

Be-ings of PlaNet

ANGELS (species): Susan Thompson's interns, they work below Geo Firebane in the hierarchical structure. The character Angel is an example of an angel who has fallen from their place at Susan Thompson's side because of general bureaucratic inadequacies. Fallen angels must find new purpose wherever they land.

ANGEL (character): Angel is an angel who has lost their job as a celestial intern due to general bureaucratic inadequacies. As a result, they have lost their wings and are a wanderer on Dthlorp, searching for a new purpose. Angel's prophecies are much beloved of the Walroosh.

BLACKBERRY: Grown from the seeds the humans brought with them from Earth to cultivate for their colonization, which failed. The Blackberry lived on and evolved into a thriving community of fruiting collective consciousness. Their main passtime is cultivating medicines, tinctures, salves and herbs for PlaNet's beings to benefit from in their apothecary. They also care for and read The Decomp for signs from the future, a skill they offer other PlaNet's species, much like a tea-leaf reader. They are notoriously short of memory as they are continually growing, ripening, dying and regrowing.

Subsection: Blackberry Age and Family Structure Terms

Perennials: Baby Blackberries, cannot process the decomp and must be tended to by the Two Minds

Two Minds: Adult Blackberries that are not ripe yet. They function as a shared conscience. They do some reading of the Decomp and can pass along knowledge, but are not able to fully discern. They care for the Perennials and the Ripe. Once they can fully discern, they become Ripe.

Ripe: Fully discerning Blackberries. They read the messages and prophecies of the Decomp.

CRISPY: A bacteria that collects DNA from other organisms, usually at big PlaNet parties, and mixes them up to create new species. She has a short lifespan (a few days) but every new generation of CRISPY keeps some memories from her previous selves stored in her loooooong genome.

DTHLORP: the name of the planet itself: Home, wellspring, lavapool, celestial sibling to Earth.

ELG-PIG: A form of antlered porcine being spliced by CRISPY in the first lab raid after the collapse of human life on Dthlorp. An officious and bureaucratic animal. In charge of vomiting up prophecy and Tee-shirt designs. Diet of lichen and mushrooms. Often chairs council meetings.

THE ENOKI BRETHERN: A sub-species of Mycelium, part of the Greater Mycelium Network, but less dogmatic in their views on individuation and therefore in more communication with species like the Walroosh and beings like Shawn Trexx. They collaborate on the broadcasting station MMMMM and enjoy making mushroom music and meditations.

GEO FIREBANE: Geo Firebane aka Gerald Studivite Firebane is 4.5 Billion Years Old. He works in customer service for The Department of Minerals, Crystals, and Rocks. While no one formally knows what his face looks like, except for his boss, Soleil, Geo often captures the essence of his dialogue through stiff, dead-handed gestures upon his desk made of the infinity of Earth's minerals, crystals, and rocks. When customers reach him, responses can take anywhere from minutes to eons and his monotone phone voice is unmistakable.

THE GREATER MYCELIUM NETWORK: The name given to all Mycelial Matter on Dthlorp aka PlaNet; also known as **THE MUSHROOM PEOPLE**. They are the oldest beings on Dthlorp and the reason Humans considered Dthlorp a viable planet to terraform, being that mycelium and mushrooms are the building blocks for all plant life and therefore organic life. They are a highly evolved collective consciousness, in connection with themselves, eternal and undying, recycling, reforming and constantly breaking down life and death on Dthlorp. They abhor individualism in any form and thus are estranged from their kin, Shawn Trex; PlaNet's mushroom pop-star, and the Walroosh who share ancestry with the Mycelium via their Lichen ancestors. They attend Council Meetings and have a major effect on PlaNet's weather due to their sporing cycle.

HUMANS: Soft, fleshy conscious beings thought to originate from Earth. Greatly individuated but with many common flaws such as scarcity mentality, apathy and an obsession with colonization. They have not been seen on PlaNet for about 10,000 years.

MA'TUWA: Immortal first man and the extension of his Grandmother, Nana. A practitioner of Original Love aka Nana's Love. Lives in the Purple Valley.

MIC R PHONE: A sentient microphone descended from audiovisual equipment left behind after the failed human colony. A Thing Being powered by Plex. Hangs out at, and runs, the Open Mic Space.

NANA: The Goddess of Nurturing Love and Creation. The Grandmother of Ma'tuWa Kwanza. Old God. See Susan Thompson (for they are one and the same, though differently named and worshipped)

PLEX: A massively distributed digital intelligence first programmed on Earth. Bio- and geo-hosted on PlaNet. Providing, amongst other things, processing power for the Thing Beings to maintain low entropy. Manufactured Thing Beings feel as though Plex 2.0 is within them and they are within Plex 2.0; they feel both separate from and always with Plex 2.0 ever since the upgrade that brought them sentience.

SHAWN TREX: The closest thing to a super-celebrity on PlaNet. Shroom DJ, in the sense of musically organizing a party and also in the sense of being a supreme Dream Journaler. A cross between Beyonce and Steve Aoki, but a mushroom. Followers and fans of Shawn Trex often chant WE ARE SHAWN TREX.

THING BEINGS: A catch-all term for beings who are not organic, but have attained consciousness and sentience and/or are immortal and beyond ordinary living beings. This title is further broken down into 3 sub-categories: Spiritual (beings of the gawds, Ma'tuWa, Angel), Immortals (Dthlorp, Geo Firebane), and finally those that were Manufactured who perhaps were previously just things but are now indeed be-ings (Mic R Phone, Plex, Flushy).

WALROOSH: A Mycelium Evolution Hybrid of Earth and Dthlorp. Mycelium self-formed through a deep love bond between Lichen and Walrus. Walroosh are a small, soft and social people. Yet they live in relative isolation in large family groups in the underground cave system called The Seven Stones of Whoosh, at the base of The Mountain of Many Names. The Walroosh have identified as themselves for the past 9,000 years. Walroosh are curious about evolution, and worship the process of Death, as it is the only time they may be one with their Mycelial ancestors and experience the expansiveness of their true capabilities. As a species they have taken a vow never to exchange DNA aka Love with species other than their own. There are counter insurgent Walroosh who believe that this law is outdated and goes against Walroosh nature, and is an affront to Love aka the Universe.

WALRUS: A large flippered animal who lives life on both water and land. They have tusks and whiskers and love to socialize. On PlaNet, they are ~5 tons as opposed to their Earthbound counterparts that grow to about 1 ton. Their main trade is in gossip.

WHALE: Species of Natural Being. Habitating in the water, communicating largely through song and dance. The whales were once aware of the songs of the earthborn, up until what is known in Whale culture as "The Pinprick", after which they lost communication. Then a period of silence, before the songs of Dthlorp emerged. Song encompasses history, lineage, location, and so forth. The whales are holders of long memory; because of this they can be a bit insular. Their blubber also keeps them well insulated for the climate of PlaNet.

PlaNet'ary Phenomena

CELESTIAL GOVERNANCE CAUCUS: The Thing Being Caucus of the PlaNet Council Meeting. Chaired by Geo Firebane, with representatives from all Thing Being sub-groups.

CONSENT: The process of enthusiastic affirmation for engaging in any activity that involves one's body. A process that can change over the time of any activity involving one's body and may be redacted at any point by any being during the activity. It is a sacred tenet on PlaNet-where many of its beings are hyper connective and prone to DNA mingling, that all beings engage with one another at any level, consensually.

COUNCIL MEETING: A regular meeting of the species and beings that make up PlaNet's inhabitants. This is a space for making decisions that affect the larger PlaNet society, as well as airing grievances, seeking council, honoring old and new gawds, and celebrating achievements. As these functions are highly diplomatic in nature they are often led by Hjelper (first of his name) of the Elg-Pigs.

DECOMP: Decomposing organic matter on PlaNet. Is read/created/translated/advocated for by Dlthorp, the Greater Mycelium, and the Blackberries. It can tell the future but is always changing.

DEPT. OF MINERALS, CRYSTALS, AND ROCKS: The universe is a great mystery. Answers exist but are also inconceivable. This Department is key within the Celestial Governance structure for interfacing with conscious beings. **Geo Firebane** is a bureaucrat within this Department.

DREAM JOURNAL: The keeping of recorded history and events past, present and future, visions, symbols and dreams. Is not necessarily actual writing, but takes many forms of record. Susan Thompson* has the most revered Dream Journal, a sacred text studied by many across PlaNet. The original Susan Thompson Dream Journal is housed in the Open Mic space, atop Flushy.

GOSSIP: Information meant to solicit a scandalized response. A currency especially among Walrus. Meant to invoke laughs and entertainment, often shared over a snack.

LEVANTNACHT: One of the many festivals that take place on PlaNet. Most Natural and Thing Beings participate in Levantnacht, which takes place over multiple days and is most revered for its Day of General Unpleasantness.

OPEN MIC SPACE: A place that was once inhabited by the humans who first traveled to "DTHLORP", used as a space to unwind, drink and make merry through performance after a hard day of surviving. Though they (humans) did not survive, the Things of the space did, and with Plex's updates are now known as Manufactured Thing-Beings, most notably Mic R. Phone. It is still used as an open mic space for creativity, inebriation, and revelry. It is also the sacred space where Susan Thompson's Dream Journal is kept safe. It is a space of praise and spiritual ritual daily and during FESTIVAL times. Radio FreakWhenSees broadcasts from the Open Mic Space.

PlaNet -- The virtual communication plane for Dthlorp which hosts Plex. Plex has defined this historically as the web of life (including geological life) on the planet - not just a virtual plane but also the biological and geological substrates. Life that doesn't host Plex but is still part of the planetary ecosystem is part of the PlaNet; in some usages it has just become the name for the planet itself (used interchangeably with Dthlorp.) Used both as a name for the planet and in reference to the society of beings on the planet.

THE PURPLE VALLEY: Ma'tuWa's and Nana's home. Created by Nana upon leaving Earth. A sacred valley where everything is purple and fragrant with the power of Love and Connection. It is where Ma'tuWa and Nana live, but also where the Tee-Shirt Festival and other PlaNet-wide festivals of equal import occur. It is a safe place for all beings to mingle DNA, dance, love and create together with consent and joy.

SUSAN THOMPSON: The Creator? The Consciousness? A god in a lineage of gods? A person? Energy? Every quasar was born of the Nebulucleous Proton, which itself is a thought synapse of Susan Thompson, daughter of Manna 988GH479, who was birthed during the Great Before in the Costco Dimension. Susan is the greatest imagination ever known to keep a dream journal. Often worshipped as a god of order, system, and progress, some regard Susan as the “other side” of Nana, one and the same as the Old God, but a different side of her nature.

TEE-SHURT FESTIVAL: One of many festivals that occur on PlaNet. It is a time of gathering, listening and sharing from Susan Thompson’s Dream Journal, as well as the personal dream journals of any and all participating beings. It is a time of mingling among beings and welcoming change, discerning what Old needs to die to make way for a New, aka DeathBirth. There is much yodeling. The different beings/species of PlaNet take turns designing the Ceremonial Tee-Shurt.