

Mallos

At a glance

- Patron deity of Spain.
- One of the more common deities on Shaman.
- Patron of the Shaman royal family.

Character Profile

Name: Mallos (mal-loss [Anglicised] or mal-yoss [Spanish])

Gender: Cisgender male

Sexuality: Pansexual

Nationality: Spanish

Magic:

- Identifiable by the colour yellow.
- Excels at psychic magic.

Appearance: Mallos has dark olive skin, black hair and black eyes; he stands a little over 6 foot tall. He can usually be seen in black clothing, often sporting a cigarette. Mallos has a tendency towards casual clothes and posture, often slouching, and has fluid movements. He has difficulty sitting still and is usually on the move.

Looks favourably upon:

- People with a criminal record, especially those who are trying to do better now.
- Children.
- People who are brave and intelligent, especially if they can match wits with him.
- People seeking to protect or better their families.
- Hispanic people.

Looks unfavourably upon:

- Soldiers and other military people, especially lower-grade military people (e.g. guards).
- Italians.

Personality: Mallos has a complex personality. He is distinctly immoral and lacks a conscience, but likes and is loyal to moral people who keep him in check (most of the time). He tends towards hyperactive and hyperfocus states, typically causing trouble when in the former. He's playful, fun-loving and loyal to those he likes, but his loyalty and respect is difficult to attain.

Mallos is theatrical, dramatic and artistic; he has a passion for mechanics and loves his family. He's intelligent, perceptive and charismatic, and loves to antagonise people.

Relationships with other deities:

- Close friends with Aura (now deceased), Thoth (now deceased) and Caspian (now deceased). Mallos still maintains contact with Aura in her role as Guide of the Dead, but not the other two.
- Previously had a crush on Kiya (now deceased).
- Acts as an antagonist for most of the other deities, Rhaegar and Allianah in particular.
- Enemy of Gwythr.
- Associates with Zed and Lorraine.

Epithets

Native language: Spanish

Native term: señor

Epithets: ra ankh ("the living sun"), akh-tu ("one who is effective"), neb-hedjedjut ("lord of rays"), ab-em-neferu'ef ("one who boasts of his perfection"), kha-tu ("one who shines")

Council Role

Mallos is a member of the Council of Originals but currently has no specialised role. He has previously served as the International Ambassador of Earth.

Monotheistic Cult

Operates on a similar set-up to the Auran Church, except that it is more decentralised. Each country has its own denomination, with its own Four Prophets. There is no official leading denomination, which can lead to power struggles, but generally the Spanish division is in control of the others. At the moment, the Spanish division is in control but their authority is contested by the Mexican division. There are churches in Spanish-speaking South America, across the Mediterranean and southern Europe, northern Africa, and the Philippines.

The top leaders of each Church are often corrupt, power-hungry and self-centred, but the lower parts of the hierarchy are much better. The Spanish division is generally counted among the worst for corruption, while the Mexican is among the best. Recently, the Spanish division got a little too big for its boots and Mallos was forced to personally intervene in their decision-making; he ousted a lot of the High Priests, including the Fourth Prophet of Mallos, and replaced them with trusted people. This has led to an internal power struggle and a divide within the Spanish division.

As a general rule the Mallosian lot don't take their religion as seriously as some of the others, and there are a larger number of celebrations. Typical.

Perhaps a Dionysian-style external/unofficial cult or branch with little worship that isn't involving celebration and hedonism? Also Saturnalia style celebration each year (April Fool's meets Role-swapping - students act like teachers, parents obey children while children dole out punishments, etc) - Edel

Polytheistic Roles

- Appears in polytheistic cults as a god of romance, fertility, the sun, the hot seasons, festivities and celebrations, wine, trickery and mischief, light, guardian of children. Most known for: the sun, guardian of children.

Reputation on Shaman

- a mixed bag. Because Gwythr used his name and face to commit many crimes, the cultural taboo around both has been hard to break, even though everyone now knows it wasn't him. Many people of the war generation still find Mallos intimidating and use his name in the place of monsters (e.g. "eat your greens or Mallos will come and gobble you up!"). The negative connotations attached to him are gradually fading, however, and he is generally beheld with a kind of wariness. His close relationship with the royal family is respected, but he is seen to have a volatile, unpredictable personality that many are unsure of.