

FAEDOM

Enter the Fairy Realm

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WELCOME TO FAEDOM

Fairies are the heart and soul of the enchanted world of the fae. They share this enigmatic realm with a panoply of mythical beings and beasts. Fantastic and familiar, they inhabit the woods, meadows and streams of all the fairy tales we have come to love through the ages.

ELVES

Elves are a supernatural race of immortal beings. They may be small in stature, but they have enormous magical powers. First mentioned in Germanic mythology, their legends have passed into Scandinavian, Celtic and English lore. In modern times, Tolkien's *Lord of the Rings* saga popularised the elvish tradition. Today's elves are best known for their efforts in making Christmas a magical season for humans, especially children.

MERFOLK, SELKIES & KELPIES

Close companions of the fairies of the oceans and seas, these aquatic creatures have populated many myths centred around the treacherous powers of the watery realm. Most often, they have been known to charm naïve sailors with their heavenly voices and beauty, dragging them down to their deaths at the bottom of the sea.

DWARVES & GNOMES

Both dwarves and gnomes are small, human-like creatures with magical powers who prefer to dwell in forest burrows. They have been celebrated for their dedication to protecting Snow White from her evil stepmother, but they aren't always as forthcoming when it comes to human interactions. Their main purpose is to safeguard their buried treasure from greedy human hands.

THE WITCHERY

The witches, wizards and magicians of this world live between the fae and earthly realms, weaving a hybrid magic that draws upon the rare resources and ancient wisdom hidden throughout the Cosmos.

FAE KNIGHTS

They are the original guardians of Faedom. Their main task is to keep humans out of the realm. Armed with incredible strength and possessing the heart of a lion, any knight of this order will stop at nothing to protect Faedom from earthly interference, slaying giants, dragons and evil kings in their wake.

FAUNS & CENTAURS

These mythical creatures possess the torso and head of a human, but the lower body parts and legs of a goat or horse. They have appeared in thousands of legends throughout the centuries as both liberators and antagonists. Fauns play instruments and never miss a party, while the more serious centaurs will fiercely guard their territory to protect their loved ones from encroaching beasts and monsters.

GIANTS & OGRES

As gargantuan figures that have struck fear into the hearts of children over millennia, they have a rather grisly reputation. However, they aren't always so terrible and there are quite a few giants and ogres in Faedom who are as kind and generous as can be.

FAE BESTIARY

Faedom would be a truly desolate place without its magical menagerie of mythical beasts, from the legendary unicorn and the resilient phoenix to the fearsome dragons, griffins, basilisks and sphinxes that eternally guard the best-kept secrets of this magical realm.

FAIRIES...

Fairies were born of the spark that illuminated the darkness as the Universe came into being many billions of years ago. They are the ancient fates, destinies, guardians, guides, gatekeepers, muses and messengers who have forged a bridge between the enchanted realm of magic and mysticism and the material world of nature and human civilisation.

These mystical heroes have been at the centre of epic mythologies, passed through the oral traditions of folk cultures across the globe over countless generations. The earliest written records of fairies include Ferdowsi's epic poem *Shahnameh* at the turn of the tenth century and the numerous fae that feature in medieval iterations of the Arthurian legends, to Shakespeare's own dramatic ode to the fae in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* four hundred years ago. And of course, there are the fairy tales that have been immortalised by countless retellings, the most famous of which were set down on paper by the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen. Even Oscar Wilde compiled his own collection of charismatic fairy stories. Fairy tales have left an indelible mark on our world, transporting us to a place of imagination and wonder, while lending a vital lesson on human foibles and follies.

As charismatic and ageless as the Earth itself, the fae are our most valiant guardians and protectors, stopping at nothing to punish those who pollute and pillage our wonderful planet. Fairies have long been known for their mischief, conjuring up unusual circumstances and even sudden misfortunes to trip up their human neighbours. Their magic has piqued our curiosity through the ages, leading many astray in futile attempts to solve impossible mysteries or loot hidden fairy treasures. In a more trivial sense, fairies are often the ones to blame when household items go missing, or a recipe inexplicably goes wrong.

They are the Sprites, Pixies, Sidhe, Sith, Brownies, Greencoats, Yarthikins, Spunkies, Spriggans, Tylwyth Teg, Rusalkas, Sylphs, Selkies and Nymphs of European legend. They are the Mazikeen of Jewish tradition and the Feu follet of Cajun beliefs. They are the Miru of Maori legend and the Menehune of Hawai'i. They are the Nünnē'hi of the Cherokee, Jogah of the Iroquois, the Alux of the Mayas and Chanèques of Mexico. They are the Vættir of Norway, the Encantado of Portugal, the Kashiya of the Roma, the Peri of Persia, the Hu Hsien of China, the Aziza of the Dahomey mythology of West Africa and they are close kin of the mystical Djinn of Asia.

...AND FAUNA

The Fairies of Faedom belong to an ancient order known as the Elementals: Earth, Water, Fire and Air. From the iridescent glint of a waterfall and the mysterious allure of the forest, to the divine melody of a song, they are the incarnation of natural, earthly spirits – plant, animal, even human, and everything in between. Yet those who are familiar with their mercurial ways will know that they would vehemently refuse to be so neatly boxed into categories. After all, the Moon Fairy's magic may be bound to the Earth, but the tidal pull she leans into links her to the sea. The Neon Fairy might glow as bright as a star, but the airiness of her spirit is what fuels her glamour and light. And while these mysterious beings may appear to be made of flesh and blood, unlike mortals, some of the fae can live forever and hold powers that go beyond the limits of the natural world. Like the elements, fairies hold the power to create and to destroy.

Trooping fairies wander about the Earth in boisterous cavalcades of merriment, but some are quite solitary and prefer to dwell alone. No matter their type, most fairies will make themselves scarce at the sight of a human. They will make an exception for children, especially those who have shown themselves to be kind, pure of heart and respectful of the natural order of things. Fairies will even go out of their way to protect a child who has been hurt or lost in the wilderness, often risking their own safety for the life of a small human.

To spot a fairy, you must prove your good intentions and find a portal between the earthly realm and the world of the fae, either through space or through time. There are many magical entrances to Faedom but the most common ones can be found in the hollow of a tree or a glowing fairy ring. Picking the right time is crucial. Portals will appear at the hinges of the day, month or year – such as dawn or dusk, the full moon, the equinox or the solstices. These are the liminal spaces where the veil between the spirit and material worlds momentarily disappears, giving us a glimpse at the scintillating forces behind the wonders of the natural world.

Welcome to the mystical realm of Faedom.



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