

# Adania

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How does one enter Faeryland? Why through a door of course! This is called a thin place. Where two worlds merge and become one. This is a threshold where one has access to an alternate and sometimes non-sensical dimension.

Faeryland has many names, some of which are Neverland, Wonderland, Land of the Fae, Land of Forever Summer and even as simple as the Otherworld. It is an immense realm of enchantment and magic. There are four directional realms within Faeryland each being ruled by a king and/or a queen. Adania is in the northern realm.

There are two main courts in Faeryland. The Seelie and the Unseelie. These two courts are historically at odds with one another. The Seelie being of the light and the Unseelie is aligned with the dark. Tatiana is the Seelie Queen of Adania. She is one of the Shinning Ones, a Tuatha de Danaan. The light she holds within illuminates her entire being. Her skin is translucent and milky with a dusting of shimmering rose. Her features are stunningly beautiful, and her eyes are mint green gold. Peeking through her long silvery white hair are the points of her delicate ears. When she looks upon you her gaze is clear and direct as is befitting her station as queen. She looks fragile and delicate but do not let that fool you for she is a strategist and a warrior at heart.

Unfortunately, her sister Majestic, has gone down the crooked path to the Unseelie side of the gate. She was no longer called Princess Majestic. She abdicated her position on the Seelie court and began to practice the dark arts. She was now called Malignia. A dark faery. Her translucent light began to dim, and her mint green gold eyes turned dark as night. A crow was her familiar and her constant companion. In her anger and jealousy of Tatiana she had become hateful and bitter.

Malignia was at complete odds with her sister Tatiana about engaging with humans. She blamed the humans for the death of their older sister Gaiana. Gaiana's spirit was intricately connected to the ancient oak forest so when the humans started felling the trees for pastureland and wood, in the green world, Gaiana's heart went dark. When the last of the enchanted oak trees were felled in the green world, that forest which was mirrored in Faeryland, died too. Gaiana's wrath had scorched it to the bones. It had become the Haunted Hallows.

It had not always been like this between the sisters. They had been close when they were younger. Even though they were all quite different, not only in how they looked but in temperament as well. Gaiana had red gold hair and was loving and kind while Tatiana's hair was silvery white, she would rather fight than waste her time loving. Majestic's hair was of a deep golden hue. She was gifted with happiness and a heart that was true.

When Gaiana was alive things were different. It was well known that when her father, the king, abdicated the throne that Gaiana would become queen. Sadly, when Gaiana was sucked into the dead world, their father was so saddened he could no longer perform his duties and that is how Tatiana became Queen of Adania.

The trouble between the two sisters came about when Tatiana began recruiting humans to become stewards of the earth. Majestic was adamantly against trusting humans, not only because of the death of her older sister but because of what they did to the ancient oak forest. Because of this, Majestic had stolen a male human baby as payment from the family who was responsible for the destruction of the forest. She considered it to be a life for a life. When Queen Tatiana heard of the plight of the human baby, she took it from the clutches of her sister taking it upon herself to be the baby's protector. She gave the baby to a childless elven couple and for all intent and purposes Queen Tatiana was like his fairy godmother.

After this insult, Malignia began to consort with a witch. This was not just any witch. This was the bone witch. She was called this because her house was made of chicken bones as were the bones she used for divination. "Teach me what you know," said Malignia, "and I will pay you well."

The witch gave her a nod and took her in as an apprentice for many years. The Bone Witch taught her how to extend her visions through scrying into water, how to transmogrify into a wild animal and to bend someone's will to her own as well as the use of herbs and plants for healing and spells. It was not unusual for faeries to work with witches but to fraternize with the witches that practice dark faery arts was frowned upon by the Seelie Court. When Tatiana got wind that she was dabbling with necromancy she was banned from the Seelie side of the realm.

When they were children Majestic, who was always happy and joyful, looked at her sister Tatiana as intimidating and unapproachable since she was so strategic and practical. Whereas the older sister Gaiana was always lovingly open and kind. Even as a child Gaiana had a special affinity for plants and trees. Because of her temperament Majestic always felt much closer to Gaiana.

One day Tatiana walked in on Majestic as she was attempting to do spell work. Tatiana scolded her.

"You should be learning how to protect the realm, not playing around with childish spells," admonished Tatiana. "It's not spells that win a war. It's expertise and cool thinking that will leave you the winner." Tatiana looked at her sister with a cool eye of judgment.

"But I think I have a knack for spells," argued Majestic. She turned from the mirror she had been using as a doorway and looked back towards Tatiana. When she did this her reflection did not turn in unison but kept staring forward with a slightly evil smile.

Tatiana could see the strange reflection, but Majestic had no idea what her sister was observing. Majestic's unmoving reflection let Tatiana know that there were two sides to her little sister. Majestic was completely oblivious to this, and it would not be for many years until the death of their sister Gaiana when that side of her started to make its presence known. For as happy and joyful as Majestic was the side of her that was angry and bitter started to take over. By the time she went to the bone witch to ask for apprenticeship she was no longer Majestic but now, Malignia was in complete control.

When she left the bone witch, she conjured her own stronghold high up in the mountains of Adania, where she could practice the dark faery arts in order to push forward her own agenda. She took full advantage of the dark highland sprites to act as her eyes and ears. A service she paid for handsomely. She needed time to make her plans on how she was going to execute this bold move.

Tatiana was not only a strong queen but was also a seasoned warrior with the entire Seelie court at her beck and call, not to mention the loyalty of most of the northern realm. Malignia was now an outcast. No longer the faery princess but now a sorceress of dark magic. Happiness was no longer an emotion that Malignia felt. She had gone cold to her very bone. Her only companion was her familiar. A huge, black crow that sat upon her shoulder.

Malignia would never forgive Tatiana for dishonoring their older sister Gaiana by fraternizing and protecting humans. It was clear to her that Tatiana was not fit to rule. Thus, began her plot to seize the crown.