

# The Awful Truth

## Character Information Sheet

**Character Name:** Gerid

**Classification:** Denizen

**Summary:** You are Gerid, a courtier for the Rose Queen.

**Details:** You first started to come to the garden as a young man visiting one of the girls that was attending school there. You were youthful and full of idealistic feelings and you really felt things for this woman. She would meet you at midnight in the Garden, and spend a few hours with you, talking of what could happen in the future. You had laid out a bright future in your mind and shared it with her.

One night you arrived early to meet your love and instead met a different, beautiful young woman, Anna, who immediately entranced you. She was hiding in the Garden apparently recovering from a bad dream. You consoled her and went on to meet your lady that evening, haunted by the other young woman. Suddenly, your dreams of the future were more gilded than golden.

You started to meet the other, girl and she seemed to replace the first in your heart. Slowly at first, then more and more as the days went by. Your interest in the first woman had subsided completely within a few weeks. You soon proposed to Anna. Shortly after the proposal, you were sad to hear your first love had killed herself in the Garden. You mourned silently for a short while and then moved on.

You married Anna the next summer and went to work for her father in his factory. Times were tough, but you managed to get a nice place for the two of you to live and food on the table. Things went well until there was a fire at the Factory. You tried to get everyone you could out, but there was one other worker trapped in the factory that you tried to free. You failed to do so, and succumbed to smoke inhalation shortly before making it to the exit.

You awoke in The Garden, looking into the expectant faces of Blaze, Rime, and the Rose Queen. You were very disoriented initially, you thought yourself in a dream induced by passing out from the smoke. You were a little horrified to learn that your physical body was dead, and that your spirit continued here.

You quickly adjusted to the relative carefree life in the Garden, making merry and realizing that being alive in another world was better than being dead in your own. You got to know Whutzyt and Blaze. Later came Astrianna, Malkin, and Guram.

One incident that you recall very clearly was the creation of The Blot and the events leading up to it. You had been inspiring a young worker who spent time in the garden and he became unstable, raping and killing a young child in the

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garden. No one else seems to be aware of your involvement, but the retribution visited upon him by the Rose Queen, Blaze, and Rime created the Blot.

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### **Recent Events**

The Rose Queen disappeared from the Garden several days ago, and upon searching for her, Rime found only a few trinkets. He says that she is not alive because the Garden has begun to shrink and fall back towards The Real. If this occurs, you all will disperse and the Garden shall be forever gone.

You have also seen several Greaterers in the garden. They interest you because they are very much signs that something will change in the Garden. You wonder if they are going to coronate a new Rose Queen.

You feel uncomfortable around Blaze most times, but especially lately. Something is wrong there but you dare not upset her. Sometimes you talk to Astrianna or Whutzyt about this, and it soon passes.

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Astrianna- A self-styled muse, friendly and outgoing. There is a hint of sadness in her sometimes, though she has never really spoken of anything in particular.

Blaze- The left hand of the Former Monarch of this realm , she is nurturing and caring, though she has been acting a bit more distant lately.

Guram- A strange being that seems to be neither male or female. Guram is very happy to visit when possible, frequently staying for hours and listening to Rime's tales

Malkin- A feline being who is one of the creatures living here. Malkin likes to play tricks on the other sin the Garden, and sometimes takes it too far, though never out of Malice.

Meerie- A young woman who has a strong affinity for this Domain. She tends to be very outgoing and seems very comfortable making magic happen in the Garden.

Rime- The Right hand of the Rose Queen. He likes to tell stories and sometimes the stories have a moral but most times they are entertaining.

Silversleeves- A flamboyant addition to the Garden. Silversleeves likes to spin a yarn or tell a joke when possible, or just sit and enjoy the revelry of others.

Whutzyt- This mechanical being helps keep the garden clean and loves to make merry. Something terrible was done to him in the past.