

The Windstone Chronicles

Explore
the
World of
Windstone



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a narrative guide of character traits

All The Plumes

Dear Reader,

As the world sings, so sings the heart of us all. A symphony of vibrations that makes the world go 'round.

And me? I like the birdsong.

I hear more on the breeze than others, the portents weaving in the tune of the birds.

But let's back up, shall we?

Do you know how you got here- to this world? Birds carry us on wings of silvery light as our souls travel the realms.

Just imagine it! Seeing the unknown, and learning the secrets of the universe!

I cannot wait to fly on the wings of my plume again someday!

Our plumes guide our souls through the edges of reality and deposit us into this world. With a cry of joy, they sing of our coming and is the first sound we hear at our birth. It shouldn't surprise you that it's also the last sound we'll

hear when our work is done and our birds pick us up for another flight through the realms.

But don't let that get you down!

Your next drop of destiny awaits.

And as I like to say, "You can't

bake a new pie til the last one's been eaten".

Now close your eyes and listen with your heart. Does one of the birdsongs resonate with you? Ahh.

You hear it, don't you? I can see it in your eyes, that snippet of a memory that's filling you with joy. That is the song that carried you on its wings into this world.



Is it the song of an inquisitive owl? Or a mischievous sparrow? How I love them all!

From time to time, even I struggle to get a clear reading. Some seem to be both a woodpecker and an eagle. In that case, I pull out my plumes and have a good long look at you.

The Plumes and How to Use Them

There are many ways to figure out which plume you rode in on. But if you can't come see me (I'm always on the move), then I am glad you found this journal, and a d12 plume die. It contains a touch of magic, but don't worry, it's the magic of our world and is perfectly safe to use.

Until you can read the plumes without a second thought, you can use this d12 plume to find your wings, your bird, your plume.

Keep this journal with you, use the d12 plume when you need it, learn the plumes, hear and see the birdsong.

Use the d12 plume-

*when the path is shrouded,
when secrets are hidden,
when those around us seem to
have a dubious intent,
when we are lost.*

Come back to this journal when you need a hand on which way to turn in your adventures.

Keep an eye out.

After a particularly heroic deed you may find a plume floating gently down in front of you - this is a gift for you.

Your deeds caused a vibration so deep and so pure that the birds are singing to you, reminding you that you are on the right path.



Use this plume when you need to change your fate, or to improve your odds.

Ahh. the song is getting stronger, isn't it?

I see your destiny now- you soar so high.

*Love,
The Plumed Drake*

The Sparrow

1



Those with the song of the sparrow in their heart are free-spirited and unfettered by society's norms. They soar along the current of their dreamy natures towards their next adventure. Sparrows simply ooze with fiery passion and will fight for their beliefs with a steadfast loyalty.

These pranksters are always up for a good time and you can bet you'll never be bored with a sparrow around. With such grand thoughts running through their minds, sparrows don't have time to talk around the truth, and their words can land on the side of rude.

Traits:

passionate, mischievous, rude

Role:

It is in their ability to move from one task to another that a sparrow will excel. Sparrows can take on many tasks at once. Sparrows do well in places of movement, big cities with busy roads, forests with well-traveled trails.

Element:

Fire

Tree:

Honeyglow Apple

Stone:

Garnet

Match:

Trailrunner

Tagline:

The one who does not let the hardships of this world tie them down

Destiny: Sparrows are destined to be the muses of the world and inspire others to great heights. Sparrows know what to say and do to ignite the passion and motivation in others and are often found mentoring young apprentices.



The Finch

2



The finches of the world are creative and entertaining, and are naturally inquisitive. These plumes take every opportunity to garner a laugh, or a smile, and always know how to turn a frown upside-down. Though they can get themselves in trouble because they believe everything they hear and read, that doesn't get them down. Finches are the bravest of the plumes and will face down any danger. They will be the first into battle and keep the spirits of their companions up while around the campfire. Finches need to be extra cautious to guard against false information and rumor and seek the truth at all times.

Traits:

joyful, brave, gullible

Role:

It is in the making of things that finches will find their happiness. Finches do well in any profession that allows them to expand on their creativity and spread the joy of their song.

Element:

Air

Tree:

Walnut

Stone:

Amethyst

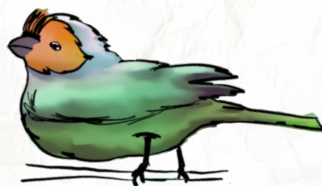
Match:

Owl, Albatross

Tagline:

The one with the silver lining

Destiny: Finches are destined to be the glue that holds together the world. It is through the bonds of friendship, through the binding of families that the finches find their true purpose. They hold strong to that which matters most.



The Heron

3



The heron stands alone as the only birdsong for the void. Caught between realms without vibration, any heron will be tireless in their pursuits and steadfast toward their goals. Outside the hustle and bustle of life, the heron can see all perspectives and is an impartial witness to life's events. There is no compromising on the future for the heron, for once their mind is set, it will not be deterred.

Although able to achieve any goal, their blinders often leave them unaware of the world around them and they can be insecure, especially in social settings.

Traits:

tireless, steadfast, insecure

Role:

It is in finding purpose in the structure of our world that a heron will find peace, for finding their place will be the hardest task of their life. Once there, a heron will thrive and those around will follow their lead. Herons will know peace.

Element:

Void

Tree:

Fig

Stone:

Agate

Match:

Owl

Tagline:

The one that stands alone

Destiny: Herons are destined to be the last bastion of a past that is being forgotten, of a time that is moving on. They will hold to the ways of their fathers, even as others press forward.



The Woodpecker

4



Woodpeckers are natural born leaders and carve out paths where others fear to tread. They know how to get the job done, whatever the job is, and are confident decision makers. Woodpeckers take pride in their appearance and rarely show their face in public without being dressed and accessorized to the nines. The woodpecker can be stubborn and should focus on recognizing when they are beating their head against an immovable object, and when they should keep going. The pride in these folk can turn them selfish and entitled if they aren't careful.

Traits:

selfish, pride, productive

Role:

It is in the finding of those in need of purpose that a woodpecker will find their calling. Success comes easy to them; leading others to success brings rewards beyond imagination.

Element:

Earth

Tree:

Cherry

Stone:

Carnelian

Match:

Eagle

Tagline:

The one with the great hair



Destiny: Woodpeckers are destined to be confident leaders and will carry the world through times of change. When it comes to deciding where to carve out the success of this world, woodpeckers do not hesitate. It is through the power of confidence that they can handle what is coming next.

The Duck

5



Don't ever discount a duck. These plumes are often shy and keep to the shadows, preferring their own company to that of nearly anyone else. Consider yourself honored if you have the trust of a duck. These plumes are hilarious if you ever get one to talk to you. These underdogs are time and again throughout history found to be the wildcard that turns the tide, or breaks the chains. They have an intrepid heart and a naive innocence that helps bolster the old adage that good always wins. Ducks tend to be less intelligent than other plumes, but they make up for it in lovable charisma and natural wisdom.

Traits:

timid, humorous, ignorant

Role:

It is in the mundane tasks of this world that the duck will find true peace. Growing food in their gardens, or sitting upon the edge of the lake fishing- this is where the birdsong is the loudest.

Element:

Water

Tree:

Willow

Stone:

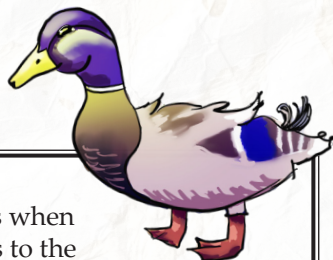
Sapphire

Match:

Crane, Quail

Tagline:

The one that turns the tide



Destiny: Ducks are destined to tip the scales when all hope seems lost. When the time comes, it is to the heart that we look for the most strength. A duck thinks and decides with their heart more than any other plume.

The Goose

6



Geese are ever-changing and they are adaptable to whatever situation they find themselves in. They are close to the earth, but cannot stay in one place for long. They take to the skies moving with the season. Their adventurous spirit and longing for knowledge makes them world travelers, and this is just how they like it.

Flying high gives them a vantage point from which to see the coming and going of ages, and they can sense change blowing in on the wind. They are the most intelligent plumes and this can make them think they know best. Without a careful eye to it, geese can become quite bossy.

Traits:

studious, flexible, bossy

Role:

It is in the traversing of this world that the goose will find purpose. There is more to learn than anyone can and the goose will do well when they can constantly be on the move.

Element:

Earth

Tree:

Maple

Stone:

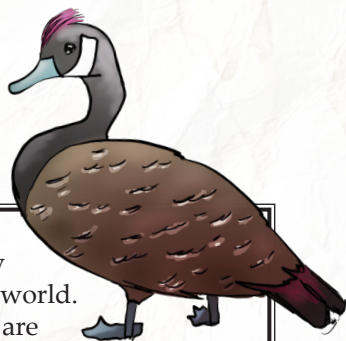
Malachite

Match:

Quail, Eagle

Tagline:

The one that rides the wind of change



Destiny: Geese are destined to usher in a new season and help others with the changes of the world. Through their knowledge and flexibility, geese are often plentiful during times of great upheaval.

The Owl

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It's said that "to dream with an owl is to see to the heart of the world". Owls have sight where others dare not look and are able to see the needs and the wishes of others. Owls are naturally curious and they always question the status quo. They seek the knowledge of the realms and their lofty ideals seem to always hone in on the truth of the matter at hand. Their humor is unmatched among the plumes and their intellectual sarcasm often keeps friends and foes alike on their heels. Owls should take care that their sarcasm stays light, for they can hurt those they love the most with their biting words.

Traits:

inquisitive, dreamer, witty, sarcastic

Role:

It is in knowledge that the owls finds power. Intellectual pursuits- knowledge of the world, knowledge of the arts, seeker of the unknown is where this plume shines.

Element:

Air

Tree:

Aspen

Stone:

Hematite

Match:

Heron, Finch

Tagline:

The one who finds the unseen



Destiny: Owls are destined to be the caretakers of this world. Many scurry aimlessly and yet owls see the bigger picture: the goals, the final destination of most. It is also the owl's destiny to uncover more. Their sight is needed to unravel the world's mysteries. It may require traveling great distances, and to be awake when others are not.

The Crane

8



The first thing you notice about a crane is their physical prowess. Always graceful, they seem to glide through life as if on a softly cresting wave. This outward appearance can be deceiving as their insides are often boiling with the weight of the world around them. These beautiful creatures are the most empathetic plume and they feel the chaos of the realms deep within their souls. How they

translate that to the outward peace and calm they project is a mystery, but find yourself in the presence of a crane, and you can't help but feel serene. When it all becomes too overwhelming, the crane can be cruel if they aren't careful, and should seek to restore balance as quickly as possible.

Traits: elegant, sensitive, cruel

Role: It is the search for peace and serenity that drives the crane. The lake that is as still as glass is their goal. These plumes may need to take control to find their path, and that is where they thrive.

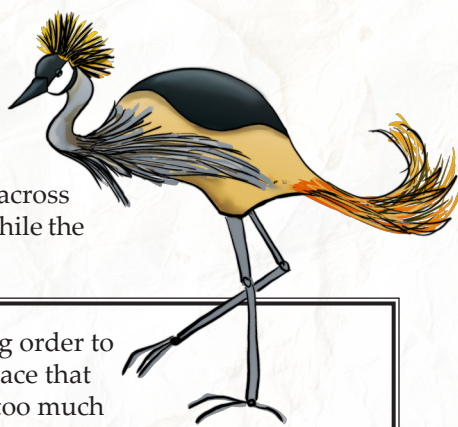
Element: Water

Tree: Birch

Stone: Howlite

Match: Duck

Tagline: The one who glides across calm waters, even while the storm rages within



Destiny: Cranes are destined to bring order to the chaos. It is when the world is at peace that they find their soul. The chaos brings too much uncertainty. Cranes are here to quiet the chaos, to be as still as the water, and to help others be at peace as well.

The Eagle

9



Eagles have an air of nobility that just seems to circulate around them. They are either out in the world on a grand adventure, or regalling their friends with tales of one just finished. Eagles are spellbinding storytellers and naturally draw others to their side. Their earnestness and strength of character make them obvious leaders. They are dependable and other plumes look up to eagles with a well-earned respect. Eagles must not let their arrogance get out of control however, as these plumes can be intolerant and impatient with others.

Traits: adventurous, noble, intolerant

Role: It is in moving that eagles find their purpose. It is in soaring to new lands, new places that they discover their true nature. These plumes are not meant to stay, they must keep the world moving.

Element: Air

Tree: Spruce

Stone: Onyx

Match: Goose, Woodpecker

Tagline: The one whos soars the highest, bringing out potential in all creatures

Destiny: Eagles are destined to be the leaders of this world. Eagles head first into the oncoming storms, it doesn't matter the danger, they will face it. When others hesitate, eagles jump in. Their power is what others need to find their fierceness and strength.



The Albatross



Those who hear the song of the albatross are the most mysterious of the plumes. Their secretive and quiet nature make them hard to get to know. These plumes are excellent listeners and make great friends for the chattier plumes. Though they are elusive and hard

to pin down, once you do, you can count on their complete discretion. They somehow always know just what to say to achieve a compromise, and always communicate in a succinct and straightforward manner. Albatrosses must guard against becoming too secretive and pushing everyone away lest they become a complete recluse.

Traits:

quiet, trustworthy, diplomatic, secretive

Role:

It is in revealing the true nature of things that the albatross will find their purpose. The world is tangled beyond measure and they alone must unravel those chords, untie the knots, learn where roads lead to find their true essence.

Element:

Water

Tree:

Holly

Stone:

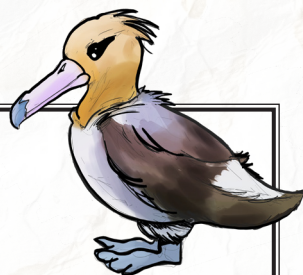
Opal

Match:

Finch, Heron

Tagline:

The one who carries the burdens of this world so that others do not have to



Destiny: Albatross are destined to bring peace to the world. It is their calling to understand all things, and parse that knowledge to those who need it the most. They will bring the world back from the brink, but always at a cost. An albatross may find their life a lonely one, but know that it is not without meaning.

The Quail

11



Quails are the youth of the plumes, always toddling about following their curiosity and acting on impulse rather than any real logic. These plumes somehow look much younger than they actually are, and it's rumored that their endless energy is somehow tied to this trait. They don't think past their intuition, and while this gets them in trouble at times, when push comes to shove, they know the moves required for their success. Quails can be superficial and flakey, and will strive to find a mate or close friend that can help keep them grounded when necessary.

Traits: curious, impulsive, hyper, superficial

Role: It is in the stumbling that quails find the most helpful resources. In order to find what they are looking for these plumes may need to break all the rules. Quails need to explore more, love more, seek more, acquire more.

Element: Earth

Tree: Cypress

Stone: Tiger Eye

Match: Duck, Goose

Tagline: The one who stumbles at every turn, but manages to always be one step ahead

Destiny: Quails are destined to be forgotten by history. Knowing it or not, it is their steps, tumbles, and falls that help guide others along easier paths. A quail's destiny is to mostly go unnoticed in the world, but they will see more beauty than all others combined.



The Trailrunner

12



Trailrunners are always running to put out a fire, or from one that they just started. The rebels of the plumes, trailrunners forge their own paths and bound unafraid into lands and ideas unknown. They are fiercely independent and have a hard time depending on anyone.

If you find yourself in the inner circle of a trailrunner, then you have a steadfastly loyal friend indeed. Their mind quickly jumps from one ideal to the next, so they can be hard to keep up with. They don't care much for the feelings of others, there's too much to do, so they can be disrespectful if left unchecked.

Traits:

renegade, independent, disrespectful

Role:

It is in challenging themselves and others that trailrunners find true purpose; well-trodden paths are not for this plume. Deep in the places where mysteries rise up like flowers is where they need to be. Run. Just run.

Element:

Fire

Tree:

Elm

Stone:

Emerald

Match:

Sparrow

Tagline:

The one who pushes the limits



Destiny: Trailrunners are destined to be the explorers of this world. It is through new ideas, new lands, new ways of thinking that they will be called to. It is for them to change what is constant, challenge what is dogma. Trailrunners fight for the weak and misunderstood.

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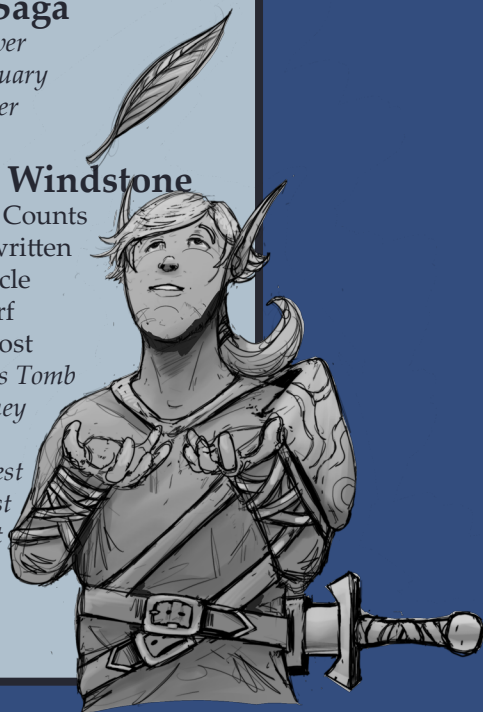
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