

Coom

Coom is one of three sisters who have come to be known as the Crane Women, daughters of the now-deceased Queen Elme of the Sidhe who fell in love with a mortal human male some 9000 years ago. Coom's sisters are Spart and Nare, and they live in a large hut on top of a mound on the outskirts of Halftown.

Owing to their vast knowledge and skills accumulated through the ages, the Crane Women are sought out by full blood Sidhe for training of their young male novices (like Biri) to enter the Sidhe priesthood. It is unheard-of for humans to receive training in the ways of the Sidhe, and therefore it comes as a surprise when Lamia orders that Michael be trained by the Crane Women for survival in Sidhedark.

Coom is the most skilled in physical combat and she takes the lead in this area of Michael's training. A tactical thinker, she isn't one to shy away from a scuffle (as the Wickmaster Alyons can well attest!). Coom may have more difficulty with human languages like English than her sisters, but she gets her point across when she needs to.

Voiced by a CLARINET in the sound files.

"Breeds" as they are known, are a mixed race, having both Sidhe and human blood. Like the Sidhe, Breeds do not have a soul. Both Sidhe and Breeds are immortal, but they can be killed in battle. Breeds are not treated as equals by the Sidhe, and so they are kept isolated along with humans in the area known as the Pact Lands. Like the Sidhe, many Breeds are able to perform magic.