

# The Hobbit: a Modern AU by Tauriel

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## Families

### The Devlin Family

With a family name meaning 'unlucky', the Devlin clan can be expected to have misfortune in their wake, and they do. This family's string of disaster and adversity began long before the birth of Thorin, the oldest surviving direct member, and he has known bad luck his entire life. His mother passed away due to complications during the birth of his youngest sister, Di; his younger brother, Frerin, was deployed and killed late in the Vietnam War; his father, widely regarded by business partners as mad, disappeared shortly after under suspicious circumstances. Though Thorin and Di inherited a large fortune from this loss, bad luck would strike again -- Di fell in love with a drifter by the name of Val and, enraged at her intent to marry such a man, Thorin estranged himself from her. He took most of their inheritance and embarked on a series of poor business ventures that left him years older, bitter, and bankrupt.

During Thorin's absence, Di had a son, Finlay; she was carrying her second child when Val and young Finlay were in a brutal car accident that killed the father and left the son with a brain injury.

*patriarch:* Thorin

*matriarch:* Di

*direct members:* Finlay and Kieran, two attractive and personable brothers with a love of nature.

### The Lasgalen Family

*patriarch:* Thranduil

## Characters

### Finlay "Fili" Devlin

Finlay is spirited, relaxed, and incredibly bright. Naturally intuitive and social, he makes friends wherever he goes; so loquacious is he that one would hardly know he is disabled. When he was very young, he was involved in the car accident that killed his father, and he sustained a severe injury to his developing brain; as he grew, he suffered seizures and tremors, which grew progressively less severe as his brain established connections around the injury. Now, at twenty-five years of age, he only endures minor twitches of his head and brief periods of "zoning out", which he recovers from without incident.

Given his injury, one might suspect Finlay to have suffered intellectually. In fact, the opposite has occurred -- beneath his inquisitive blue eyes and messy blond hair, Finlay has the mind of an artistic genius. While he finds the usual school subjects painfully boring, he excels at the tactile arts. He spends most of his time in his modest studio, where he can be found painting, sculpting, woodworking, and glassblowing.

Finlay has an incredibly strong relationship with his brother Kieran, one that some people might consider codependent. Though he is fiercely independent in spite of his injury, Finlay is terrified of the idea of being without his brother (whom he will never call his caretaker, even if Kieran considers himself one). Weekdays are the only time they spend apart, as Kieran attends college while Finlay works in his studio; but on weekends, they wander the Washington wilderness together, going beach-combing, hiking through forests, climbing mountains, and spending nights camping.

## Kieran “Kili” Devlin

Outgoing, charismatic, and easy on the eyes, Kieran is A-plus dating material, your classic Mister Tall, Dark, and Handsome. Behind the dark curls and scruffy jaw and cheerful brown eyes, he has a sharp mind and a reckless heart; his foolhardiness often gets him into trouble, but his quick wit, and his brother’s help, always get him out. Kieran is a lover of mountains and stone, and he studies Geology at Evergreen State University; nobody is quicker to identify a rock than he is.

When Kieran announced his intent to move away for college, his first stipulation was that his brother Finlay come with him. Though he is the younger of the two, Kieran is viciously protective of his brother, as Finlay has endured many cold stares and harsh insults (sometimes from his own family) due to his injury.

## Thorin Devlin

## Tauriel “Taryn” Lasgalen

## Legolas Lasgalen

## Thranduil Lasgalen

## Playlist

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