

Bismark Valerian







Basic info:

- Name: Bismark Valerian
- Other names: Vestalia Kialdir (birth), Vestalia Rosenfeld (marriage, prior to battle of Carteneuve)
- Age (as of ARR): 47
- Birthdate: (real world equivalent) Nov 16th
- Race: Viera
- Class: Thaumaturge/Black mage
- Height: 6'4.5"
- Eye color: Purple
- Hair: Cool toned Silver (natural), Orange (died)
- Gender: Nonbinary

- Pronouns: They/Them
- Born in: Sharlayan (Dravanian colony)
- Family: Virdan Kialdir (father, deceased), Loralynn Kialdir (deceased), Elya Rosenfeld (wife)

Backstory:

- Parents had arrived at the Sharlayan colony in Dravania and settled there, both scholars with a deep love of knowledge. They'd previously been adventurers but wanted a quiet life, especially once they discovered they were going to have a child.
- They stayed in the colony for a little while, but growing frustrated with how Sharlayan was closed off in some respects and despite their dislike of war remained neutral and mostly stayed out of conflict their parents eventually left, settling somewhere in Coerthas highlands (pre-ice) and helping however they could
- One day when Vestalia was twelve years old both of their parents were killed by a dragon, leaving a young Vestalia alone. They were a clever child, and managed on their own for a little while before the money ran out and it was discovered the young child was alone and they were forced into an orphanage.
- They did not get along with most of the other children, repeatedly running away until eventually the people in charge gave up trying to bring them back, leaving Vestalia on their own. They ended up in the Brume for several years before striking out to eventually return to the Sharlayan colony their parents had once left, only remembering it from their stories as a place of great knowledge.
- Once arriving at the colony they realized they still had no money or means to get into any sort of schooling or home, so they ended up mostly stealing necessities and books, until they were caught one day stealing from the Rosenfeld family. The daughter of the family, Elya, was immediately curious and begged her parents not to press any charges, and instead let Vestalia work the debt off by working for the family. With no better options Vestalia accepted, working for the family in exchange for proper schooling and a place to live.

Elya:

- After moving in with the Rosenfeld family and going to school with Elya, the two became fast friends (despite Vestalia's best attempts not to), and eventually ended up dating.
- Elya had big dreams and was gifted with magic, pushing to become an archon and help more people. The two of them studied together frequently, though Vestalia did not have

such lofty goals and just had a love of knowledge, not pursuing their own magic beyond the basics.

- Eventually the two of them marry, despite protests from her parents.
- When talk of war and moving back to Old Sharlayan begins, Vestalia tries to insist that return to selfishly save their own skins. Elya, however, insists on staying in Eorzea to help, and unable to change her mind they reluctantly remain, relocating to one of the main city states to be of more help once the rest of the colony leaves.
- Around the time of this exodus, the Echo goes out, which Elya receives. This only sparks her desire to remain and help further, actively involving herself in helping with the efforts, much to Vestalia's disapproval. Still, they continue to follow along after her, nothing if not devoted to her if nothing else.

1.0/pre-ARR:

- When the war heats up and forces start gathering, Elya eagerly joins up. Vestalia mostly remains out of it, refusing to risk their life the same way their parents had and stubbornly trying to persuade her to do the same.
- When the battle at Carteneau happens, Elya insists on helping and joining the forces of the grand companies. Vestalia stays behind, still refusing to join in, though as things keep getting worse they finally panic and head out intending to collect her and take her away from the fighting.
- Unfortunately, Vestalia does not arrive on time, finding Elya right after she's been grievously wounded and she dies in their arms.
- Before she dies she makes them promise to help in her stead, to help the world recover and heal from what happened, unknowingly passing along the gift of the Echo, essentially melding their souls and unknowingly triggering their being the WOL (since Elya was originally the shard of Azem for the Source, but in this joining her fate becomes theirs)
- Despite acquiring the Echo and the promise to Elya they end up leaving, wandering for a little while in their grief and changing their name to Bismark Valerian, trying to ignore Hydaelyn's call until it's impossible to. Eventually they end up heading toward Ul'dah and beginning their adventure.

Current (updating):

ARR:

- Bismark has been actively trying to ignore the Echo and Hydaelyn until now
- With the promise to their wife hanging over their head, Bismark goes along with helping Thancred and the Scion