

Half-Sidhe

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I am, Nelf Bitemen. I am the Head scholar of the Dascorie School of Higher Learning. I have journeyed far and wide to bring the knowledge of the other races of Halmanath to those who seek to learn all that can be learned of the people and places in and around the kingdom of Dascorie. I know more of the peoples and places than anyone..... About the peoples and places found in and around the kingdom of Dascorie.

As humans delve into the uncharted lands, their influence upon it is becoming increasingly apparent. As the Minotaur and their kin remain the foremost of the kingdoms foe, some of the Sidhe are close behind. This race of shade born are by in large the most cruel and spiteful. Thankfully the separation within their race keeps them from becoming too much of an overwhelming force to be dealt with.

The half-breeds of their kind seem to be from some sort of union between human and Sidhe. Evil doings to be sure.....in my opinion. Many a human has been lured by the folk of the wood, willing or unwilling, to become companion for as long as the Sidhe find amusement in the relationship. Which I believe is not very long. Usually it ends by enslavement or worse yet death. Many have been found near death on the edges of the unsettled lands with tales of strange mating rituals for but, mostly against their wills during their internment if you will.

The children of the union are of both bloods and share the characteristics of both parents. Apparently this does not sit well with the full-blooded Sidhe. The half-breeds are met with cruelty and hatred. They are shunned by both races of which they are apart of. Many flee into the woods and try to carve out a life amongst whom ever will accept them. Some even find their way to the Out-Homes where they are met with friendship and welcomed.....usually.

Many have a knack for magic and learn most of what they know with little training and aid from others. They seem to be most adept at it and many have become great magi in their own right. Survival is one of the strongest motivations for the half-Sidhe this is why most prefer to use their skills for defense only, for they are often attacked simply because they are half-breeds. This has led to the believe that the Half-Sidhe are magical creatures created to serve whom ever spawned them

I have spoken with many of these half-Sidhe and I have found them to be of many personalities. Here is a short list of those in which I have personally spoken with:

Half-Human-Half-

Dryad
Mazikeen
Nymph
Vala
Goblin
Incubus
Prowie
Tritian

Many try to fit in with their more human side of their personalities and in their dress and appearance while others embrace their Sidhe side. Which at times can be a bit frightful as they tend to take on a more barbaric nature though still somewhat civilized. No matter which side is more prominent the Half-Sidhe look as you would expect. A half-Goblin may have pointy ears and green skin or he may have a long nose and pointy ears or green skin and a long nose etc.

As the Half-Sidhe try and fit in with which ever side they feel becomes them the most there is still the one thing that they all have in common. Their choice in weaponry and armour. No matter the Half-Sidhe's Personality they all seem to prefer the smashing types on weapons such as the club, mace and axe. Whether it is short, long, two handed or thrown. The short bow is also amongst their preferred weapons. Their choice in amour is always simple leather for they lack the skills in the construction of wood or metal armours or perhaps they simply like the feel of the leather over the more binding chain mail. Which gives them more freedom of movement in the woods.

It seems that no matter which personality holds sway over a particular Half-Sidhe they all tend to have a need to belong. Even those who prefer the life of adventure and wanderlust still feel a strong need to call some place, any place, home even if just for a little while. I believe the hardest time in the lives of the Half-Sidhe is simply trying to figure out for themselves just who and what they are and where they belong.

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