Farmer's Maze
Player's Booklet
To Yeast Vats

The village

Partos (79)

Primpartners: Lekala and Rabel

Primchildren: Mala, Pelek, Klea

In spite of the society and this family too being very egalitarian and everybody having a say, the elders in a family very often have the deciding vote. It is only logical. When you do not have any serious grievances with each other, the younger family members tend to value the large experience of the elders. In this family it means that Pathos, Rabel and Lekala have often had to decide in matters.

Pathos has tried to be a mediator, tried to strike a balance between his two sisters Lekala and Rabel in the matter of Latefa, but it has not always been easy. He knows that he has mostly preferred the company of Lekala over Rabel – Lekala is the younger of the two and has always been very beautiful and feminine. For years on end, Pathos has tried not to let Rabel feel this, and he believes that he has been rather successful at it, but maybe it has clouded his judgment regarding his younger sister. Looking back Latefa was always a bit… different. Wrong somehow? And Lekala had always been blind to it. Maybe one of the therapist families should have been called in long ago.

There is no doubt that Latefa has acted out progressively, since it became clear that the computer would never assign her a child of her own, but Lekala has always assured him that it was in control. Maybe it was not, but that is too late now. This catastrophe has happened and must be dealt with. It is most likely that Kentes did it, maybe he was fighting with her about her obsession with his youngest child Katlek.

Partos is not as well informed about family matters as he used to be, and he is well aware of that. It is important, however, that the investigators recognize him as the natural head of the family, so he can influence them and minimize the damage done to the family.

The combine harvester

Anares (35)

Primpartners: Renka, until a year ago also and predominantly Latefa

Primchildren: Lanna (5) and Eskal (2)

Anares is sad – terribly sad. He was Latefa's primbrother and the one closest of age, and they were primpartners at that. The thing with the primpartners, of course, was only until he had to refuse being a part of Latefa's insatiable want for guests.

Anares did not like to refuse the advances of Latefa. After all, they had slept together regularly for something like 20 years, and he still loved her; but his conscience would not allow him to help her have more guests because of his nagging suspicion that they were mistreated. But he just feels so terrible that everything spiralled out of control like this. The family ought to have been able to contain and stimulate Latefa – help her deal with her tragic lack of children. The family should also have been able to make all its members understand Latefa and give her some slack. It did not – someone ended up killing her, and that someone has to be found and brought to justice.

It is no secret to Anares that Latefa went out to the neighboring families to find partners, when he chose to refuse her last year. It pains him that the gesture which cost him so much will power and hurt did not lead to any responsible behavior from Latefa. She ought to have had herself sterilized as any sensible woman, but with so many polygamous extrogamous families in the vicinity, it was probably just too easy to find someone else. He felt and feels no jealousy towards Latefa and her partners, none at all – rather pity.

In the beginning of the summer, Renka contacted Anares discretely to tell him about some rather sinister finds of hers near the yeast vats. Renka told him that she had uncovered a furnished and elaborate cave dwelling close to the yeast vats. She was sure that the dwelling was constructed by Latefa, since she was the only person who stayed at the yeast vats for prolonged periods of time. It must have ben constructed for some strange and disturbing purpose, and Renka claimed that she had found remnants of several skeletons of small children in a mound of stones nearby.

Renka wanted Anares to confront Latefa about it. He did, eventually, but it took him far too long before he managed to pull himself together. And when he finally did it was possibly the worst thing he could have done. It is less than a week ago now, and as far as Anares knows, within a day or so from his telling Latefa, someone had murdered her. The talk itself did not lead to anything anyway. Latefa became mad and aggressive; she refused any knowledge of the cave dwelling and raved about other members of the family evilly trying to discredit her. She stormed out of the room and that is the last Anares ever saw of her.

The Lake Side

Lekala (70)

Primpartner: Partos

Primchildren: Latefa (dead), Anares and Eklan

Lekala is devastated. Latefa is dead. She is gone and she will be sorely missed. Lekala has always spent much more time and effort on Latefa than her other two primchildren – but that was because Latefa was so much more needy.

Lekala spent enourmous amounts of mental energy on keeping up Latefa's spirits, calming her anger and soothing her pain. She had to, since the family did not step up to the plate and help Latefa cope with her loss of not having children. Latefa was so unlucky, not only did she not receive a primchild of her own, probably because she was such a special person that matching children were very far between, but her misfortunes with her guests also made her the scapegoat of the family. They should have helped her instead of talking behind her back.

Lekala tried to comfort Latefa about not having received any children by saying that the computer must not have been able to find the special child that exactly fits somebody as unique as Latefa. But to a young woman like Latefa, who is so evidently suited for bringing up children it was very hard to accept.

Subsequently there was the thing with Kentes flatly refusing to let Latefa take care of the children at the lake, as she always did during the harvest. It was some ridiculous story about protecting Katlek, poppycock! Lekala and Latefa has always done a great job at the lake, even though Latefa had to go back to the plant to tend to the yeast vats from time to time. But Rabel and Partos suddenly turned against Lekala this time, and Kentes was chosen to go instead.

Lekala couldn't bring herself to tell Latefa that she wasn't going this year. At the lake, it wasn't the same, it was tense between her and Kentes as one could expect. A couple of days ago, she noticed Kentes coming back into the camp very early in the morning. He could have come back from a fight with Latefa, but there's no way of knowing.

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