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# Dark Moon Caravan

**Hold Name:** Dark Moon Caravan

**Creator Name:** Rebecca Sulman

**Contact Member:** Joe Hill

**Current Holder:** Caravan Master Kirtik

**Badge and Colors:** Black moon with one thin silver crescent edge, centered on a field of blue with a star in the upper left quarter.

**Hold Beholden to:** None

**General Region Serviced:** Barrier, Drake, Kadanzer & Waterfall Holds

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The caravan is, on the whole, based on a large, extended family. Very few outsiders are let in, unless they marry into the family. Dark Moon consists of about 100 members; that number constantly fluctuates according to births, deaths and new people who are married in. Everyone is taught a variety of skills, and newcomers will find that those of the caravan are quite adept at anything they put their hands to.

The family is quite open with one another, and all take turns looking after the youngest ones, and anyone who is sick at the time. They are fiercely protective of one another, and will stand together as one on most occasions, often against those who seek to demean the worth of Traders.

Though as with the rest of Pern, women are not treated as equals with men, the Caravan holds this to a much lesser degree than anywhere else, for all must rely on one another to survive.

The women are generally in charge of all things considered feminine, such as cooking, cleaning, healing and such, and are also generally in charge of the caravans, making sure all are accounted for and secure. The men are in charge of those things considered manly, such as herding, fighting, hunting and such. Though they are stereotypical in this, every member of the caravan has at least a rudimentary knowledge of the various tasks required to keep the caravan strong against the harsh elements of life on the trailways of Pern and no one is afraid to pitch in, even against typical gender/job lines.

The children are all taught at an early age and often mature much faster and quicker than those who are Hall, Hold or Weyr bred. For travelling through the wilds as one does, they encounter many dangers and perils and are no strangers to disaster and death. For them, every day is a test of survival, and children must learn to grow up fast.

The caravan is based around the Kadanzer Hold area, travelling along the Barrier Mountains through Barrier, Kadanzer and Cathay Holds. The caravan's wealth is based around their herds; runners, goats and herd beasts, all of whom are crossbred between domestic and wild animals, so that they are sturdy in any terrain, but are still easily

handled. The caravan also trades different things, according to the time of Turn, and what's available. Mostly they also deal with those herbs, spices and medicines that are hard to come by but still in much demand. They are hard bargainers, and often somehow come out making the other person look as if they have topped the deal, when really they haven't.

The caravan is very musically inclined, and as such, the children often sing at gathers and so forth to earn themselves a few extra marks. They are also adept at making instruments, and sometimes sell them to those who cannot get to gathers, or need an instrument quickly.



## IMPORTANT PEOPLE

**Kirtik** -- Caravan's leader (41 in 2858)

**Gresha** -- wife of Kirtik (36 in 2858)

**Hafan** -- younger brother of Kirtik, Lead Beast Herder (37 in 2858)

**Pererger** -- Gresha's older brother;

**Tirlara** -- Pererger's wife

## CONNECTIONS AT THE WEYR (ages as of late 2857)

**G'tin** -- M, A=17, H=blonde, E=blue, HT=6'3". Rider of bronze Fordath, and as of 2857.11, Weyrleader of Kadanzer Weyr. G'tin is a driven and determined rider, believes he must excel and be the best possible rider, to repay the trouble he feels he brought onto the Weyr as a Candidate. He is a born leader, calm and reserved, icy manner in a crisis. He is no martinet, but he expects the most out of riders and is inclined to pointing out effort that is not satisfactory. Only child of Hafan of the Dark Moon Caravan, was a milk-brother to T'tin; cousin of greenrider Mayvin and of greenrider Tiairi. (Persona of Joe Hill)

**Tiairi** -- F, A=23, H=red, E=amber, HT=5'1". Tiairi is a bubbly, outgoing young woman with a zeal for life and the way it's lived. She is prone to bouts of silliness and flightiness, with a gift of gab and a penchant for food to top it off. Loves to share and sing with friends, and can be immensely dedicated and stubborn about a cause if she puts her mind to it. Owns green firelizard Lira, and is rider of green Beregeth. Daughter of Pererger and Tirlara; cousin of G'tin, Mayvin & T'tin. (Persona of Ellen Million)

**T'tin**, -- M, A=17, H=black, E=black, HT=5'6. T'tin is loving, caring, and is always ready to laugh. Carefree and funloving. Protective of his younger siblings, is a quick learner, musician and a skilled hunter with belt knives and bow and arrow. A child of the Dark Moon Caravan; owns a bronze flit, Sedis. Cousin of G'tin, Mayvin and Tiairi, son of traders, Gresha (mother) and Kirtik (father). Flies with FlameWind Wing. (Persona of Janet Bell).