

ROOTS-OF-LIFE

Orchid Application

"I want brimstone in my garden, I want roses set on fire."

@Sn0wspark

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NAME

ORCHID

GENDER

DEMIBOY

COLONY

SKY

RANK

LEADER

About

Name	Orchid
Name meaning	Named after black orchids for his dark fur
Nicknames	Ori
Gender	Demimale
Pronouns	He/they
Sex	Male
Sexuality	94+ months
Age	Gay demisexual
Colony	Sky
Rank	Leader

Appearance

Appearance	Fluffy black smoke tom with folded ears
Scars	-

Impairments	-
Accessories	-
Genotype	ll BB aa McMc spsp titi li Ccs Sfsf

Personality

Refined, poised, and intelligent, you'll never see Orchid with a hair out of place. He is very tidy and organized, if a little bit bossy, tending to try to force his organizational standards on everyone else around him. Still, he's a natural leader with a commanding presence. Even if he rarely speaks above a murmur, he has a natural ability to command the room and is quick to take control. However, he has very little patience for cats he perceives as stupid and can be rather abrasive towards them. As harsh as he is towards others, his standards for himself are just as harsh if not more so, and he beats himself up a lot in private.

Family

Tinder • Parent • @peeperonipip • *Missing*

Fuzzy black smoke cat

Darcie • Surrogate Mother • NPC

Seal point molly with folded ears

Griffin • Stepfather • @SnOwO

Black and white tom

Nightshade • Sister • Owned by @peeperonipip • *Deceased*

Fluffy black molly with folded ears

Laurel • Brother • Owned by @Snorlax Jax • *Deceased*

Fluffy seal point tom with folded ears

Sheep • Stepsister • @SnOwO

Black and white molly

Goose • Stepsibling • @hawkthespork

Grey and white cat

Nettle • Mate • Owned by @SnOwO

Red and white mackerel tabby tom

Cinders • Paternal Aunt • NPC

Large black smoke molly

Charcoal • Paternal Grandmother • NPC

Black smoke molly

Bear • Paternal Grandfather • NPC

Large colourpoint tom

History

Early Life

Orchid was born to the Fire Colony leader, Tinder, along with a sister, Nightshade, and a brother, Laurel. He looked up to his parent a lot, wanting to be just like them and be in charge of a large group like that.

Growing up, it was obvious that Laurel could not be more different to his siblings. He was more outgoing, while Orchid and Nightshade were both quieter cats with an interest in taking over Tinder's position one day. Thus, Orchid quickly began seeing her as a rival to their own ambitions.

Then, Thunder died. The Fire Colony had yet to see death until that point, and it left a lot of cats feeling quite shell-shocked. Orchid mostly kept to himself, wanting to come to terms with it on his own rather than having to deal with everyone else too. Alas, life went on, and eventually, two more kittens, Goose and Sheep, were born to Griffin and Stoat. There was a lot of hype around it, and Orchid could see why. New life was probably a comfort to those who were still unsettled.

He wished the kittens had had an easier kithood than what was actually going on in the Fire Colony, though. The Web Colony murdered three cats: Wisteria, Shredder and Pebble. Three founding members of the colony. Tinder made the choice to withdraw and put distance between their border and the Web Colony's, only for them to seize that chance and take the now free territory. If asked, Orchid would have said they'd known that anyone would take that chance.

Soon, the Fire Colony had created an alliance with the Lake Colony and the Frost Colony in order to defend themselves against the increasingly pushy Web Colony. Orchid participated in a massive border fight, fighting off a cat named Dusty with the aid of the Lake Colony leader's own daughter, Kelp. He lost another fight subsequently and was not able to stop what happened next.

The Lake Colony's leader was made mute, and stepped down to let Astrid take her place. But worse than that, the Web Colony won; the Fire Colony was driven out of their territory completely and were forced to take shelter with their allies in the Lake Colony.

Adulthood

Orchid felt that he was somewhat to blame for what had happened, and it certainly didn't help his mental state when Tinder chose Nightshade over them. She was made the Fire Colony's successor, leaving Orchid to be discarded like the dirt underneath their paws. Maybe it was because they'd lost in the battle. He yearned to prove himself to Tinder, but he felt that perhaps it was too late. If they'd already lost their opportunity to perform his calling, then what was his purpose in the Fire Colony?

Something to think about.

While they were sheltering in the Lake Colony, Orchid began growing close to Coral's son, Nettle. They bonded over both being leaders' kits, and Nettle's softer nature balanced out some of Orchid's harsher tones. However, tragedy soon struck. Laurel, along with Nettle's sister, Lily, were killed in a rockfall. Orchid felt almost like giving up. He'd lost his home, his aspirations for the future, and now, his brother.

Tinder became mates with another Fire Colony cat named Griffin, earning Orchid two step siblings, Sheep and

Goose. He didn't mind them, really.

However, things would not remain happy, not even tentatively so. Tinder went missing in a fox attack that killed Wasp and Millie, and Nightshade was made leader in their place. Through Orchid's grief, he could already see that Nightshade was leading the Fire Colony down a dark path. She cracked down on borders and security, creating a deep feeling of unease.

This feeling of unease was not abated when they were joined by a Frost Colony cat, Swirl, and she quickly became pregnant with Camellia's kittens. While Orchid did not say anything, they suspected that those two had been romantically involved for a lot longer than Swirl had been in the colony.

Swirl gave birth to three kittens, Jasmine, Snowdrop and Camellia. Viola was extremely sickly, garnering colony-wide concern for the small, fragile kitten.

Shortly after the birth, Clover Colony and Cavern Colony began accusing Fire Colony of stealing prey. Lupa and Raspberry confronted Nightshade, but were harshly disregarded by the latter. Orchid privately thought that this was a mistake. It wasn't a good idea for Fire Colony to be antagonizing their neighbours, but Nightshade didn't seem to care.

Whatever Viola had seemed to have made its way to the rest of the Fire Colony, as soon the entire Colony was being ravaged by sickness. Orchid felt completely helpless to do anything, and Nightshade must have too, which would be why she accepted the help of an outsider, Rune. He healed the sick and began spreading a new religion: Valenism.

Valenism caught on like wildfire in the Fire Colony. Orchid wasn't so enthused, but he held his tongue for the sake of his fellow residents. Nightshade completely reorganized the Fire Colony, creating new ranks and sorting cats into them. To Orchid's surprise, they were appointed as a commander alongside Griffin. He hadn't realized Nightshade had so much respect for him.

Nightshade's bad decisions came back in full swing when she unjustly exiled Solana and Aurora. Orchid, furious at what his sister was doing to his beloved Colony, spoke out against her. The ensuing argument was nasty, and by the end of it, Orchid had come to a decision. This was not the Fire Colony they loved, and they were no longer willing to stand aside and watch as Nightshade ruined their home. They left with Solana and Aurora in protest.

Living as a wanderer with Solana and Aurora was peaceful. And, now that he was no longer a member of the Fire Colony, he reconnected with Nettle, and began visiting the other tom regularly... and perhaps, even developing feelings for him.

It seemed like Nightshade had finally gotten the right idea about the Valenists, because they were now outside of the Fire Colony, congregating in a new outsider group. Although, it seemed as though an unfortunate amount of Orchid's ex-Colony followed them.

Shortly afterwards, earthquakes hit the territories. Neither Orchid, Solana or Aurora were overly affected, but the first thing on Orchid's mind was to go check up on Nettle. He was okay, but shaken, but seeing each other made both cats feel better.

Orchid's life continued as normal, until one day he heard bone chilling news: The Fire Colony had fallen. Nightshade

was dead.

Immediately, they felt devastated. Their Colony, their home, was now *truly* gone, and so was their sister. Orchid had had some differences with Nightshade, but that didn't mean he'd wanted her to *die*. That also left him as the last of his family. He had never expected to outlive everyone.

Following Fire Colony's fall, his stepsister Sheep and her mate, Hazel, became wanderers, and became a part of Orchid's little group. He had never really viewed Sheep as a sister before, but now, he started really bonding with her. On top of Sheep joining them, another Fire Colony resident, Prairie, and her four children, Fallow, Antelope, Elk and Caribou did as well.

After that, there was an explosion of new Colonies, and Orchid and Nettle were only getting closer, until one day, they became mates. One day, Orchid confided in Nettle that he missed the Fire Colony, and he missed his old dream of one day leading it. Nettle pointed out that he could still do that, albeit not with the Fire Colony anymore.

Orchid thought about that, and he realized that Nettle was right. So, he gathered up his friends and formed a new Colony to call their own: the Sky Colony. However, knowing what Nightshade did to the Fire Colony, he wanted to make sure that something like that could never happen to the Sky Colony. So, he created the council, as a sort of check to his power. Immediately, he wanted Solana and Aurora to be his right hands, and he decided to appoint Prairie as well, due to her experience.

Trivia

Interests

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Beliefs

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Other

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