

Dramatis Personae / Who's Who in Three Ring Circus

I know that Conrad had always provided a list of characters for the stories he's appeared in, but for obvious reasons he can't do this for Alicia's story, because he doesn't know what happens.

I have endeavoured to do the same and take a slightly more balanced view of the people and creatures who appear. He has also added a few to go with his report on the "Honeymoon in Valhalla" which he is so reluctant to talk about.

In addition to the alphabetical list, I have grouped them into a few relevant categories, and put those categories first. If you can't see who you're looking for, **the full alphabetical list is below them.**

Dr Francesca Somerton.

The Fae

The Borrowdale People

The Red Queen	Her Grace the Queen of Derwent and of the Borrowdale People. Came to power after killing her predecessor in the Wild Hunt of Trafalgar. A fearless warrior and horsewoman. Likes people to call her "Charley." No one does unless ordered.
Princess Faithful of Staveley "Faith"	The former domestic Princess of the Borrowdale People. Raised to the status of Queen-to-be in the Peace of Brothers Water in a unilateral decision by Conrad Clarke. Has a sídhe at Staveley-in-Cartmel.
Prince Harprigg	Prince of the Borrowdale People and Master of Wolves.
Omnira	Mortal Mage of Caribbean heritage. Madreb to the Derwent Pack and consort of Prince Harprigg.
Countess Bassenthwaite	The Red Queen's right hand woman. One of the few who are fearless in her presence. Is in the process of becoming a Princess.
Count of X	Followed a mortal path and under his mundane name is one of the most decorated actors in British theatre and film. Owns a huge mansion on the shores of Windermere.
(Prince Galleny)	Former favourite of the Red Queen who led the Outcasts Revolt. Was hacked down and killed by Princess Faith.
(Count of Force Ghyll)	Former Count of Sprint Stables who attacked the King's Watch. Also nearly killed Morwenna Mowbray and actually killed Flora. Was beheaded by Conrad Clarke.
(Gamekeeper)	Former associate of Prince Galleny who was Proclaimed Queen after taking on the form of a young Indian girl from Kolkata. Figurehead of

	the Outcasts Revolt. Executed by Conrad Clarke.
Gustav	Chamberlain to the Red Queen. Possessed of the loudest voice in the Particular.
Adam	Leader of the Queen's Guard.
Ajax	Knight in charge of the Derwent laundry. Fat, bald and possessed of a cruel streak as wide as the lake.
Felix	A humble Knight who picked the winning side in the Outcasts Revolt and was put in charge of Sprint Stables pending a reshuffle. Is not very good with spreadsheets (according to Mina).
Lady Agnes	Hlæfdige of the Red Queen's household. Former leader who retired to Sprint Stables to raise the Iris-Nymph Child brood.
Lady Caroline	Hlæfdige and Lady Agnes's successor as head of the Royal Household.
Lady Morag	Hlæfdige and leader of the Sprint Sídhe. Succeeded Lady Agnes as Governess to the Iris-Nymph Child brood.

The Iris-Nymph Child Brood and the Household of Princess Faith

Lady Agnes	Hlæfdige of the Red Queen's household. Former leader who retired to Sprint Stables to raise the Iris-Nymph Child brood.
1st / Imogen	Sprite who becomes a powerful maker of Fae magick.
2nd / Robbie	Sprite who becomes a powerful horseman and potentially a great swordsman.
3rd	A Sprite of the I-N C brood.
4th / Nadya	Sprite who becomes head groom of the Staveley People.
5th	Sprite who is skilled in storytelling.
6th / Alicia	Sprite who becomes a hairdresser and beautician. The heroine of our story (not that she would like to think that).
Cathy	Junior Hlæfdige at Sprint Sídhe who was more or less kidnapped by Conrad Clarke to look after his dog (!). Subsequently accepted a post in Princess Faith's household.
Thistle	A Squire from the sídhe on Portree in the Hebrides. Was raised as a bedmaid by the rather unsavoury Duke and has also served in the kitchens. Her life was saved by Princess Faith, whose household she joined.

Their Mortal Servants and Creatures

Persephone / Perci	A lovely young woman of the Eden line who can metabolise mercury in the same way as the Fae. Also Roly's granddaughter and therefore my great niece. Is currently working as a jockey though I hope one day she will go to Salomon's House.
Sophie Guest	A young stable groom from Cartmel. Has been appointed as Faith's head groom mundane.
Flora	Head groom for the Red Queen at Sprint Stables.
(Verona)	Former groom at Sprint and partner of Flora. Murdered by the Count of Force Ghyll.
Aiden Manning	Head trainer at Sprint Stables.
Tammy Pike	A Mage of some skill with a complicated history and three lovely daughters. Estranged wife of the Earthmaster, Chris Kelly.
Keraunos	A High Unicorn belonging to the Red Queen and ridden by Perci.
Hipponax	A High Unicorn gifted to Princess Faith by Conrad in the Peace of Brothers Water.
Scipio	A huge stallion. Perci won the Waterhead Chase riding him.
Agrippa	An aged but very savvy gelding at Sprint Stables.

The Wolves of the Birkfell Pack and their mortal Protectors

Alex	King of the Mannwolves. Has red hair and a Scottish accent.
Cara	Queen of the Mannwolves. Has black hair and an Ulster accent.
Maria	Chantress to the Birkfell Pack. Was very cruelly treated by a previous Madreb. Saved Conrad's life and is devoted to Mina.
Lottie	Maria's daughter.
Lowry	Pack Elder, originally from the Derwent Wolves. Suffers from arthritis.
Daniel	Promising cub on the verge of adulthood.
Conrad Clarke	The Protector of the Pack. To him they owe complete allegiance and obey his every word.
Erin Slater	First Madreb to the pack. Devoted to Maria.
Karina Kent	Second Madreb. Karina took the job as a form of rehabilitation after serving a prison sentence.
Becca Lewis	Witch of the Circle Sisters of Lakeland. Possessed of flaming red hair,

	no filter and an appreciation of Karina's finer qualities.
Great Fang	The First Wolf. Watches over all Mannwolves after he left the mortal world. Also the name of Conrad's sword.

Other Fae in the Story and their Associates

Queen of the Alderley People	The ancient Queen who has ruled over most of the Fae lands from Staffordshire northwards for hundreds of years.
Princess Birkdale / Tara Doyle	Birkdale: A Princess with much power, land and ambition. Has been profiting from numerous legal and probably illegal ventures for many years. Tara Doyle: Mundane identity of Princess Birkdale. Tara presents as model and influencer from Liverpool. Was allowed to win Strictly because she has been in this role from childhood. Married to the Merseyside United player Robert "Conan" Doyle.
Queen of Richmond	One of the most recently Proclaimed Queens of Albion. Her sídhe is in Richmond Park, Middlesex. Tammy Pike studied plane-shifting with her.
Duke of Ashford	A Fae noble from Kent. Attended the Delhi Durbar in 1903, he stole the jewel from the Nagin, Pramiti, and brought it back to Albion. May or may not be concerned that Pramiti is still after revenge despite Mina recovering the <i>Manik</i> in the Ring of Troth adventure.
Ziggy / Zig-Zag / Zach	A drug dealer in Manchester who operates under the protection of Princess Birkdale.
Stacey	Former cellmate of Mina Desai from HMP Cairndale. Did Mina a huge favour. On her release, Mina got her a job at the Midnight Gardens – the jury is still out on whether this was a good idea.
Damini	A Nagin of India and daughter of Pramiti. Has a mundane identity as one of the world's few female Hindu priests. Is in some sort of alliance with Princess Birkdale.

Chloë Greenwood & Associates

Chloë Greenwood	Pseudonym adopted by a young woman with no magick who suborned the Bloxhams.
Beth	Her girlfriend. According to our limited intelligence, she is a Mage and a member of the Akademia.
Anita	Again, according to our limited intelligence, a senior member of the Akademia group.

Jules Bloxham	A victim. Possibly. Runs a lettings agency and is married to Stephen. Mother of two.
Stephen Bloxham	Slightly less of a victim. Successful property developer with a long-held grudge against the Clarke family.
Mrs Smith	Juliet Bloxham's mother. A widow.
Scott	A minion in Stephen Bloxham's business.
Floss	The Bloxham's labrador.

Encountered in Clerkswell

Reverend Libby Hauxwell	Rector of St Michael's Church and A&E Nurse.
Nell Heath	Co-owner of the village shop. Chair of the Clerkswell Ladies Cricket team.
Reynold	Co-owner of the Inkwell Pub.
Rosie	Senior barmaid at the Inkwell.
Myfanwy Lewis	Druid and former member of the Dragon Conspiracy. Now living under Seclusion in the parish of Clerkswell and working as Conrad's Housekeeper.
Ben Thewlis	Cereal Agronomist, Myfanwy's fiancé and Conrad's oldest friend.
Carole Thewlis	Oil exploration expert, Ben's younger sister and Rachael Clarke's friend. Currently single after nearly being on the wrong end of a bigamous marriage.
Miss Parkes	Retired headteacher of St Michael's School and President of Clerkswell Ladies. Has taught almost everyone in the village for decades. They are still afraid of her. Sadly afflicted with arthritis.
Ross Miller	Young fast bowler and part-time gardener at Elvenham Grange.
Mrs Justice Bracewell / Marcia / Mélisande	<p>Senior judge in the Cloister Court. She has a fearsome reputation and is hardest on those she likes. Because she came to the magical bench <i>after</i> a career in mundane law, she has no favourites and that's how she earned her "nickname" of Marcia.</p> <p>I've known Mel for years, and I've known her first name since I found her in tears in the Library having realised that she was not cut out to be a Mage.</p>

The Mowbray / Ahearns

(Arthur, Lord Mowbray)	Late Staff King of Kernow (Cornwall), father to four children. His murder and the pursuit of the killers is the subject of the Tale of the Eight Kings.
Eseld Mowbray	Lord Mowbray's oldest child. A powerful Mage specialising in Wards. Daughter to Isolde. Now working as tutor at Salomon's House.
Cador Mowbray	Lord Mowbray's second child. Not a Mage at all. A barrister and the one who looks after the Mowbray's non-magickal and legal interests. Son to Isolde.
Morwenna Mowbray	Lord Mowbray's daughter with Aisling Mowbray. Was seriously injured as a child and then again recently. Currently expecting twins by the late Harry Eldridge.
Kenver Mowbray.	Lord Mowbray's fourth and youngest child. Son to Aisling. Heir to the Mowbray Estates at Pellacombe. A Geomancer of great potential.
(Aisling Mowbray)	Mowbray's second wife, a Witch of Ireland. Died in an accident when Morwenna and Kenver were very young.
Ethan Mowbray	Lord Mowbray's cousin, son of the late Earl of Tintagel. A master of Occulting. Lord of Kellysforth in north Cornwall.
Lena	Ethan's fiancée. Originally from the Austrian Tyrol. A Healer.
Isolde	Mother to Eseld and Cador. Estranged from Eseld completely, but not Cador.
Oighrig Ahearn	Cousin of the late Aisling Mowbray. She is a Sorcerer and Oracle at Salomon's House. I have worked with her for years and both like and respect her. However, as Rachael has noted, it is difficult to ignore the fact that every square inch of her body is covered in freckles.
Fiadh Ahearn	Another cousin. Was kept under house arrest in the Market Tavern in Galway for many years and is now making up for lost time. She did not inherit the gene for red hair (or if she did, she is only a carrier).
Cathal Ahearn	Another cousin. He has a minor talent in Geomancy and is married to Oighrig's best friend, Orla.
Clíodhna Ahearn ?	Aisling and Éimear's mother. Took her surviving daughter away from Ireland and was last heard of in Scotland. May or may not still be alive.
Éimear Ahearn	Aisling's much younger sister. Believed to be in Scotland.
Maggie Pearce	The Mowbray family driver. Very safe.
Leah Kershaw	Former RAF helicopter pilot, now pilot to the Mowbray Estate.
Smurf	An Airbus H155 helicopter. Painted bright blue.

The Uncategorisable...

Please forgive me for including this section. Librarians, even retired ones, hate the word *miscellaneous* with a passion, and the mere concept of *uncategorisable* sends shivers of fear and dread down our spines.

Name	Character Note
Yacht Club Man	Encounters Alicia on the shores of Coniston Water and tries to be helpful
Policeman	Turns up at petrol station.
Chelsea	Cashier at petrol station
Old Man by bush shelter	Crotchety old man who thinks Alicia is a free runner.
Jorrow's Sister (referred to as Gertha)	An old woman who tells Alicia's fortune in Blackpool. May or may not also be Gertha the Spider
Blackpool Waitress	Serves Alicia during the 'Jorrow's Sister' scenes