

Biri (Biridashwa)

Biri is a young, pureblooded Sidhe adult male. Having been chosen for the Sidhe priesthood, Biri's destiny was set at a very early age, and he is now at a stage referred to as a *novice*. Biri already possesses impressive magic skills and has amassed a lot of knowledge. Nevertheless, he is to further his training under the guiding hands of the Crane Women who are revered even among the Sidhe. This training happens to coincide with Michael's training already in progress, and before we know it Biri's wood hut is side by side with Michael's (almost identical, though Biri's is perhaps a bit more skillfully built by comparison).

For whatever reason Biri tries to come across as though he and Michael are in this together and can help support each other. However, Michael knows that from a training perspective he is woefully outclassed, and so he feels patronized by Biri. Usually they train separately, and if Michael tries to ask about Biri or how his training is going, he is flatly refused as though he is not worthy of the knowledge. There is one thing that the Cranes have made clear: brutally difficult training lies ahead for Biri. Maybe Michael and Biri do have something in common after all.

Accepting Biri as a representative of the Sidhe, we might be tempted to wonder why the Sidhe and the humans fought so bitterly across the millennia. Of course, the only pureblood Sidhe normally found within the confines of the Pact Lands are Wickmaster Alyons and his Coursers (a much less flattering image). For his part, Biri seems to find Alyons mildly amusing and pathetic, but then a Sidhe of Biri's status has nothing to fear from the likes of Alyons. He advises Michael not to despair because the presence of a novice such as himself will discourage any transgression by Alyons. Michael's response: "And when you're gone?"

Voiced by a EUPHONIUM in the sound files.