

Leoshine

Princess Oracle

Book 1



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ao Kenan Leoshine's Guide to Myxolidia

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In the far distant future, those who read this history of Myxolidia, as well as those who visit, may wish to know the meaning of some terms and place names familiar to the Myxolidian people.

Here I, ao Kenan Leoshine, Co-Regent of Myxolidia, offer a humble assortment of definitions and pronunciations to you in hopes that you will feel at home among us.

Characters

Leoshine – The youngest child of Curtstas. Mediator between the Aeolians and her own people of Myxolidia.

Avram – Also known as ao Kevath. Chosen leader of the Aeolian mission to regenerate the atmosphere of Myxolidia.

Resham – Valet to Avram. Also chief cultural advisor, bodyguard, priest, and physician. Taken from Myxolidia to Aeolia as a child and adopted by ao Kenan Iliana as a son and brother to Avram.

Ao Kevad – High King of Aeolia and Myxolidia. Instigator of the rescue mission.

Curtstas – Leoshine's father. Mayor of the only pre-Aeolian town under the Myxolidian Dome. Studied the Dome and invented a system to record its deterioration. Taken to Aeolia to experience and recognise the benefit of re-establishing connection with our progenitors' descendants.

Mother – Leoshine's mother, keeper of traditions. Wifemaker of Curtstas' compound and weaver of fine linen.

Iliana – Avram's mother. Priestess, physician, and teacher. Daughter of a past Overlord of Aeolia.

Georg – Leoshine's oldest brother. Trained to lead. Brave, trustworthy, and dead.

Giffshine – Leoshine's oldest sister. Deranged by several failed Rites of Womanhood. She did not give birth to a live child. A rebel against the Aeolians.

Hillashine – Leoshine's middle sister. Initiated through the Rite of Womanhood, she is pregnant at the beginning of this history.

Wol – Leoshine's nearest sibling in age. His rebellion against Father transfers to Avram. Leader of the Woltreaders. Intelligent, arrogant, favourite of Mother.

Gavin – Avram's city general. Giant, gentle, and observant. His wife Heien (Iliana's niece) and five children arrive with Iliana.

Uly – Avram's general. Spokesman for the generals. He had a wife who died early in their marriage. Expert in transportation.

Dorim – Avram's general. He had a wife who refused to come to Myxolidia. Expert with energy forces.

Kirim – Avram’s general. Brother of Dorim. They were abandoned to Iliana’s orphanages on Aeolia. Loves swimming and boating.

Lantro – Avram’s general. Quick with the sword. All the generals grew up with Avram, schooled together, trained as soldiers together.

Alan – Avram’s general. Tall and hawk-like. Most cynical and prejudiced of the generals.

Zolous – Gavin’s second in command.

Rasset – The chief scientist responsible for the regeneration of the Dome. He would have been called a Trickixim or “guardian of the Dome” in pre-schism days. Post-schism they became an order of priests.

Paulos – Avram’s stallion. Imprinted on Avram and trained for war.

Gorphiline – Leoshine’s Rellogat servant before Avram arrives.

Geography

The Dome of Myxolidia – A generated atmosphere first established on a planetine by the Aeolians 1000 years before Avram's arrival. Her people suffered a tragic schism that led to the Dome's neglect and deterioration.

Gavin's Town – Used to be Curtstas' Town. The only pre-Aeolian town under the Dome and the seat of government. Avram rebuilds the wooden structures with stone quarried from freeing the underground rivers. None of the streets run very far in one direction.

Leoshine's Family Compound – The home where Leoshine grew up. The women's quarters are segregated from the men's quarters. Curtstas' governing council chambers lie within the compound walls. The only source of water for the town, the only well kept alive from pre-schism days, lies under its foundation.

The Watch Tower – The tallest building located in the centre of the town. Used to scout for Oxikobh attackers. Leoshine's childhood favourite place to escape.

The Bathhouse – Built by Curtstas when he returns from Aeolia. Only Leoshine takes up this new custom.

The Arena – Built by Alan shortly after the invasion. Used for Avram's contests with his soldiers and generals.

The Cathedral – The worship house. Built by Avram to honour Ao Kevad.

Iliana's Palace – Built by Avram to house his mother when she arrives. A copy of her home in Aeolia. Home of Iliana's chapel where Ao Kevad's portrait hangs. Home of Iliana's workshop where she manufactures medicines and has hospital equipment.

Gavin's Palace – Built by Avram to house his city general and family.

TVH (Transport Vehicle Hanger) – The storage facility for the only Aeolian transport under the Myxolidian Dome. The pilot quarters here.

Equine Pastures – Curtstas and his sons trained horses here and taught Leoshine to ride. Horses were a status symbol in his government.

The Orchards – Planted by Curtstas after his return from Aeolia. He took wild stock from the forest. This wild stock had been cultivated before the schism.

Dome Engines 1-4 – Built by the original Trickixim to generate and sustain the atmosphere that is called the Dome. Self-sustaining for many generations.

Kaaiput Mountains – Mountains far distant from the town where Oxikobh try to mislead Aeolians.

Elego's Compound – The Oxikobh compound where wife-holders and children have gathered to wait the return of their men.

Landing Site – Ancient touchdown site for Interdomiary Vessels (IDV). The *Talon* IDV is a shuttle that goes between Aeolia and Myxolidia on an approximately three-month schedule.

Resham's Workshop – Jail, prisoner of war camp, torture chamber.

North Gorge – Far distant from the town where Oxikobh try to mislead Aeolians.

Wol's Camp – Wol's headquarters.

Dictionary

Military Manoeuvres

Bertrae Bair-trāy – A strategy for protecting the town. Four generals are posted to the four points of the compass. Gavin remains in town. The sixth general is available to support wherever he is needed.

Cortransa Cor-trān-sǎ – When two large bodies of soldiers meet outside the town, this manoeuvre allows them to mix without accident. The leader of each body swings it around behind him and then converges on the other leader.

Equipment

Teshaddar Tě-shě-ddahr – An electronic shield that secures Leoshine into her saddle.

Endearments

Aeolian

Obenici Ō-běn-ēssē – Oracle

Ephitide Ěff-ĭ-tyd – Treasure

Whips-tarn Whĭsp-taarn – An Aeolian sprite - character in a fairytale. **Tassanara** Tǎ-ssǎ-nǎ-rǎ – Princess

Myxolidian

Epiphrondite Ěp-ĭ-frōnd-yte – Darling

Sassnigor Sǎss-nĭ-gor – Someone who lags behind

Tobera TŌ-bear-ǎ – Diminutive Slave

Babim Bǎ-bim – Infant Darling

Snoriginund Snor-ĭ-ghĭ-nund – Sleepy Head

Norfinoof Nor-fĭn-oof – Ninny

Torpvehr Torp-fair – Beauty

Flora and Fauna

Aeolian

Asced Āth-sĕd – Plant Species

Pulimeit Pŭl-ĭ-mĕt – Plant Species

Planetine Plǎ-nĕt-ĕn – The perfect chunk of rock for building generated atmospheres

Myxolidian

Aeok'n – the Myxolidian name for the generated atmosphere.

Chackwood Chäck-wude – Twigs of a shrub that taste sweet and are good for cleaning teeth. “To suck on chackwood” is to be part of the family.

Coeval Cō-ēvaal – A stream

Gallalla Ghă-lă-ăh-lă – Tiny, fierce bird that hides its nest in hedges.

Insults

Aeolian

Codmockers Cöd-mökk-ers

Myxolidian

Barskatrafing Squallywalker Bâr-skătră-fŋ Skwällē-wâ-ker

Oxikobh Öx-ĭ-cöb – Savages in the Myxolidian Forest

Servants and Slaves

Rachnorgat Raŋ-nor-găt – Victim of the Mercy Plea

Rellogat Rěl-lö-găt – More like a servant than a slave. A trusted member of the household who does menial work in exchange for food and shelter.

Omaeulenen Ō-mæ-ü-lě-něn – Handmaid to Iliana (Plural: **Omaeuli** Ō-mæ-ü-lē)

Cooking and Food

Eqipgn Oil Ękwĭ-pĭdgeon – Oil, cooking oil

Units of Measurement

Rihg Reeg – Paces

Lort Lort – Kilometres

Titles of address

ao Kevath eye-0h Kě-văth – my lord

ao Kenan eye-0h Kě-naan – my lady

Dsxano'i – Princess in Myxolidian. Used to refer to the Dome Aeo'kn.

Concepts, Rituals and Protocols

Mercy Plea – When one Myxolidian wrongs another, they pay with their life, unless, they call “Mercy.” At that point they become a Rachnorgat – the lowest form of slave. They are kept in animal-like conditions, fed minimally. But at least they are alive. The wronged party becomes the Rachnorgain or ‘master.’

Rite of Womanhood – Myxolidian Initiation for girls into child-bearing. Her parents choose a man for her. She must fall pregnant during the ritual. After that, she must give birth to a live child before she is allowed to join her man as a primary wife. If she fails to give birth to a live child, she either stays with her parents, or becomes a secondary wife to any man who will support her. He must protect and feed her. In return she gives him sexual rites without fear of feeding children. (Note: From her place of privilege, Leoshine’s oldest sister, Giffshine was given several “Initiations” before her father returned from Aeolia and stopped the practice.)



This Guide is dedicated to
a wonderful young woman named Emily,
who has contributed a powerful amount
of information and advice to Leoshine’s creation.

*This is a condensed version with matter specific to Book One.

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