



## *Nanna the White Witch*

*Originally, she was from Gimleby, the daughter of Bjalfi and his wife Zoya, which disappeared right after giving birth to Nanna. Bjalfi was the youngest brother of Tjalve, the first jarl of Gimleby. Her magical skills manifested in her early age. Once when she was 7 years old and her father refused to take her for a raid to the West, she destroyed the whole household and burned the stable. She didn't remember how though, she said she was angry and it just happened. After this incident she was given to the Seer to teach her how to control her abilities.*

*She was learning so fast that soon after she reached her 16 birthdays, she became a village witch mainly dealing with delivering babies, healing, making potions, protective charms and fortunetelling after getting in trance with help of mushrooms. During one of her trances she saw a danger coming to her village, but she couldn't see clearly what and when. Then the volcano erupted and killed many, the villagers blamed her for not warning them about the coming catastrophe. They say that misfortunes go in pairs, and here you go, the attacks of orcs fall upon the village.*

*After death of her uncle and father she was called useless and outcasted. Yet she decided not to leave her folks, she built her hut on the edges of the village. The Seer, her former teacher was still protecting her. She lost many she loved, despaired, doubted her skills, started over drinking, often getting into trance. She was consulting dead ferrets over the matters of healing and killing. Some said she became mad.*

*However, the villagers still secretly were using her services, asking for potions and healing. Some even asked to be her apprentices. But not only them, her hut was open to all, wanderers, seafarers, barbarians and wood folk. She made friends with Fegnar, the warrior leader of barbarians and even Aeroniell and Lyriel, high wood elves. Everything changed when the village started to be regularly attacked not only by orcs but also by elves, freefolk and most frightening drows. People lived in fear and uncertainty, even hunters were afraid to wander into the woods as many never returned.*

*But this was only the beginning of chaos.*

*The real danger was just about to come –*

*The Fire Demon, the doom of all the people.*



*All the human folks realized who is their true enemy and decided to unite for the final battle. They asked wood elves for help but with no success. After the sunset the preparations*



before the final battle started. When the darkness covered the village, the torches were lit and the bells rang. The moods were down, nobody believed that the ancient demon can be destroyed. Folks were saying farewell to their loved ones, children faintly crying. The village was sinisterly silent, the only sound was coming from the forge where the blacksmith was still forging the last swords.

Suddenly a majestic sweet sound was heard. The procession of elves with torches in their hands emerged from the woods singing the song of hope. Now all united, people and elves, were ready to pay the highest price - human sacrifice. The Seer killed an innocent virgin with a poison kiss and Nanna slit the beserker throat. Still the enemy was much stronger, but the awareness that they will die all together made people ready to fight. That was the changing moment for Nanna. Holding a torch in one hand, the sword in the other, covered in sacrificial blood, she made a speech to give her folk courage. She finished with the last cry - "We'll meet again in Valhalla!" and led all the people and elves to the final battle.

Many were slaughtered, both human and elves, but the battle was won. Nobody expected that. People started to respect and be grateful to Nanna for rising their courage in the most needed moment. She repaid her debt.

They called her Nanna the White Witch.

However, she didn't stay at the village, she started a journey to find her mother Zoya and find out more about her unknown ancestry. During her travels she was learning from sorcerers and mages, discovering that her powers are much greater than she thought. During the Coven of The East Lands she finally met her mother who turned out to be a well-known sorceress. She told Nanna about her ancestry.



*It starts with **Merlin**. Yes, this Merlin.*

*And **Morgana Le Fay**.*



*Merlin or rather Myrddin Wyllt was born of a mortal woman, sired by an incubus, the non-human from whom he inherits his supernatural powers and abilities. He became a great wizard and counselor to the Kings of The Western Islands. He met Morgana Le Fey, which had fairy ancestry and was raised at Avalon. She became his apprentice. And lover. Their relationship was tremendously stormy, full of passion, admiration, jealousy and hatred. They had a daughter named **Gwendolen**, who was kidnapped by Merlin, hidden and raised in foster family in common Welsh village. Merlin was afraid that fairy part of Morgana family will come to claim the girl. He left his daughter a powerful amulet with the charm formula and a white feather. Morgana and Merlin became the greatest enemies.*



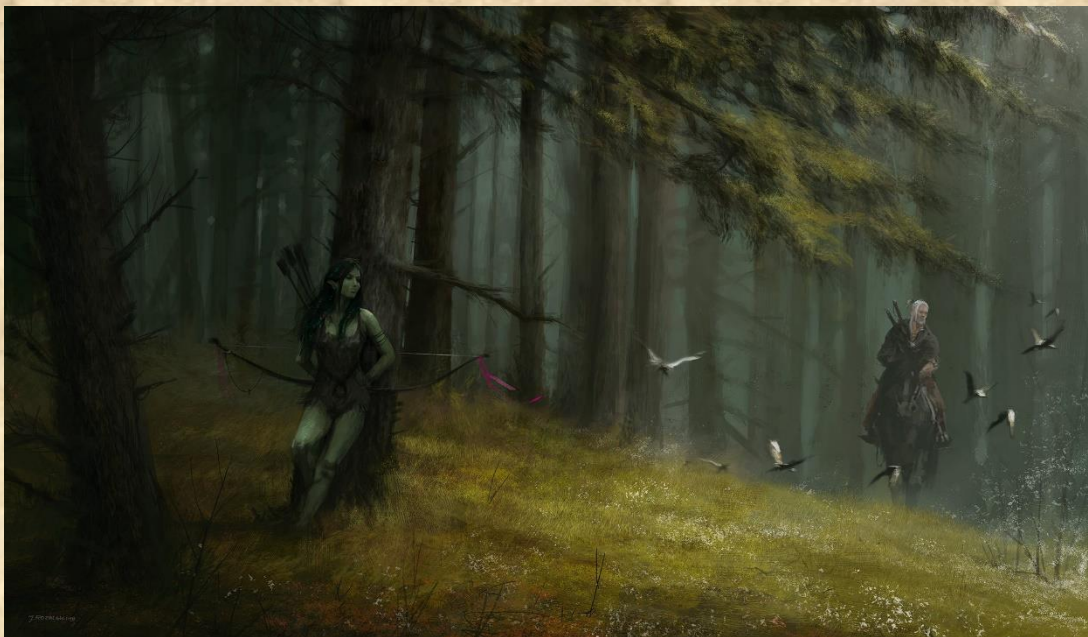


*Gwendolen, was the most powerful of all the family, she had power of both her parents together, the greatest mages of that times, yet she hated magic, because she blamed it to be the reason her parents split apart. Still she cared for the amulet and cherished the white feathers all her life. Gwendolen decided to be a common girl and never show any traces of magic to anyone. When she grew up her village was raided by Vikings and she eagerly threw herself into the arms of one of the invaders, **Gaidar**, and followed him to Kattegat.*





*They led happy family life taking care of their lands. When their son **Uffe** grew up, he decided that farmer life was not for him and decided to journey to the eastern lands where he led a life of a sale-sword, involving himself with many suspicious affairs and intrigues. After another fight in the tavern he ended up severely wounded with broken arm and leg. He managed to jump on a horse and run to the woods. He was found unconscious in the forest by a dryade named **Dunya**. She pitied him, so she decided to heal his wounds but she demanded a price - an amulet and a white feather Uffe got with him. He didn't understand the meaning of this useless things for him, so he happily gave them away. Uffe was recovering for months but his broken leg never healed properly, he was limping for the rest of his life.*



*During the recovery process he fell in love with Dunya and soon she gave birth to a healthy boy named **Nenad**. When Uffe met other dryad sisters of Dunya he started to feel that monogamy wasn't really for him. Dunya was a good wife, always cooking nutritious food and preparing drinks for her husband, who was enjoying his life to the fullest. Uffe was poisoned and died in pain.*



*Nenad* couldn't forgive his mother, stole her amulet and white feather and left to look for his roots in the north. He never found his grandparents but he settled on Gotland and established a successful trading business. *Nenad* had many children and grandchildren, some of them still had magic in their blood, and one of them was *Zoya*.

She felt power inside her from her early childhood, yet she didn't understand it. She lived cheerful and idle life of rich merchant's daughter until she met *Bjalfi* on a Midsummer festival. He was funny and frivolous, and the most important, brother of the jarl *Tjalve*. They quickly wed and for a moment had a happy life but during giving birth to a firstborn, which turned up to be a girl, *Zoya* had a vision about the power within her and also about the power of the child she just delivered to the world.

She called her *Nanna* - "she who empowers" and left her the amulet and the white feather. *Zoya* ran away to meet her fate and develop her undiscovered magical abilities. Baby *Nanna* was left alone with her father who never understood why *Zoya* left him.



When *Nanna* heard her mother's story, she understood the meaning of her amulet and the white feather and what's the most important - her fate. She continued her journey getting more knowledge and wisdom, learned how to use amulet for longevity and came back to Gimle.

And she established *The Academy*.