**Hands:** Strife Gloves

+Dye: *Bark Brown*

Catherine Zeta-Jones in *The Mask of Zorro*, but it's casual wear.

# Hittin the Streets

By Beatrix De'roice



**Head:** Street Cap  
+Dye: *Pure White*

**Body:** Nezha's Lady Togi  
+Dye: *Pure White*

**Legs:** Miquo'te Loincloth  
+Dye: *Jet Black*

**Feet:** Casual Boots  
+Dye: *Jet Black*

**Hands:** Street Handwear  
+Dye: *N/A*

Outfit that works for both adventuring and venues, always be prepared never know where you'll find yourself.

# Sakura Street Style

By Leneira Drachanyx



**Head:** Far Eastern Schoolgirl's Hair Ribbon

+Dye: *Ruby Red*

**Body:** Yakaku Dogi

+Dye: *N/A*

**Legs:** Eastern Lady Errant's Skirt

+Dye: *N/A*

**Feet:** Theophany Thighboots

+Dye: *N/A*

**Hands:** Ravel Keeper's Halfgloves of Healing

+Dye: *Dalamud Red*

Light as feathers, as fleeting as Zephyr, one moment they breathed pink, the next they faded. Cherry blossoms were as much an inspiration for beautiful verse as they were a reminder of life's fickleness, she thought." — Alice Poon, *The Green Phoenix: A Novel of Empress Xiaozhuang, the Woman Who Re-Made Asia*

# Vogue: Cake n' Baked

By Lumina Luna



**Head:** Far Eastern Schoolgirl's Hair Ribbon

+Dye: *Soot Black*

**Body:** Endless Summer Top

+Dye: *Jet Black*

**Legs:** No.2 Type B Leggings

+Dye: *Jet Black*

**Feet:** Casual Boots

+Dye: *Jet Black*

**Wrists:** Dirndl's Wrist Torque

+Dye: *N/A*

As the Scion and WoL, people can't help but notice Lumina walking in Sharlayan in all her glory. She puts on a show in battle, so why not strutting down the citywalk as well?



# Street Cred

By Ashildr Stormcaller



**Head:** N/A

+Dye: N/A

**Body:** Street Jacket

+Dye: *Honey Yellow*

**Legs:** Isle Farmhand Cutoffs

+Dye: N/A

**Feet:** Casual Boots

+Dye: N/A

**Hands:** Street Handwear

+Dye: N/A

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# What's New In Waltz?

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## *A Quarterly Highlight*

Springtime Salutations Waltz! We hope 2023's off to a great start and put a little spring in your step! This start of this year's been packed with a plethora of fun events, here's a recap for those curious about the shenanigans we've gotten up to this season!

February saw the return of our annual Nekkid Footrace! This ~~life-threatening gauntlet~~ fun-filled adventure had pairs of racers and their raisers speeding through the world of Eorzea, from the sun-kissed sands of the Sagoli Desert in Thanalan, to the Black Shroud's verdant forests.

In the next month, March (fishing) madness overtook the guild, as a fishing competition began in which guild members began the hunt for the rarest fish in Eorzea. The competition spanned the entire month and gained nearly 100 submissions! Hopefully overfishing isn't a problem with how rare some of these slippery targets already are...



March also saw the inception of the Waltz Gposer Forum, a fun space for players to stretch their creative legs and share their stories and pictures of their characters!

In preparation for the next patch April was slightly more low-key but that doesn't mean there wasn't loads of fun to be had! We had a movie night with Princess Mononoke, followed by multiple Waltz University classes, teaching players the ins and outs of Ninja, Machinist, and Dragoon this time. Istari himself held a beginners Raid guide to help and give players a first look into raiding and to help prepare them for the trials and tribulations to come with next patch. We had a great time simply relaxing and honing our skills in preparation for the future.

Alongside all these events, the Waltz Riders continued their journey, joyriding through the Heavensward expansion visiting the Sea of clouds and the frozen wastes of Coerthas while cruising through the vistas and points of interest throughout the land, and the lands above the land!



And last but certainly not least, our Good Samaritans throughout the start of the year! Thanks for helping our community flourish and fostering such a great guild! Our Good Samaritans this season are:

January: **Diana Waters**

February: **Ashldr Stormcaller**

March: **Fratley Stormfall**

April: **Straye Avagnar**

That's all for now, here's to an action packed summer filled with smiles and fun! Hope to catch you next issue! Thanks for reading!

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