Farmer's Maze
Player's Booklet
To Yeast Vats (B)

The village

Pelek (43)

Primpartner: Mala (Pelek is and has for a very long time been as exclusively monogamous as one can be in this family).

Primchildren: Torek (14) and Pela (9)

Pelek likes to keep himself for himself for much of his time, and when he spends time with other people it is usually with his prim children Torek and Pela or his partner Mala. The family as a whole, he only joins at special occasions.

With regards to Latefa, Pelek likes to think that he doesn't understand what all the fuss is about. Things would be much easier, if everybody just concentrated on doing the right things themselves. For instance, when Latefa tried to have sex with every man in the family, they could "Just say no". Pelek did, and he and Mala had no problems there.

The others talk a lot about Latefa's guests, but it is not the central issue. Of course she should treat her guests right, but it is not like they are family. And who says she did not do the best she could – she was weird in so many ways, probably she was also a retard at caring for infants. That could also explain why the computer never wanted her to have children of her own. If she could not do the job properly someone should have stepped in to help her, and that someone really ought to have been one of her primfamily – her primbrothers (Anares and Eklan) or Lekala as her primparent.

Pelek is a competent farmer and can do most of the jobs around the farm, but since he took charge of the books, he does not really get out much, and his view on things is more theoretical than practical. He keeps books on everything though – even the sales of illegal vision spores that Latefa made and Renka and Jakeb sold and the different perks they afford the family.

Pelek's prime interest is in getting the family functional and less conflicted again. He does not actually have any suggestions for how this could be done and is generally not very empathic in his approach. Now that Latefa is already dead, they might as well get on and make the family work as it used to.

The combine harvester

Mala (48)

Primpartner: Pelek (for all practical purposes Mala and Pelek have a monogamous relationship)

Primchildren: Fela

Mala is the oldest of her generation. It is a responsibility, but on the other hand also just an informal one. Mala's responsibility to her daughter Fela and Fela's unborn guest is much more tangible. Fela is going to be the first woman in the new generation to give birth, and Mala will see to that her guest is going to be well cared for, so the indifference to guests in the family can be countered.

The family allowed Latefa too much of a leeway with her guests. When one displays such indifference, and the little one is actually regularly mistreated, it is hard to decide, whether the deaths among the guests can be called mishaps or accidents. In reality it is at least neglect and could be just as easily be called murder. If Latefa had been sent to a family of therapists when the problems were first seen, all this could have been avoided.

This family is growing, and it will eventually be split up into two families. When that happens, Mala is going to be the elder of her family, and she is not going to allow such a laxness and disregard for proper values. She is not going to dabble in drug production either. This family is full of dissent and discontent – this is both a sign that it is becoming too big, but also that the family is not led properly with regards to values.

It was probably Latefa's ability to produce the illegal vision spores that caused the elders and a good part of the rest of the family to tolerate her transgressions. No one in the family uses that dangerous stuff, but many of them depended on the surplus from the illegal trade to sweeten their visits in town or help them acquire the little luxuries that not everybody could get.

The vision spores can very well be at the core of all the trouble – including the murder of Latefa. It is more than likely that Latefa got into a dispute with some user from another family about a drug deal.

The Lake Side

Kentes (46)

Primpartners: Renka and Klea

Primchildren: Maklar (15), Roska (9), Lakson (6) and Katlek (2)

Kentes is furious at Latefa. The last days have been a nightmare. His son has killed another human being. And it is all her fault.

He cannot understand that he ever liked her in the least; that he used to have fun with her at celebrations and share her bed occasionally; that they were brother and sister. She does not feel like a sister to him now. Her jealousy of his responsibility of bringing up four kids made her try to destroy his part of the family. She started by trying to take over little Katlek, using charm and spending far too much time with Katlek to the exclusion of the other children who were her charges at the lake. She was clearly trying to usurp the role of primparent, destroying the plan of the computer concerning Katlek's welfare . When he finally got the elders to take notice and managed to stop her by taking over the role as caretaker at the lake this summer, she literally tried to steal his child!

Luckily, Maklar stopped her, but oh at what price! The boy must live the rest of his life, knowing that he took another person's life. The agents must not find out, they would take him away to a therapist family, and the best thing for Maklar now is being with his family who loves him, not being torn away from it. If necessary, Kentes is ready to take the blame, so that Maklar can stay here. But then Maklar and his three primsiblings would be without a primparent.

Kentes did not see what actually happened, but Maklar was waiting in the dark by the path, when he came back to the hut from the bonfire. Maklar said that he had killed Latefa that she had attempted to steal Katlek, that she had a crawler, and that he had hidden her in it. Kentes calmed the boy and went with him back the kids to see that they were safe. He left Maklar there and went to the crawler. The back of Latefa's head was covered in blood. He went and got a monoplane, one of those things that only has room for one adult and a kid, and packed it in the back. He drove the crawler on manual to the garage at the central compound and moved Latefa to another crawler, programming it to disappear in the maize. He cleaned the first crawler thoroughly and placed it so it would be the first one out next morning. Others would use it, the data of Latefa's trip would be overwritten, and no one would know anything. Then the used the monoplane to fly back to the lake arriving just in time to start morning routines.

The family's current standpoints on the central controversies

The question of Latefa's guests

Latefa has had many more guests than is usual. As usual, they were tested and given to their families, but some died accidentally before being tested, and lately she has isolated herself when she had guests, and there hasn't been much information about them.

I fear to think what she does to the poor creatures	Rabel Anares Mala Renka Kentes Maklar	Jakeb	Partos Fela	Eklan Torek	Pelek Klea Lekala	She has been so unlucky, I guess she tried the best she could

The controversy of who should take care of the children at the lake

The children of the family always spend harvest time frolicking at the lake. Usually, Lekar and Latefa together with the larger kids take care of all the small ones. But this year, Kentes has been voicing his concern: he felt that Latefa was trying to usurp his role as primary parent for his two-year old Katli and did not want her babysitting at the lake. He said he did not feel that it was safe, and that Latefa's interest in Katli seemed unhealthy.

Latefa should not be allowed near the kids	Rabel Mala Renka Kentes Maklar	Jakeb	Partos Anares	Pelek Fela Torek	Klea Eklan Lekala	Latefa loves the kids, she wouldn't dream of harming them

The production and sale of illegal vision spores

The family secretly produces hallucinatory spores at the yeast vats. These are traded for luxury items on the black market, but nobody in the family would dream of using them. They are just not that kind of family.

The vision spores are a valuable addition to the production of the farm	Pelek Klea Renka	Partos Fela	Rabel Anares Maklar Torek	Jakeb Kentes	Mala Lekala	The vision spores are illegal, and we should stop producing them