

The 7th Rank Did Nothing Wrong.

(Except Iber. Don't
Forgive Him. He sucks.)

By Rads. The real.



Supporting Women's Wrongs

Women should be appreciated no matter what they do and it is impossible to accurately classify actions as "Right" or "Wrong."

What if a Woman does something neutral? Would we still support her? Or would we not? Where does one draw the line? Right and Wrong are often subjective, and it is impossible to place every single action a Woman does on this scale.

To support Women's Rights and not their Wrongs is to not support Women at all.

Women deserve support unconditionally, not just when they do what is considered correct based on morals which are extremely relative.

The 7th Rank of Lower Allende's Ward is a phenomenal step for representation for evil women in the media. Everyone (besides Iber), is a woman or women adjacent, including the noble they work for.

It is important to recognize how truly significant these Women and their Wrongs are. This is progress for humanity. To deny that in favor of the relativistic dogma of "Right v. Wrong" is foolish and only taking us backwards in progress.



Supporting Women's Wrongs; Cont.

If you can't handle them at their worst, you don't deserve them at their best.

Denying these former Wardens forgiveness would be refusing the chance for another chance for girls to redeem themselves. A chance for representation.

Why can male characters like Zuko from ATLA be applauded for doing things that are basically almost as bad as the 7th Rank, while female characters who are not a fraction as dangerous are chastised by the fandom? Why can Zuko be forgiven, but characters like Katara are hated for being annoying or overwhelming? Katara arguably had a redemption arc of her own (see *The Southern Raiders*), so what makes her any different?

The same could be said for Gajeel and Juvia from Fairy Tail. Both characters are socially awkward, formerly dangerous, and have redeemed themselves. Yet Juvia's character was diluted into an obsessive stalker, while Gajeel got an entire redemption, character growth, and forgiveness.

While I love characters like Gajeel and Zuko, it's clear that many female characters have been given the short end of the stick when it comes to character development in canon as well as in fan spaces.



7th Rank Fans and the Effects of Social Exclusion

This is not a fabricated issue, and there have widely been Squish! fans who have felt distanced or insecure about their favorites. The amount of hatred has caused them to lash out or even hide their true feelings. Without the room for improvement and growth, the discord between Squish! fans will be furthered. Encouraging this exclusion is only pushing them further into their isolated derangement.



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WHAT IS WRONG WITH HIM man I have bad taste



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Areios (sleepyguy supreme) Today at 10:37 PM

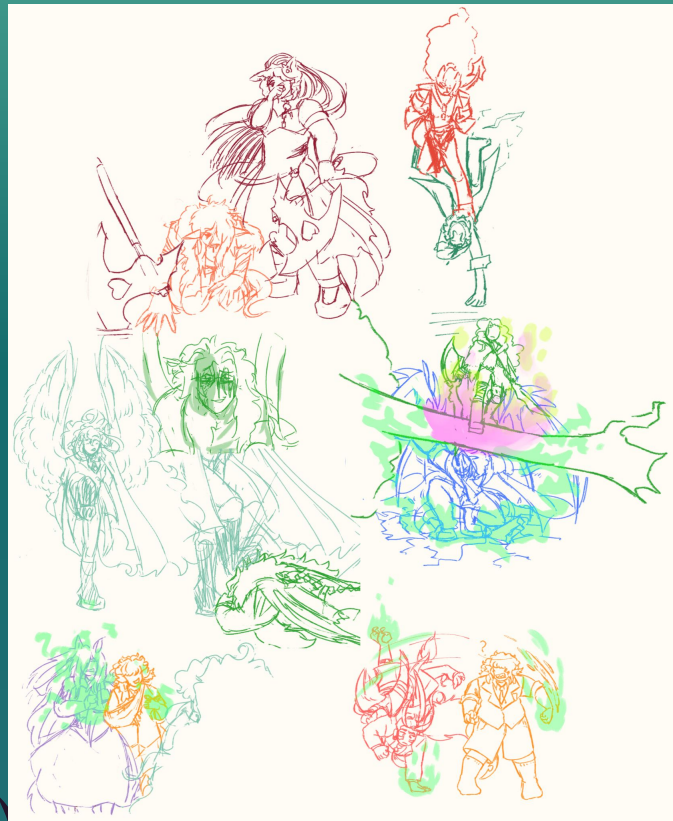
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Without Them, Squish! Would Be So Boring.

Natalia and the rest of the 7th Rank push the Squish! plot further than anyone else in the story. Punishing the entire 7th Rank for simply making the world more interesting is a failure. Why punish an artist for painting?

Without their antics, there would be no Colosseum Arc, no Tournament Arc, and no Hot Springs/Vacation Gone Sinister Arc, among the loss of many other staple Shonen arcs. Not only would we lose much of the interest, but we would lose many awesome anime battles as well.

Look at all these epic battles. There's even more than this!!



Technically What They Do Isn't That Bad

Comparatively, they haven't done anything that bad. In fact, beloved characters within Squish! Have arguably done much much worse. If you can forgive your favorites for the following discretions:

- Multiple con artists, having stolen thousands for their own self gain
- Homewreckers, heartbreakers, a temporarily deadbeat dad
- Liars who put their friends in danger by obscuring the truth
- Stubbornly naive characters who's careless actions result in permanent physical harm to those they care about

Why can't you forgive the 7th Rank (minus Iber) for their mistakes? What makes these characters any different?

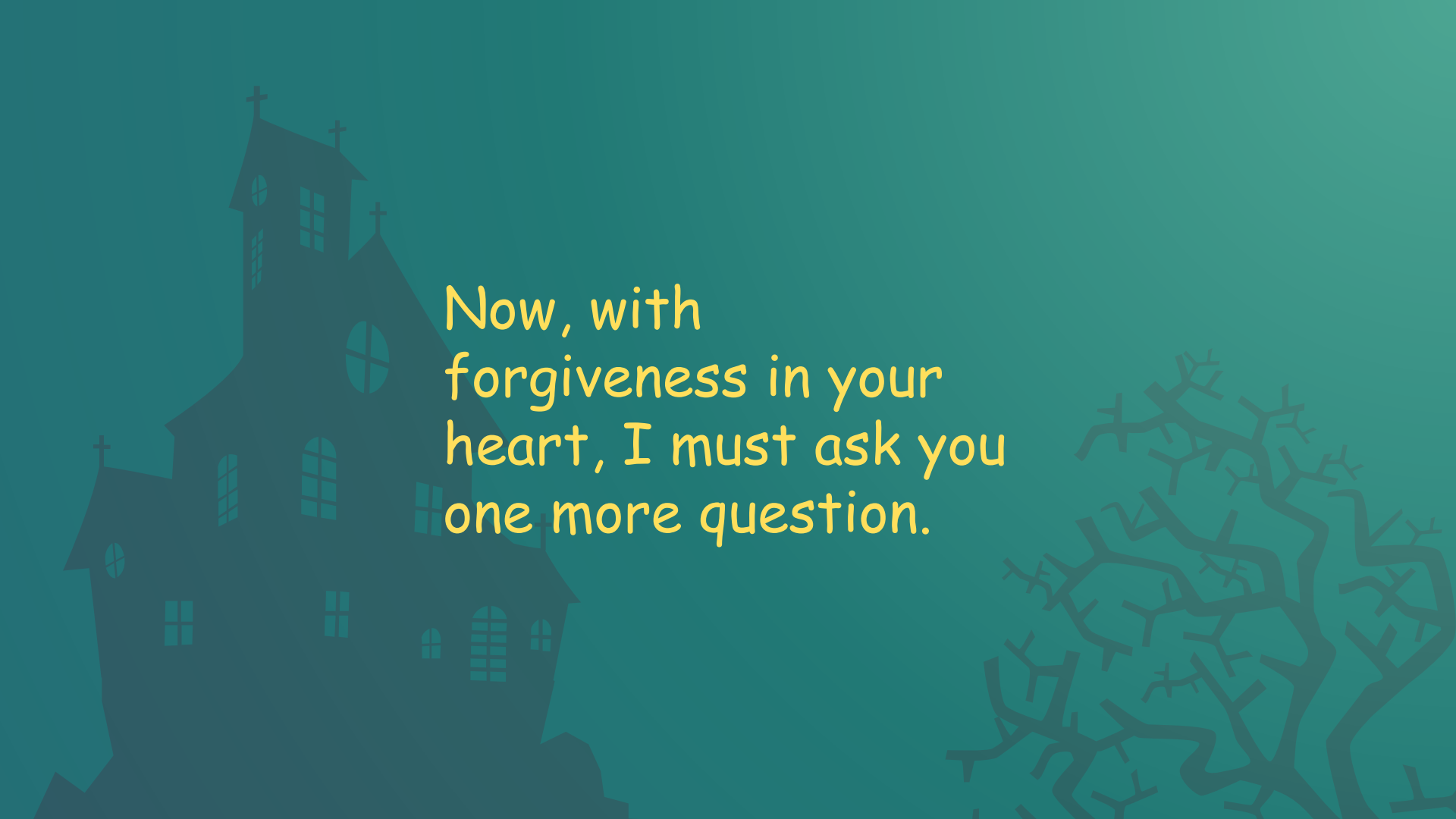
Technically What They Do Isn't That Bad; Cont. Natalia Said Sorry

After her major battle between the main Squish! cast and the 7th Rank members, Natalia said sorry for starting the fight between them. In fact, she offered to work under the main Squish! guys as a form of repentance.

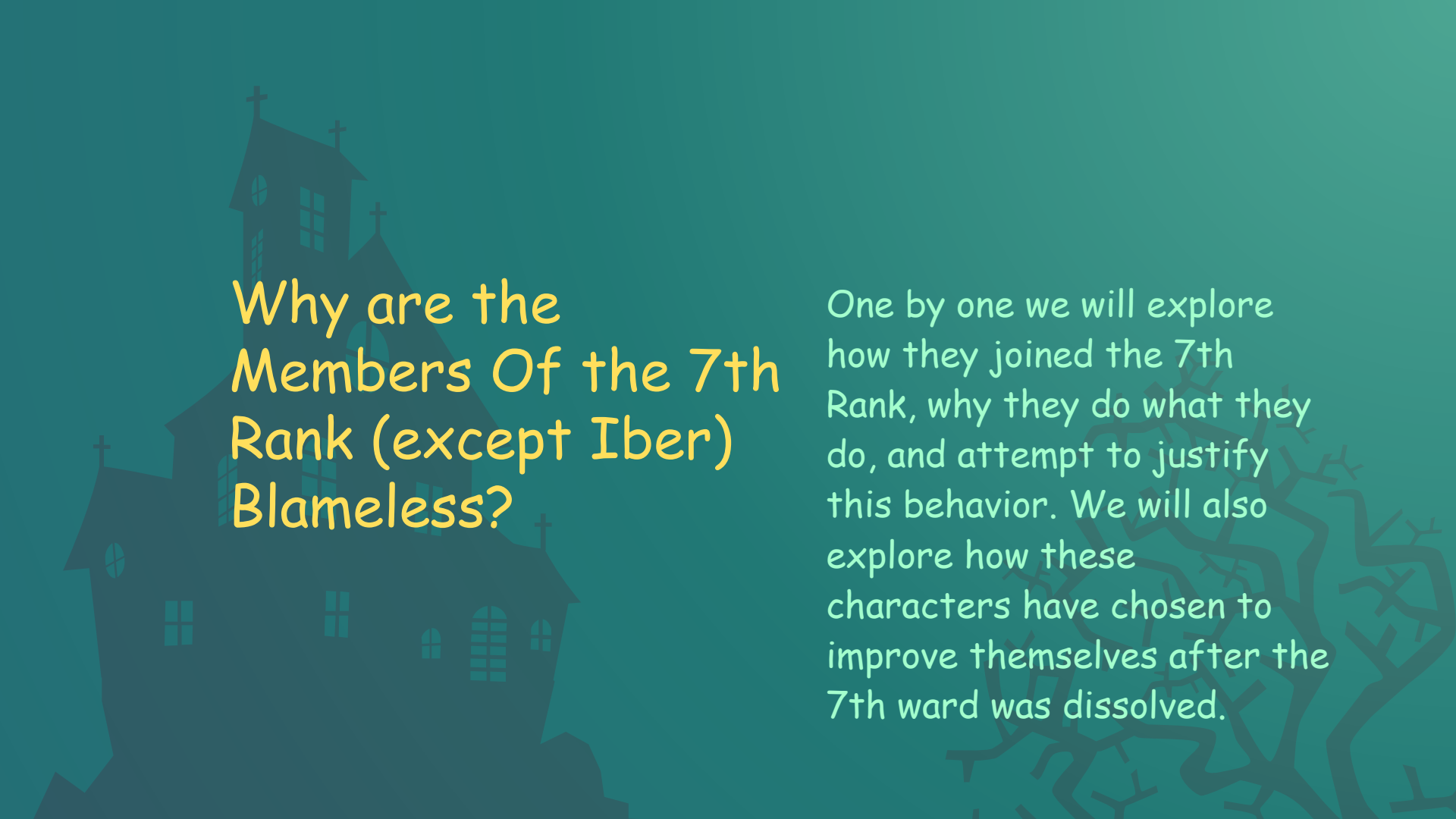
She apologised and made the work towards the change, never fighting them again (except for those other times. Progress is not linear.)

I mean, how can you not forgive her? She clearly didn't mean to kick *Garth* in the face and beat up *Kieen* and orchestrate the near downfall of *Melodica* itself. People make mistakes. She really means it. She's very sorry.





Now, with
forgiveness in your
heart, I must ask you
one more question.

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Why are the Members Of the 7th Rank (except Iber) Blameless?

One by one we will explore how they joined the 7th Rank, why they do what they do, and attempt to justify this behavior. We will also explore how these characters have chosen to improve themselves after the 7th ward was dissolved.

Natalia

Natalia's reason for joining into the 7th rank isn't well known, not even by her closest friends. Though her closest friends aren't very close. Only Noblewoman Amirah Magdalene and her eldest daughter, Lyrani know why Natalia joined. They're really the only ones who know much of anything about her.

One thing is clear. Despite having the rest of the 7th Rank firmly under her thumb, she's far from the one in control. She's not doing this for money, fun, or any other sick and twisted reasoning. She has something to prove, and she's terrified for the day when she finally falls short.

Though she's a force to be reckoned with, there's a sense of foreboding dread that trails her. Many believe it's an omen of the terror she's about to reign, dreams she's going to crush. They believe it's because she's a catalyst. Because she destroys everything she touches.

But she feels it too.



Natalia Cont; After The Ward

Oh no. It seems it has suddenly become very overcast. I can't see this page. Oh no... That's so sad.. It's really such a shame you'll never find out where she goes after her stint with the 7th rank. This is entirely accidental and so unfortunate. I'm so sorry about this guys... Truly devastating. I mean you're probably itching to know. Augh,, So so so unfortunate.



Damn That Sucks.

Uh. Sorry about that. I... I'm not sure what to do...

What a crazy coincidence... aha...

Uh! Guess we just have to move on! No other choice!

Laus

Laus used to be far different than she is today. A skilled fighter, confident and cocky. She's a shadow of who she was years ago. The skilled independent contractor seems lost behind the scarred face and empty eyes.

It was only 4 years ago when she fell into the hands of Lady Amirah. She had worked for her a few times before as an independent contractor, but this time was different. She failed. Failed catastrophically. A failure she could never come back from. She allowed herself to succumb to fear. She let Lady Amirah save her.

To this day the only thing in the forefront of her mind is regret of choosing her life over her pride.

She does all she can to prevent owing Lady Amirah even more, no matter how stomach churning a job is. Equipped with armor, she protects herself and prays that someday, she'll be told that her debt is paid. She knows someday will never come.



Zech

Zech's been with the Ward for quite some time, longer than most even last. Though perhaps he shouldn't, this is something he takes great pride in.

Once a 19 year old kid unfamiliar with anything outside of Espinoza and deep in debt, Lady Amira stepped up and offered to help him out. She gets him back to square one, he uses his precognition to be her eyes. He's working towards real life now.

Precognition isn't made to be used that way. Zech knows this. Lady Amirah knows this. They know it won't last forever. Until then he depends on Lady Amirah's directions and Natalia's guidance to live his day to day. They keep him together, freeing him from his hedonism and self pity. He doesn't need to understand himself and he doesn't need to understand others. He has a job. A purpose. He has an escape.

And he'd do anything to keep it that way.



Lyrani

Lyrani has been a member of the ward since day one. She was born into it as the eldest daughter of Lady Amirah. Once destined to become Lady Lyrani Magdalene, a noblewoman of her own, she has headed a different road. Still tight in her mother's grip, her only other option was to join the Ward.

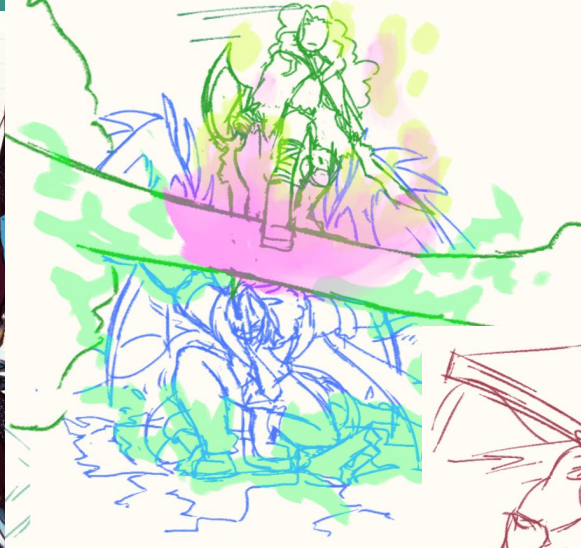
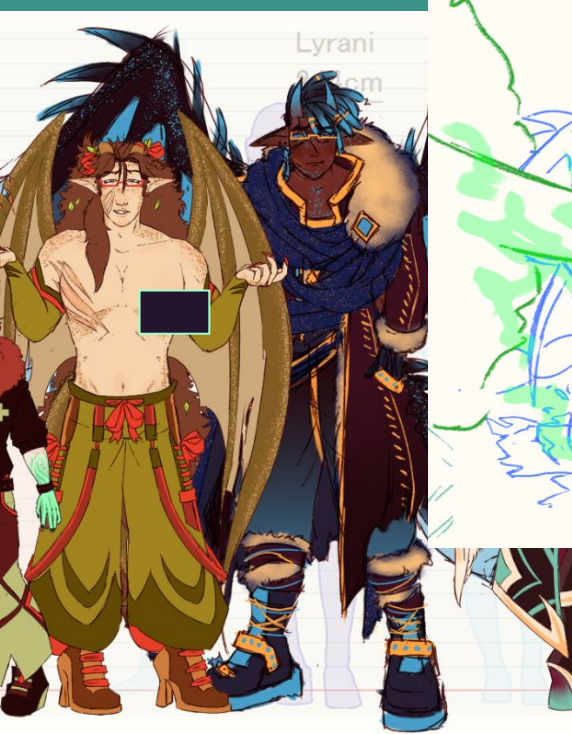
She listens well, having been told time and time again that she cannot neglect the gift inherited from the rest of her bloodline.

She's been told time and time again how much her mother has sacrificed to get them where they are. Told time and time again not to let it go to waste. She's worth so much more than that.

Lyrani doesn't care much for her work with the Ward. She dreams of so much more. Of the world, of creating art, of living free. She dreams of peace. Maybe that's not in the cards for her, but still she can pretend. She can indulge all her fantasies through her writing. She can dream. She can separate herself from it all. Perhaps she does her mother's bidding, but ultimately, she's barely even present.



Lyrani Cont; Lyrani Is Awesome



She's just really cool. I mean look at her. She's awesome.



Coda

Coda, much like the rest of her Rank, has no choice when it comes to being part of the Ward. She knows nothing different. She's been raised and trained from the very beginning to become a member. She's the key to her family's success, raising them as close as possible to nobility status as they could ever dream of getting.

She knows she should be grateful, and so she is. It's that simple, and anyone who tells her otherwise is a liar. Everyone does what they have to do to get by.

It was hard at first. People aren't born for violence. Whether or not she's born for it, work is work. She's gotten used to it. She has to do what she has to do. She has to get by. She can't throw away an opportunity of a lifetime.

She has to. It's really not that hard, anyway. Everyone struggles to separate work from life.



They Are Better Than Iber

While the rest of the 7th rank have had their fair share of violent shonen fights or threats they fully intend to fulfill, none of them have actually killed anyone in cold blood. Iber, on the other hand? Iber is a former assassin, trained professionally and a seasoned elite back in Farlon, for one of the highest Nobles in Squish as a whole. His acids and poisons are not to play around with, he aims to kill.

Perhaps he has a good reason? I wish No. He bends to the will of one mistress, and her name is greed.

I have no sympathy for him, and neither should you. My sympathy lies with those forced to work under him. Those forced to carry out his will. Not to a spoiled man who values money over human life.



Therefore, The 7th Rank Did Nothing Wrong (Mostly)

I'm still not counting Iber also.

I mean woah! Look at these awesome guys in their cowboy garb. Wowie.

