# Soren - The Fox

## Backstory

Soren was born to Alis and Gerlt in Stonetop and raised with the other children of the village.  While there was no significant conflict between Soren and the other villagers, as he grew into a young adult he swiftly became disillusioned with the simple lifestyle of Stonetop.  He wanted more out of life, and believed that he would only find fulfillment beyond its simple walls.

During one of Stout Jakka's visits to the village, Soren asked if he could travel along with him.  While initially averse to the idea, Soren's silver tongue convinced Jakka and they left together, heading south to Marshedge.  Alis and Gerlt did not approve of this and begged him to stay, but Soren was besotted with the idea of discovering the wider world and went anyways.  Along the way they encountered some Hillfolk, and while Jakka was doing business with them Soren mingled among the folk.  He grew enamoured with their way of life(and one of the young women there), seeming so free to roam the hills and forge their own paths.  He decided to part ways with Jakka and stay with the hillfolk, however it was not long before their lifestyle grew repetitious and dull.  Realizing this, he parted ways with the hillfolk and, using the knowledge he learned from them, wandered the Steplands for some time.  He encountered other tribes, some he parted ways with amicably, some he had to sneak away and yet others chased him out at the tips of their spears.

Eventually he found himself in the vicinity of Gordin's Delve and and entered the town.  Here he found even more restrictions, people were expected to do their work in the mines and not ask questions.  Struggling with fitting in, he met Jakka again and from him learned his parents had died of a sudden sickness.  Grieving, and sick of the confines of Gordin's Delve, Soren returned to Stonetop to pay his respects to his parents.  They parted in anger, but he held no lasting resentment for them and mourned their passing.

When he returned he was met with general suspicion, it had been many years after all and he was remembered as a rowdy youth who left his parents heartbroken.  Only Delyth, his father's sister, welcomed him with open arms.  She spoke for him amongst the villagers and vouched for him.  While he only meant to honour his parents and then move on again he realized that Stonetop was not the restrictive, boring village he had perceived.  Seeing now with the eyes of a grown man, he realized that while it is small and unglamorous, each of the people were free to pursue their own desires and skills to the benefit of the village as a whole.  When Delyth came to him, asking him to stay with her, he agreed and has lived with her in the outskirts of the village ever since.

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