

Nikabrik Aravis Moonwood

Race: Wood Elf

Aliases: Aravis, 'Vis and (by Firebow only) Nika

Age: 387 Summers

Homeland: Far northwest wood of Rinde'tara

Profession: Independent ranger, Former captain of the border scouts

Strengths: Scouting, archery, horsemanship, determination

Weaknesses: Sea faring, no magic...and adverse reaction to proximal magic use, stubborn, something of a lone wolf

Ideals: Coming from a military-type clan, Aravis believes strongly in structure and chain of command. She has her own clear cut sense of truth winning. This was all upturned when she was falsely accused and convicted of murder.

Family: Mother/Aristar Moonwood (deceased); Father/Coriakin Moonwood (currently missing), Half-Brother/Firebow

Companions: Naja (my mount), Vir (a kestrel hawk – bond-bird assigned to all captains,) Zert (a large red fire dragonfly)

Allies: Kestrel de Skarlett (a sea captain), Destrae (mage of her clan), Black Bart (via Kestrel), Nikabor (dwarf who is my namesake and who saved my mother's life and introduced her to my father)

Enemies: Mordecai (a lesser demon), Lysorge (the human mage whom Modecai serves and who betrayed her clan during the mage wars with the assistance of her then commanding officer, Tarkaan)

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Aravis's clan is divided into two harmonious groups – the mage-gifted and the border scouts. Their primary objective is to maintain the balance of the land. Every scout unit consists of 24 scouts, 1 mage, captain and bondbird. They live in ekeles (pretty much a glorified treehouse) and are more comfortable in trees than on the ground. They are tree elves.

Aravis was born of Coriakin's 2nd wife, Aristar. His first wife, Dorcas, bore him Firebow, but she was killed in battle early in the mage wars. Coriakin was mage-gifted as was Aristar's sister Savil. Neither of his children were gifted, which is unusual. Coriakin disappeared over 20 years ago. Firebow went off in search of him while Aravis stayed home with her mother (who was in shock and mourning). Firebow returned but would not say what he'd learned except that it was not worth going after their father. He then left them to join the eastern border guard.

Ignoring cautions, Aravis got a tip that led her to hunt a demon named Mordecai. While accurate, the tip was a trap that got her and Naja captured and imprisoned. The mage Lysorge (who controls Mordecai)

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probed her mind for something he never did find. Aravis was ultimately rescued by the mage Destrae and returned home to find that her mother had gone into seclusion. Aravis began her training with the border guard and bargained to go to the eastern border to find her brother; however he was no longer there, having left suddenly for the southern border. He has not been heard from.

While Aravis was on the eastern border, the mage wars flared up again and she was thrown into battle with several other allied clans. She showed an uncanny ability for stealth and was assigned to work under Ghostdancer of the red hands as a spy. After the war was over, she allowed Ghost to talk her into going on a quest for an amethyst chalice, where she was introduced to the Clan of Faló.

After several months, Aravis returned to her clan, completed her training, and rose to the rank of captain. She was assigned to the northern border along with the mage Destrae, who had rescued her from Lysorge. Ten years passed and before the cataclysm occurred and reconnected her with Faló.

After being framed for and found “questionably guilty” of her former commander’s murder (Tarkann, who actually tried to assassinate her), Aravis was stripped of her military rank and shunned by her clan. She has more fully embraced the clan of Faló, and has been trying to discover who framed her and wants to find Tarkann’s life badge to clear her name. She has gotten a firm lead on the mage Lysorge in the southern lands. After unsuccessfully attempting to reach Lysorge on her own, she has been preparing to seek assistance from her friends in Faló and try again.