

Clan Meadowland



Clan name: *Meadowland*

Clan colors: *Green, gold, brown*

Year of Formation: *2876*

Clan element: *Earth*

Clan allegiance: *Earthwood*

Clan Trade: *Mix of Soldiers and farmers.*

Clan Matriarch: *Gaiagosa*

Clan Heir: *Trillius*

Clan Founder: Danyas

Number of living members: 27

Member list:

- ***Owned by Shooter:*** *Gaiagosa, Trillius, Danyas, Althea, Zoysia*

Introduction

Meadowland is a clan of soldiers and farmers, however has been declining due to poor management, and overall decline in services for many years. As an earth clan, they take the appearances of trees or flowers, and often are more suited for farming, or gardening depending on preference and role; this often is superseded by the idea of them becoming career soldiers in the Warfang army.

History

Pre-clan days: Before the founding of Meadowland, the family of which took its name after their crops, had made a homestead in the east of Warfang. Many had estates in the Rich Farmlands, and even some stretching to the nearby Lush Fields, where eventually they would sell produce in either Paradise Bay or in Warfang City. Most however, went unnoticed by Warfang, and the Council. While in the eyes of Warfang proper they'd be seen as mostly farmers, those of the Meadowland family had a wide variety of traditions either celebrated with other families, generally being akin to festivals of some kind. And, while they weren't celebrating, they were at work, tending to the fields and their gardens.

Rise to Clanhood

While there were aspirations for clanhood, they believed that even a large family of farmers wouldn't be able to become such a thing, so for hundreds of years the idea remained all but a distant dream. However, sometime in the early 2800s, and with the war with the apes, they had been called onto the battlefield. As the years dragged on, the clan would begin to grow a subculture, a warrior culture of some kind. While on the battlefield originally they were not very notable, some gained an affinity for the art of war, rising through the ranks of Warfang. But, there were some that were opposed to a more warrior mentality, and the family began to show some cracks within the family.

Two sides of the family had begun to form: one of the warriors, and one of the farmers, bakers and gardeners. While never truly separate, and still family, some tension had grown and visible leadership rose from their respective ranks. While the two sides would never truly mend their broken bonds, the farmers and their riches would often fund those that preferred war, allowing them to buy armor and other amenities.

Eventually, a dragon by the name of Danyas had grown to conscription age, but before that had shown a more aggressive nature. This attitude was often nurtured by his father and grandfather, both being warriors at heart, and those that brought Danyas to do the same. When at war, he built upon the reputation of his fathers, and it began to catch the interest of the Council. Often, even as a soldier, they would endeavor to show initiative on the battlefield. Offering themselves for missions or leading where they could. For their lineage of notable achievements on the battlefield, both from the lower ranks and even officers, those of Meadowland were able to prove themselves strong assets. Capturing and holding objectives seemed to come easy, which while the apes pushed toward Warfang territory, was needed.

2892: Over the years, Clan Meadowland had found itself focusing more on soldiers, and slowly became lax in terms of what now gave them a meager income: farming. Their land, as of that point in time, was not enough to sustain their clan with the best equipment nor other expenses. Under the control of Danyas, Meadowland's farmers slowly were phased out, mainly used for contracts or unions with other clans. This however was rather lax, as Danyas didn't wish to disturb the clans' preference for romantic relations much, although in the end a few members had begun to grow discontent. What expenses were spent on the land was used instead for equipment, and for a time, Danyas planned to find another means of producing money. For a time, they would prosper as a new clan, even reaching into the 2930s. But, eventually the rifts formed years earlier had come about again, due to Danyas and his son, Sypherin.

Downfall

2940s: Meadowland's downfall was attributed to a few factors, however what is most accepted by those of Meadowland, was that the poor management and balance of the family had left it easy to crumble. When Sypherin became Patriarch, he brought up the idea of contracts with as many in the clan as possible, mainly wishing to boost Meadowlands numbers and power. Before this, Meadowland had generally been lax on contracts, or rathered romantic attraction over legal obligation. However, the contracts Sypherin had signed began to stir up unrest, with many refusing to be part of it. Those who didn't follow were threatened with being removed from the clan, and in one case such a thing would happen.

After this event, and Sypheris had been sent to war again, a few family members took it upon themselves to reshape the leadership of the clan. While Meadowland expected Sypheris to come back from war, it was later found that he had been killed, although the events surrounding his death were never clarified. His daughter, Gaiagosa as heir to the clan, was then raised by her relatives in the hopes that clan leadership could stabilize. While clan leadership at the time would allow the situation to mend itself somewhat, Gaiagosa had become resentful of those that led instead of her, and when she came of age a mass banishment had been declared.

Many of these leaders were those of the farmers and bakers, those who had helped to fund the clan, and those of which now turned their profits to other places. From the 2940s onwards, the clan would slowly decrease in size and wealth, with either members being killed or abandoning the clan altogether. Gaiagosa would bear an heir named Trillius, and the clan's funds were often used on him, rather than armor and supplies for war.

Even into his adult life, Trillius would reap the rewards of what little Gaiagosa had left, as she believed that it was what she could do to make up for her mistake of ruining Clan Meadowland. Some due to this shortage of funds, would move to the larger cities looking to find jobs, and pay for their own wellbeing. This left those like Agrostis, father of Zoysia, unable to acquire armor for war which would cost him his life in the Darklands.

Those like Althea, the mother of Zoysia, would find inadequate funding for Zoysia's education and their own health. Communication in the modern day has broken down between all members of the clan, with what little remains only ever meeting sparingly, if at all. Those like Zoysia, those of the new generation, often have never met another member of their clan. Some elders of the clan have thought about disbanding the clan entirely, however even in the present day there is pushback, with Trillius hoping it can once again gain notoriety. Even if public departures from the clan are common, Trillius continues to push, and currently the elders of the clan are looking into replacing the current atriarch.

In the modern day, there are members of the clan that still fight in the army, from the Darklands and still against the apes.

Trade

Meadowland's trade often involves the field of combat, but in the past, was somewhat focused on the export of crops from a small plot of land they have. However, the occupation of soldiers took over the clan, far removing them from their roots as farmers.

Estate

Meadowland's estate is mostly farmland, with one large mansion seated on one of the hills, paid for by whatever the clan makes. This has been the main reason, as well as the heir being treated lavishly, that most of the clan cannot provide for themselves. Overtime, due to the growing decline of Meadowland's numbers, the actual mansion is often not filled, however it is always inhabited by the patriarch and the heir. Those poorer like Althea and Zoysia often never heard much about it, nor have been invited there, as their presence is known little to the rest of the clan as is. The actual structure consists of a courtyard, and a rather large living area, filled with other lavish gifts and other features.

Appearance

Like many earth clans, Meadowland dragons take on the appearance of plants, trees and so on. Originally, this was integral to the meaning of the Meadowland clan, with there being a culture of learning to care for nature itself, which was reflected on their bodies. However, in the case of Clan Meadowland, the meaning was lost and replaced with representing the "good nature" that Warfang was so abundant with. These views didn't become radical like how some other clans took their views, however became a sort of cultural identity, and something to unite under while the clan began to come apart. Typically, their appearance takes on the traditional season, mainly Fall and Summer, while those with winter or spring-like appearances might have been rare.

Reproduction

Reproduction for those in Meadowland has always been seen as rather lax, with many not willing to go through with contracts, or have hard times with forced unions. As such,

traditionally Meadowland aims to encourage romantic relationships, while pushing those members to have offspring. At times, they've tried unions and contracts, although this was met with backlash.

Elements

Earth is the primary, and only element within the clan, often green or brown due to the coloration of those in Meadowland.

Culture

The culture of Clan Meadowland is traditionally driven by their history in the Army, such as poems focusing on their achievements, or their upbringing having focused on their eventual service. Focus is put into the element, like their non-clan relatives, however it is focused on the many offensive ways of using it. As such, their clan's culture is more aggressive, and mixed with military service leads some to be sometimes cold.

There are a few different cultures within the clan however, one deriving directly from military service, and something more akin to their farmer roots. Many from the main line often take on the more soldier-like personality, given their occupation and given role to lead by example. Some that live abroad, like those in Warfang City, might take on a different outlook due to their environment.

The Shepard: Among the members of both Clan Meadowland and the family, there is a leader of spiritual events called the Shepard, and in general cultural events the clan might conduct. These individuals are often older members of the clan, elders who help in the leadership of it, and oversee much of the newcomers to the clan. They will "bless" in a way unifications, the hatching of eggs, and lead in events while maintaining the only official link between the family and the clan to the modern day.

Poems

Poems often were made in the early years of the clan, particularly to help validate the formation of the clan in the eyes of those joining the clan, and to provide some morale when going to war. Often they told of the goals of Clan Meadowland, such as one listed below

Wings of Meadow: *“O'er fields of grain and golden hue, called by shining of the morning dew. Farmers and soldiers all unite, to keep burning the union's light. In lands afar and vineyards near, a creed to follow and adhere. Wings of Meadow both gold and green, set forth for lands hostile and serene...”*

Food and Drinks

Because the means of actually producing their staple cuisine was removed due to the split, many of the internal recipes from the clan often are just from across Warfang, or few have taken some simpler recipes and drinks from their kin.

Relations

Lotus Vale

Meadowland Family

The Meadowland Family, contrary to their kin in the clan, observe a rather stress free life. Their wealth often pays for their schooling and bail from the draft, allowing for more time focused on the fields, meaning more long term production. Many of the wounds from their kin creating the clan have been healed, although it is still talked about by the family's elders from time to time, who often cite the creation of Clan Meadowland as a fool's errand.

History

The history of the family goes far back into the 2100s, particularly between the union of two earth dragons, who would eventually take on the name Meadowland. It's written in their records that this deal, while a business move, was in part influenced by the two dragon's affection. Eventually, a deal was struck to merge the families and their land. From there, the family of Meadowland would be born, and with it, a business focused on the production of food and drinks.

2942: Much of their history follows the same trend, even up until the creation of the clan, however during the downfall of Clan Meadowland the family began to receive visitors. After the clan began to fracture and crumble, members of the clan had attempted to rejoin the family business, and were met with lukewarm welcome at first. Some elders in the family still were bitter over the split, and at times this made it impossible for members such as Althea's father to find a home there. Many were far different both in attitude, and a need for more farmers wasn't particularly pressing. More so the reasoning for rejecting most at first was said to be about this point, and it being an unnecessary cost on the business, while in reality the issue had many layers. The first to arrive were sent away, however as more came back, the issue was pressed on what exactly to do.

Some of those in the family had begun to have some sympathy for those from the clan, finding out more and more about their actual situation, and quietly some elders of the family tried to hide their shame. A few were taken back into the family business, however the two drastically different cultures clashed, and at times made coping with the other difficult.

Present: The Meadowland family even to the present day is producing their tried and true products. Those who came back from Clan Meadowland eventually did settle, working their way back into the family, and their way of life. In the current day, Meadowland is looking to expand how much they could make, either by hiring more workers, or perhaps buying out other businesses in the area.

Culture

Unlike their counterparts in the clan, and due to their trade of being farmers first, many of those in the family are instead taught to focus on their connection to the earth. Compared to the clan they may seem aloof.

Food and Drinks

Produce, food and drinks alike, are all rather important to the family of Meadowland. It is how they've been able to sustain themselves throughout the years. Many recipes are kept safe within their lands, either kept in books, or rather by the elders of the family. Some are even served at the restaurant they own, which as one might expect, is run right on their own land.

Food

Bin of Bits: A Bin of Bits is a bread bowl, filled with meat to the consumers liking, often cooked over an open flame for an extra taste. These bits of meat, if cooked, are slow roasted with salt or other spices to boost its flavor. The bread itself has a hard crust and airy on the inside, making sure none of the juices from the meat leak out, and however flavor the inside bread.

Road to Paradise/Grape Pie: This is a sweet pastry, which like the name suggests, takes on the appearance of a road or path made of interconnecting grids of pastry. Within the pie itself, is grape of either red or green color, though green is more favorable given the clans color. The name is actually derived from where some of the ingredients come from, which are usually taken from markets in Paradise Bay, and used in this old family recipe.

Drinks

Great Meadow Beer: This beer is rather simple, brewed from the wheat belonging to the Meadowland family, and is used to test the knowledge of new brewers in the family.

Cream of the Meadow: Cream of Meadow takes a rather different approach than that of Great Meadow Beer, with it including Milkroot in its ingredients, along with sweeteners to make a sort of creamy booze.

Meadowland Wine:

Gallery



Althea by CapperTrobe



Zoysia Second Design by SowkaDraws

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Zoysia Third Design by SowkaDraws

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