

NPC File – Percival Weaver

Stats:

Witch Weaver, Human lineage optional, Dawnish (No enchantments, no formal bond to Lashonar or Rossignol)

Mage

Summer 2

Night 3

Rituals: Splendid Panoply of Knighthood, The Sound of Drums, Glory to the Sovereign, Freedom of the Soul, Signs and Portents, Shadowed Glass of Sung, Chamber of Delights (most of these you can't cast Solo)

Mana Site Resource

Carries:

Box, lists and clips for collecting competition entries

2 x loquacious feathers

night mana

A small amount of coin

Curse AP

Timings:

8.30pm – part way through Conclave (or later if having fun/setting up afternoon appointments)

13.30 – 4pm Saturday afternoon – flexible, to collect any bribes you have taken, make sure you have judges for the evening session, secure a “reading place” and figure out whether Rossignol can trust any of the people you’ve been speaking to act

8pm – 10pm Saturday evening Love letter private reading and selection

Time to suit you – Sunday – Post notices and if possible tell winners who are progressing to the “Private Reading” in Lashonar’s chambers

Recommendation: Use your Friday night time after the collection window to make appointments to see people at other times rather than having to hunt all afternoon

Percival Weaver – an inspirational paragraph or two:

“Most of the groups in Drycastle are, and have always been, noble houses, seeking glory, or orders of questing knights. But every mission grows stronger with a good witches support, and your small yeoman coven of witches has existed for many years, trading as covens that come and go here often do, in Splendid Panoply of Knighthood buffs for raggedy orders of questing knights from lesser houses who are more likely to die at Druj hands than pass their tests of mettle.

A few years back, when peace treaties with the Barrens Orcs – not the Druj, you are not so fool as to want peace with the treacherous scorpions – was on the table, you found yourself deeply hoping they would be signed. And listening to the words sung by the Heralds of Lashonar, not succumbing as many did to the grief and sorrow, for their own loved ones, bit seeing it as part of a cycle. And knowing that that Eternal had a Wisdom that many of your fellows did not you began to deepen your skill in night magics, and sought out among the singing Heralds, those that were prepared to talk.

It has taken time, and you haven't stopped being part of the coven along the way – the moment for peace with the tribes past and you are proud as can be to contribute to pushing back against Druj – or Wendigo fuelled husks for that matter - but this winter you received word via the Civil Service that Rossignol, Herald of Lashonar was looking for a secretary and some other Heralds of Lashonar had mentioned your name.

Rossignol is such a wordsmith, such a talent, and carries with them the knowledge of Lashonar and how communication is essential to everything, to every virtue, that you don't mind the dull and somewhat irritating tasks you seem to be landed with as a result of accepting the role. Which you did, by a visit to a night regio in the woods. One where an entirely different Night Eternal held a party not so long ago.”

Task 1: Love Letter Competition

- You will collect entries from half an hour before Conclave til Conclave starts, each entry must be checked against a name on the list, and clipped with the clip that matches the number given to that name.
- You will NOT take any entries from anyone not on the list (unless it seems like it is an OOC error in which case take the entry and claim that it is most unlike Rossignol to forget a detail, but it does happen)
- You will take bribes to collect entries on Saturday afternoon if anyone asks – so long as they are appropriate – conversation, food, drink, performances to listen to, mana anything that shows creativity and ingenuity – but NOT other writing, books, pamphlets etc – Love Letters are about the only form of written word Lashonar values and you are beginning to be inclined to feel the same.
- If you do take any bribes, specify a very narrow window and exact location for collection that it will be easy for you to stick to!
- You also need two judges, who may not be entered into the competition – and Rossignol has expressed a wish to meet people who are new to Anvil so if you can find anyone interested in Love Letters for whom that is true, then they would be ideal – you don't have to confirm these on Friday night, it could wait til Saturday afternoon – but if you have someone that seems right, go for it
- You also need to hire a space for reading the love letters for exclusive use for you, Rossignol and your two judges. It might be nice if it was a Chamber of Delights, or if it could be enchanted for you. Probably leave the quest to find a space to hire for Saturday afternoon (or mention it to people Friday night and persuade them to take you on a tour of possibilities for Saturday afternoon)
- Copy of letter to entrants attached

Task 2: Rossignol Hates Simargl

- You have heard – oh how often you have heard – of how Summoning the Loquacious Birds was written for one of Rossignol's greatest loves Ammar I Guerra, and how without it the Conclave might never have been formed – or at least not how it was at the time it was. And for all you might jest or grumble about how often the story makes Rossignol sigh that their head hurts, it IS a sad story – none of the official histories mention Ammar's role or Lashonar's
- You are also absolutely 100% sure Rossignol is right, and Simargl, Dean of the Lyceum has no right at all to hold onto the text, and should be returning it or putting it into Imperial Lore as Rossignol wants. You're pretty outraged at the conversation Rossignol described to you, where Simargl seemed to expect payment or boons from Lashonar.
- On the other hand, there are few people in the Empire who don't know that the Dean of the Lyceum and the Circle of Zulgan Tash have influence. So you plan to tread carefully.
- You've asked the 5 people who made most impact on Rossignol to meet you – if you can catch them on Friday, ideally you want to make individual appointments for the next day or later that evening (maybe stepping out of Conclave after all business can get tedious) to talk things over with them carefully – if any of them seem sufficiently sympathetic, you'll show them the AP curse and see if they'll commit to getting it cast. You can offer night mana or specific appropriate boons that you make clear you can't commit to til you've checked with Rossignol
- They are: Kahendrin Wordsmith – frankly Rossignol is smitten, even though he knows that this creature is somehow pledged to Janon; Liisa Sigeing of Wintermark – Rossignol didn't tell you all of her tragic love story, you just know she has one; Eliza of the Love Letter Writing Guild – she's the one who has the mask that Rossignol made way back near the beginning of the Empire, if she is prepared to carry out the curse he'll enchant it for her; Iri of the Wulfen Reavers – she's probably quite close to Simargl being Varushkan, so tread carefully and Elysiathassan – Archmage of Night – where its probably better to try other ways of getting at Summoning the Loquacious Birds before talking about curses
- If none of them want to help AND if none of them think of a better way to get the Birds back then you'll go looking for Reckoners in The League (you may have run out of resources, you can offer a small amount of night mana, topped up with your own mana crystals to total no more than double the casting cost – you won't pay this much to any of Rossignol's friends this is last resort time)

Task 3: The Caucus Forum

- This is Lashonar's dream, not Rossignol's. The gibbering guardian believes that its power to bring people together could do wonders for diplomacy. However since the Empire removed Amity and generally ignored the wisdom of communication and treaties for war it is not inclined to put that in the Empire's services without setting out a LOT of hoops first. Frankly, you think there are too many hoops, but you DO believe in conversation, and growth through friendship with any nations that you can dare to call friends – you're a huge supporter of the Thule peace treaty for example.
SO if any of Rossignol's favoured can help this is what Lashonar wants:
 - Amity
 - Embassies with the remaining mortal world powers - specifically Sarcophan, Sumaah and the Commonwealth
Minor variation might be possible:
 - Statement from the Imperial Synod declaring that Imperial is the official language of the Empire and that no other languages should appear on any official documents
 - A symbol to represent the Empire's friendship with Lashonar to be displayed in the Hall of Worlds and representing a willingness to use the Caucus Forum
 - A Pauper's Key made each year by an Imperial crafter for Lashonar to distribute as they wish
 - The Caucus Forum requires a Declaration from the Conclave that they wish to use it and a gift of 25 dragonbone to Lashonar
 - A Declaration of Concord from the Conclave that wherever possible peaceful means must be sought to resolve conflict through diplomacy and dialogue, as opposed to warmongering favoured by some mortals
- Kahendrin was given all these details by Rossignol, so might shed some light on what approximations towards them the Empire might make
- Pursue this only if PC's seem interested

Task 4: The Virtue of communication and diplomacy

- In your mind there is no conflict between the path of Virtue and the world view Lashonar represents. There must be better ways to hold the borders of the Empire than constant War and you are certain that there is Wisdom in communication.
- You have never been a great one for the detail in the Virtues though. Glory matters of course, being Dawnish, and Love but otherwise a general acknowledgement of the Way has been all you've needed in life. IF you should find yourself with time on your hands in Anvil, you'd like to discuss with Priests, probably Wisdom priests and maybe Priests of The Way as to how communication fits into the virtues, and which virtues support understanding and cooperation best

Task 5: After the Judging

After the judging we need to communicate to the winners about their opportunity at E2. We can do this with you visiting them on Sunday or if you don't have time we can drop Winged Messengers from you on them