

## Lauralei Galanodel (Moonwhisper)

The product of a brief but passionate love affair between a human woman (named Scarlett; surname unknown) and an elven man (Lendian Galanodel), Lauralei was born just as the sun dipped below the horizon on 14 Janus, 964. Young, unprepared, and unwilling to raise a child alone, Scarlett brought Lauralei to The Reaching Woods where her father lived. Just days after Lauralei was born, and with tears in her eyes, Scarlett said goodbye and disappeared into the night. Neither Lendian nor Lauralei ever saw her again.

A woodland elf, Lauralei was raised learning woodcraft but loves making jewelry. She is very knowledgeable about animals and prefers to spend her time communing with nature. She had a difficult time with her peers growing up, as she was often teased about her small ears and taller frame. The other children often excluded her from group activities, and the few times they included her it was only to taunt and torture her for their own amusement. They believed that, as a half-human, she was beneath them in both intellect and worth. Although she tried to confide in her father on occasion, he did not seem too concerned for her emotional well being. Lauralei always felt that she was a burden to him and, although he was always attentive to her physical needs, she never developed a close relationship with him.

Lauralei had known from her earliest memory that living the life of a paladin was her true calling and she trained in secret under the canopy of nightfall, protected by the shadows. Already feeling different and alienated, Lauralei kept her religious beliefs secret and pretended to worship Ehlonna (goddess of the woodlands) until, at the age of 19, her father caught her worshipping Pelor thus revealing her true nature. Disappointed and ashamed of his daughter, Lendian banished Lauralei from The Reaching Woods as soon as she reached 20 years of age. Knowing she would miss her father but pleased to finally be free from her childhood tormentors, Lauralei stepped out beyond the boundaries of The Reaching Woods and never looked back.

Heading east, she found shelter in a cave nestled in the western slope of the sunset mountains. She remained there for 3 years, training and refining her skills.