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## Style Guides

All marks for punctuation, usage, grammar, and syntax are based on The Chicago Manual of Style 16<sup>th</sup> Edition, the Christian Writers Manual of Style 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, and Gilead's House Style Guide. Dictionary reference is Merriam-Webster 11<sup>th</sup> Edition.

**Style Note:** Editor recommends using verbs of utterance for dialogue tags. Smiled, pointed, nodded, shrugged, etc., are not verbs of utterance.

## Word Notes

till (instead of until)

grey (not gray)

towards (instead of toward)

flagon [flask]

tankard [beer glass]

festering figs [exclamation]

by the abyss [exclamation]

by Taus [exclamation]

## Places

Adriel River

Ajalon [the Great Kingdom]

Ancient Arch

Azab Rock [an island]

Cutter Crags

Darkzone / Dimzone [regions of the Rif'twine]

Deep Caves

Droyl [town?]

Echo Pool

Elam Highlands [plateau above Guardian Grotto]

Enderite Territory / Kingdom

Endorai River

Erridale River

Feyn River

Guardian Grotto

Gworlin Vale [town]

Gwyndorr [city]

Harnai [town]

Jabal River

Lydora [capital city of Tirragyl]

Outer/Inner Peaks

Rhorhan Sea

Rif'twine [forest]

Rogue's Neck

Root Room [inside Deep Caves]

Ruin Rim Mountains

Silver Birch Grove [outside Gwyndorr's gates]

Snow Barb Turret [peak]

The Fading Fall

The Fang [peak]

The Fissure

Tirragyl [land]

Tribunal Rondel [in Parashi village]

Two Plague Pass

Waif's Cleft

Wailands

Western Cantref

Winter Pass

**Note:** terms such as *southerners* or *the north* are not capitalized unless they are part of a proper name.

## Plants & Animals

Plants and species are not capitalized. Exceptions are indicated in this list.

Chay'ets tree	mead [alcoholic drink]
Crypin [Pearce's large grey stallion]	muus [boiled roots]
delirea plant	octora silk
Foghounds	origo [steaming drink]
friga berry beer	quill-hare
frill trees	Sky & Skyrim [Nyla's horses]
fru-flies	snowbarb feather
grifling leaves	titan ants
Grubear	tsebee
Krola & foal Kharin [horses]	weeping willow tree
Lila [horse]	Yorrel [Fritzin's horse]

## Species & Races

Brethren of Taus	Parashi [Warriors]
Charab	Rif'iends [demons in Rif'twine]
Charabian [leader of Charab]	riflers / Rifler Gangs [outcasts]
Highborn	rooters
House of Taus	the Banished
Lowborn	Tirragylins

## Magic

The proper names of power rocks are capitalized. When simply referred to as "rock" or "power rock," they are lowercase, with the exception of the Guardian Rock, which is capitalized as Rock. Same goes for spells.

Cerulean Dusk Dreamer	Old Writing / Old Tongue / Old Script
Death Spell	Ra'aph-aqeb [the arming word]
Guardian Rock(s)	Verity Gem
Mind Rock [midnight black with flecks of white]	Vulcan Rock(s) [glow for light]
Old Magic	Word Art Brothers

## Miscellaneous

Ancient King	Royal Banner
Barracks	Royal House
Disgracing	sovereign [money]
Garrison and Gallows [game played by Parashi]	Spring Festival
Giver of Breath / Giver and the Taker	Summer Fair
Hundred Year War	the Great Purge
murk malady	the Invasion
Palace Guards / Town Guards	the Rift

## Characters

Name	Description
Ab'El	High King of Ajalon
Aislin	young Ajalon girl, Sarah's sister
Aknor	Randin's father-in-law
Alexor	King of Tirragyl, Nyla's twin brother, long mane of hair
Andreo	former monk of Brethren of Taus, herbal alchemist
Aron	young Ajalon boy, Sarah's brother
Aryeh	Charab, Elxa's kin
Bedan	Ajalon elder, old man, considered Taus like a son
Bent Bandit	maker of friga berry beer
Brun	child of the Charabian, Elxa's sibling
Chaorlin	forefather of the Parashi, drew map to tunnels
Charabian	short, powerfully-built, greying curly hair, thick dark beard, green eyes
Chief Amrhan	Parashi chief
Crif	older Parashi Warrior
Daric	young Ajalon man
Derry	deceased, Jed's father; Pearce's brother
Drul	Enderite trader, brother to Pry
Eben	Charab, Elxa's kin
Eliad / Eli	Ajalon elder, Shara's guide
Eloni	young Ajalon girl, Sarah's sister
Elxa	Charab Warrior, shorter, younger than Klyden, rounder face, green eyes, dark hair
Eni	Parashi Commander
E'shua / Shua	Prince of Ajalon, tall, olive skin and a mass of thick black hair, full beard, dark brown eyes
Frey	child of the Charabian, Elxa's sibling
Frintin	rifter
Fritzin	Parashi scout
Ga'abri	Ajalon general, bald, moustache, thickset, bushy eyebrows
Ghris	Shara's male cousin
Gold Breast / Tabeal	red & gold bird
Gruel	leader of the rifters Nicho saved fleeing to the Grotto
Gruna	Parashi Warrior in Deep Caves with Kella
Gwian	wiry Parashi Warrior
Hosra	older Parashi warrior
Issor	Randin's second-in-command

Name	Description
Izra	Parashi Warrior commander
Jabur	oldest Parashi Warrior Commander
Jed	boy of less than five, ward of Nicho
Jeol	Parashi scout, shot
Jeru	young Parashi scout
Jezrel	mother of Taus's son
Jotach	father of Nemar
Joyl Aryeh	Charab, Elxa's kin
Kella	Parashi High Commander Mikel's daughter
Keros	Jezrel's brother turned leader of the Rif'iends
King Destaus	King during the first breach of the Grotto, hundreds of years earlier
Klyden	Charab, Elxa's cousin, green eyes, dark hair, chiseled features
Kol	Charab, Elxa's kin
Lohlyn	Klyden's sister, Nyla's lady-in-waiting, murdered by Elxa
Lord Briskyl	Gwyndorr elder in epilogue
Lord Lucian / Taus	Ajalon rebel, golden-brown eyes which go black
Lord Poldyr	Gwyndorr lord, Lord Lucian's father-in-law, deceased
Loryl	Parashi scout, killed by King's men
Luan	Parashi commander
Mada	Nyla's grandmother
Madoc	blade-smith from Gwyndorr
Maldor	someone at Shara's wedding feast
Marai	Nicho's mother
Marda	Ajalon woman/child?
Midge	Parashi Warrior, giant of a man
Mikel	Parashi High Commander tall, upright man with granite-grey hair and a face darkened by years in the sun, killed by Lord Lucian
Miriam	Ajalon girl, Sarah's sister
Nemar	Ajalon man who repents after falling away with Taus, Jotach's son
Nezer	Parashi Warrior commander
Nicho "Ko"	Groom at the Grotto, in love with Shara
Nowl	Wave Whisperer, friend of Klyden, smokes a pipe
Nyla	Queen of Tirragly, light blue eyes, white hair
Pearce	Parashi commander, scarred face
Pirian	Parashi Warrior
Pry	Enderite trader, younger than brother Drul, killed
Rabnin	Charab forefather

Name	Description
Rahel	Ajalon girl, Sarah's sister
Randin	Shara's "uncle," Gwyndorr captain, motivated by wealth
Raven	Spy Master
Rillon	King Alexor's army commander
Rohanna	Ajalon wetnurse
Rosa	resident of Grotto, small and slight, built like a boy, short-cropped dark hair, one of Nlcho's oldest friends, Simhew's mother
Ruan	Parashi scout
Shara / Sarah	Ajalon princess, dark-haired, curly, dark-brown eyes, about 16?
Simhew	Rosa's son
Sira	child of the Charabian, Elxa's sibling
Sirla	Parashi Commander
Swen	Klyden and Elxa's uncle
Tessor	Lord Poldyr's granddaughter, marries Lord Lucian
Urda	Yamiel's cousin's wife's brother; works for Lord Poldyr
Yamiel	Gwyndorr tavern owner, betrays E'Shua, short, chubby man
Yana	old Ajalon nanny, grey hair, taught E'shua and children to dance
Zeren	Parashi scout, mind-probed by Lucian