

Narrative Design Document

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The World of Crescentia

A Prosperous Species

The land of Crescentia was inhabited by many creatures, but humans were the dominant species. Having formed civilizations all over the planet, humans were able to create prosperous lives for themselves. Living primarily through farming, people quickly discovered that the soil composition allowed for the rapid growth of many crops that were planted. In turn, this allowed the entire planet to gain a stockpile of food, promoting population growth and rapid expansion of towns and cities.

This phenomenon within the soil inspired scientists to get a closer look, only to reveal that microorganisms are present within. After further research, it was discovered that these organisms were able to absorb the nutrients from the soil and, with the combination of water, could release a new type of nutrient that allowed crops to grow at an increased rate. Through this discovery, humanity was on the way to greatness.

The Skyfall

Humanity's prosperity, while great, would soon meet its end; the day many call the Skyfall. On this day, a comet collided with our moon, shattering the outer layer, and sending massive chunks of rocks down to the surface. The initial impacts were the worst, as not many

people were expecting this catastrophe. Entire cities were wiped out and many people died during the initial event, but it didn't end there. In the few months after the initial impact, the thick layer of dust prohibited growth of crops. The one thing that humanity depended on was failing them, and they were starting to struggle to survive.

Natural Reclamation

Finally, once the dust settled, the opportunity to restart a new type of civilization showed itself. Humans started replanting, hoping that the microorganisms within the soil would come to their help once again, but instead, something else happened. Almost overnight, the crops they had planted had transformed into a new creature. Simply known as the Flower Kin, these plant-based creatures quickly overtook a majority of Crescentia. The Flower Kin “rebuilt” it through natural means, allowing massive forests, swamps, and jungles reclaim the land that humans once lived on.

In the heart of the Flower Kin's civilization lays the Mother Seed, a large fragment of the shattered moon that the Kin worship as the bringer of life. Close by lives the Orator of the Seed, a single Flower Kin who rules over the others, speaking the will of the Mother Seed to the rest of the Kin. Through their shared bond, the Flower Kin are essentially controlled by the Orator, and carry out his bidding.

Life Moves On

The remaining humans now live in key settlements around the world and are attempting to hold on to the last remains of their old society. Scientists theorize that something in the crust of the moon reacted with the microorganism that resided in the soil. When the two combined, it created this new species who overtook the world, now with the intention of creating a new

world. Humans now must learn to survive in this new world, one where they aren't the alpha, and must adapt in order to live on as a species and keep their culture alive.

Characters

Amari Braxton

Having been born after the Skyfall, Amari Braxton has never known life beforehand. Raised by Commander Lotief after being abandoned, Amari hated the Commander, but learned to love him like a father. Together the two were an unstoppable force, able to defend their home whenever any Flower Kin showed up on their doorstep. One day the Commander was tasked with making a supply run to an abandoned sector of the Voracious Morass, the swamp that surrounds the human stronghold. Years passed since then, and no word of Lotief's fate has reached the stronghold. Amari has never given up hope and knows deep down that the Commander is still out there somewhere, holding on. Having taken up command since Lotief disappeared, Amari continues to train units to continue to defend the stronghold.

As a human, Amari is a capable fighter, but is also able to take big hits with great ease. A human's stats are more or less evenly distributed, but Amari has slightly higher combat stats (Strength, Vitality, and Perception) having been raised by Lotief. This even distribution makes Amari an easy character to pick up for beginners but can be powerful in the hands of a veteran.

Lilycove

As an offspring of the Mother Seed, Lilycove is a Flower Kin, a plant-based lifeform that sprouted from the ground and became sentient in the aftermath of the Skyfall. As a Flower Kin, Lilycove knew nothing outside of the prime directive of the Orator of the Seed, and never had much a free will of her own. After a near fatal accident, she found herself severed from the Orator and could no longer hear her people. Now, being able to control her own will, Lilycove set out on her own to rediscover the world her own way.

Being a Flower Kin means that Lilycove needs less resources to live compared to a human. Able to synthesize food from sunlight and water means that any food that she would need can instead go to any non-flower kin party members. Having been forced to follow the orders of the Orator, Lilycove never had the knowledge to fight, but after being severed, she adapted to her new living style and formed a fighting style unique to herself. Being able to tap into nature, she can synthesize seeds and launch them with precision like accuracy. With this, her starting stats would complement this, with her having higher agility and perception, but lower vitality.



Fig. 1
Inspiration for a
Flower Kin

Sample Dialogue

Location Based

When Approaching a Settlement

(Lilycove): Is it really wise for me to be here?

(Amari): As long as you stay disguised, no one should be the wiser.

(Lilycove): If you say so...

When Approaching Ruins

(Lilycove): Have you been here before Amari?

(Amari): You think just because I'm human I've been everywhere around the world?

(Lilycove): No of course not, my apologies...

(Amari): ...But yes, but in this circumstance I have been here recently.

When in the Wilderness

(Amari): I don't like being out exposed like this

(Lily): Do not worry. This area doesn't show signs of Flower Kin, we should be safe.

(Amari): It's not other Flower Kin I'm worried about

Resource Based

Low On Fuel

Wilderness

(Amari): We gotta get more fuel, like ASAP. We don't want to be stranded out here

(Lilycove): Agreed. Who knows what creatures hunt in this area.

City/Settlements

(Lilycove): Amari, we should look for more fuel while we're here.

(Amari): Good catch, we don't want to be caught here with a Flower Kin. Might cause Trouble

Ruins

(Amari): Be on the lookout for anything we can use as fuel, we're running low.

(Lilycove): As you humans say, I'll keep my optics uncovered!

(Amari): You mean your eyes peeled?

(Lilycove): That's what I said!