

NPC: Elendreal Ithilen, of the Nelde Mahalma

Female Elf Expert (diplomat) 19: CR 19; Medium-size humanoid; HD 19d6+19; hp 96; Init 0; Spd 30 ft.; AC 10 (touch 10, flat-footed 10); Atk +13/+8/+3 melee (1d6/1d6/x2, quarterstaff); AL LG; SV Fort +7, Ref +6, Will +14; Str 8, Dex 11, Con 12, Int 18, Wis 16, Cha 18. Height 5 ft. 2 in; Weight 90 lbs; Age 1150 (approx); Lang Common (s, r, w), Elven (s, r, w), Dwarven (s, r, w).

Skills & Feats: Decipher Script +24, Diplomacy +33, Disguise +23, Gather Information +31, Heal +22, Knowledge (history) +25, Listen +24, Open Lock +6, Sense Motive +30, Spot +25; Alertness, Investigator, Leadership, Negotiator, Skill Focus (Diplomacy), Skill Focus (Gather Information), Skill Focus (Sense Motive).

Possessions: A yurl quarterstaff bound in sterling silver.

One of Elvendom's most powerful individuals, Elendreal Ithilen is the sole female member of the Nelde Mahalma. Her platform of racial integration and understanding is both welcomed and loathed, depending upon which Elves offer their opinions.

Elendreal was born into slavery during the darkest times of the Age of Domination, and eventually took the role of handmaiden to the Mage-King Raster the Shy. It is said that Elendreal gained personal favour in the eyes of an officer in Raster's navy, and used his influence to secretly establish the Verdant Road, a mixed-race organization which provided aid to escaped Elves. Rumours also abound that Elendreal gave birth to at least one Half-Elven child while in captivity. If true, these rumours would serve to explain both her penchant towards racial tolerance (the Half-Elves in particular) and her tense relationship with Taurwyn Kir-Edan, who it is assumed loathes Elendreal's tainted past, and vehemently opposes her diplomatic views.

Her position within Raster's domain was such that Elendreal had a fair amount of freedom. She used this freedom to develop a network of Elven contacts throughout the land, using Raster's own tools of communication to stay in touch with Elves enslaved by other Mage-Kings as well as those who were in servitude to lesser Humans. As the Age of Domination wore on and the Plague erupted, Elendreal was able to use these contacts to orchestrate the escape of hundreds, if not thousands, of Elven slaves.

Once as many Elves as possible had gained their freedom, Elendreal herself escaped to Lorellindon. Her role in the emancipation of the Elves was such that she was granted a seat on the Elven Triple Throne, a seat she has held to this day.

All three members of the Nelde Mahalma share one common goal: the well-being of the Elven race. How that goal is best accomplished, however, is the subject of much contention and debate, not only between the three Elven leaders, but among all Elves. Elendreal's views have as many staunch supporters as they do vehement contrarians. Elendreal believes diplomacy, tolerance and acceptance are essential to the future of the Elves. Her vision of Argyle has Elves living unfettered amongst the other races, and the other races having the freedom to venture into Lorellindon unscathed. While she realizes that at this time those ideals are nigh on impossible, she strives for this vision in all that she does.

The Elven trading town of Niire is Elendreal's greatest achievement to date. The only place within the Firelight Forest where members of all races are welcomed, Niire serves as Elendreal's bastion of hope. Despite the successes the town has seen thus far, many Elves still feel that opening Niire to the outside world was an error in judgment. Time will be the true test of this endeavour.

Elendreal is most often found in the Elven capital of Estellond, where her role on the Nelde Mahalma takes up most of her time. Because of her position as the de facto diplomat of Elvendom, however, she is the most likely member of the Triple Throne to be encountered away from home. Of the Elven rulers, she is the most accessible. Several times a year she journeys to Niire, and she has also been known to go on diplomatic missions to Arberdan, Hozz Le'Dayth and Argon. Ideally, she would like to visit the leaders of all Argyle's cities, but with her advancing years she is not sure if that will be possible.

Elendreal knows she is in the twilight of life, and she is spending increasing amounts of her time on grooming possible successors. She firmly believes that whomever takes her place upon the Triple Throne must carry on her legacy of acceptance and healing, and she is working hard to plant the seeds of support for a select few individuals who share her beliefs.

Widely regarded as the finest diplomat Argyle has known since Wodan trod upon the land, Elendreal Ithilen will never bear arms against another, nor attempt to defend herself should such a need arise. Often there will be members of the elite Throne Guard nearby, ever alert to possible conflict, but she herself carries only a quarterstaff, and that only to aid her in walking.

Despite her age, Elendreal is an Elf of both striking beauty and incomparable charm. Not overly tall, her silvery hair flows down past her shoulders, often braided with fine ropes of gold. Her liquid blue eyes hold vast beauty while hinting at great wisdom. She often wears snug robes of emerald green and is always ready with a smile for all.