

Basic Info

Name: Solanacée / La Chanteuse Pâle

Faceclaim: Vivian Banshee (Zenless Zone Zero)

Occupation: Youkai / Local Cryptid

Age: 200+

Height: 162 cm / 5'4 ft

Weight: 115 lbs / 52 kg

Eyes: Red

Likes: Classical Music, Tea, Pastries, Cats, Medium-rare Steak, Gambling (when she wins)

Dislikes: Alcohol, Rock Music, Children, Gambling (when she loses), The British

Talents: Losing Money at Casinos, Singing, Swordplay

CB: Le Chant Des Lys De La Nuit / Song of the Night Lilies

- Solanacée's Celestial Blessing is Song of the Night Lilies. She can imbue her voice with Aether, causing a variety of effects on those who hear it.
- She can charm, weaken, strengthen, and attack with her voice, though using it for a prolonged period can damage her vocal cords and render her unable to speak or sing for a rather long time.
- She primarily uses it to charm unsuspecting citizens, whom she then kills and devours, not unlike a vampire.
- Notably, despite the various effects, she cannot spread her Aether Attribute using her Blessing. Even she isn't sure why.

Aether Attribute

- Solanacée's Aether is incredibly toxic to anyone other than her, meaning nearly all of her attacks, even ones that only scratch the opponent, can have a lasting effect.
- When one is affected by it, her Aether has an effect similar to a neurotoxin. It causes damage to the nervous system and can cause paralysis in the wounded area.

- She can also billow it out over a wide area, causing any breathing the air in the vicinity to be affected, though she rarely does this as it has an incredibly short duration and leaves her completely drained after.

Divine Tool: Le Épine Venimeuse / The Venomous Thorn

- The sword she was born from. It is an ornamental rapier with the ability to sprout thorny vines imbued with the wielder's Aether. Naturally, due to Solanacée's Aether Attribute, it earned a rather toxic title.
- The vines can sprout from anywhere on the blade, but typically appear either near the hilt or from the tip of the sword.

Backstory Outline/Trivia

- A Youkai born from an occult ritual. There was once, very long ago, a small cult in Annecy, France. This cult could cast mystics and access the dark arts. These spells, however, were actually basic Aetherial techniques. The cultists had unknowingly learned how to use them over the course of a few hundred years, despite not knowing the true nature of what they were wielding. The cult held a ceremonial sword that they believed could be used in a ritual to summon their "divine mother", or in other words, their god. The ritual involved sacrificing several innocents and members of the cult in order to summon their figure of worship.
- Their god, of course, didn't exist. However, the ritual was not unsuccessful. The sacrifice of a few members with aether led to the birth of a new Youkai from the sword. She had inherited the murderous tendencies of the ritual and quickly slaughtered the remaining cultists using the weapon she was birthed from.
- Over the course of a few decades, she began to hunt from the shadows, gaining infamy as a cryptid that terrorized the town. "*La Chanteuse Pâle*", or "*The Pale Songstress*". She would lure in unsuspecting men and women around Annecy using her beautiful singing (Celestial Blessing) before leading them off into the night, never to be seen again. Many theorized that she could be a Melusine, a succubus-like creature from French folklore, but none that left with her ever returned to tell the tale.
- Over time, her influence grew and The Pale Songstress began to appear all over Southern France. Geneva, Marseille, Montpellier, even some towns over the Swiss border were serenaded with her alluring voice. Then, seemingly out of nowhere, she was gone.
- After her disappearance, many thought she was simply an urban legend, a fairy tale like all the other things that go bump in the night.
- However, years after she vanished, areas all around the world, far FAR from Annecy, have begun to hear a tempting song echo through their streets...