

# In the beginning ...

.. it is said that Anduin was shrouded in darkness, and there was nothing but the swirling chaos of the raw and unchecked elements. Each element swirled and clashed against the other, creating violent storms and eruptions, flooding rivers and causing droughts, and shaking the earth unto its core with endless quakes and tremors. But out of this tumultuous beginning, the First Elves emerged, each connected to one of the four elements, each one working to harness it and bring order.

The High Elves, masters of Wind, brought order and tranquility to the tempestuous winds and chaotic air currents. They gifted flight to the world, in time soaring gracefully through the skies and surveying the realm from above. Their skin and hair fair and their eyes sparkled with the glint of precious gemstones.

The Dark Elves, wielders of Fire, kindled warmth and light in the world, illuminating the darkness and bringing forth new life. They tamed the flickering flames and forged weapons, built grand structures, and shaped the land. Their eyes glowed with the radiance of a thousand stars. The Sea Elves, masters of Water, gifted the world the might of oceans and rivers, shaping the shorelines and tides. In time, they became expert sailors, exploring the vast oceans above and below and discovering all the four corners of Anduin. Their eyes shone with the depth of the oceans deep.

The Desert Elves, one with the Earth, brought resilience to the world. They tamed the harsh and unforgiving desert environment, cultivating crops and erecting sturdy structures. They became master trackers and hunters, moving stealthily through the desert sands and adapting to the harsh conditions. Their eyes burning bright like fires and the light of the sun. As the First Elves spread throughout the land, they brought with them the magic of the elements, shaping the world and creating new life. From the first Elves emerged all the other races of Anduin, each connected to one or more of the elements. They remained the guardians of the elements, preserving the balance and harmony of the world, even as other races rose to prominence.

As the endless passage of time passed, from the First Elves came all other life in Anduin. First came the Dwarves, stout and sturdy, gifted with an innate knowledge of the earth and its riches. Then the Halflings nimble and quick, with a deep joy of life and understanding of the lands its hidden secrets. The Orcs, fierce and brutal, strong born of the Elves' darker impulses, and the Goblins, mischievous and cunning, born of a conniving and playful spirit. Last came the Humans, the youngest of the races, born of the First Elves' growing desire for change and progress. Humans were adaptable and ambitious, short lived, bearing an insatiable thirst for knowledge and progress.

As each new race emerged, the First Elves watched from afar, observing their growth and evolution with a mix of fascination and trepidation. They knew Anduin was changing, and with it, the balance of the elements. It is said that with the passage of time, they faded from the world, and in time from memory, leaving the echo of a call to maintain and uphold the delicate balance of the elements.

The First Elves passed on the duty to protect and preserve the land they had helped create.

