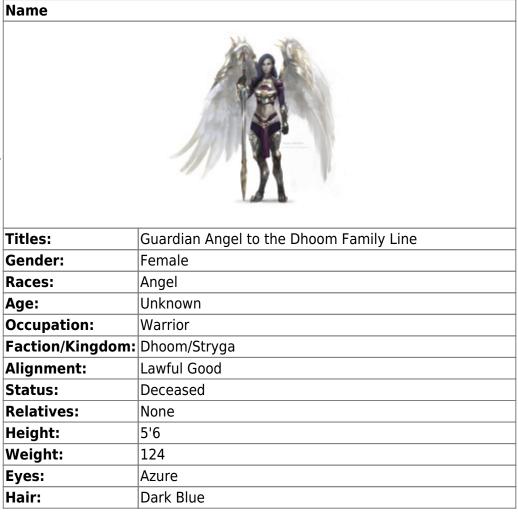
Alya Guardian Of Dhoom Family

Alya was once the guardian of the Dhoom family of necromancers and rulers of the desert kingdom of Stryga. She was an exile from the High Heavens and had dwelled on this realm for thousands of years. A former warrior commander of angelic legions. She was one of the greatest angels who **Gender:** surpassed nearly all others in beauty, knowledge, and power.

It was rumored that she was an eager participant Alignment: and leader in the rebellion of angels against the gods. She had been swayed to the Weight: rebellion with promises putting order to the chaos of creation. She had been defeated, her essence bound to a diamond that found its way to the mortal realm. The Dhoom family progenitor found this remarkable gem and made it into a pendant. Alya begged for her freedom, but was granted a limited version. She swore that as long as she could remain outside the gem she would guard the Dhoom family.



Biography

Alya was once the warrior commander of the Light Legion. She was an archangel and protector of the holy artifacts. One of her fellow archangels, tired of taking orders from the gods, led a rebellion. She knew that a rebellion could end in exile. The leader of the rebellion assured her that they would win. Alya agreed for the chance to be free. She loathed the mortals and resented the gods for abandoning them.

When the gods returned and quelled the rebellion, a punishment was chosen for the archangels involved. Alya was imprisoned within a gem and cast down to the mortal realm. She remained within the gem for centuries. It seemed that the moment she was on the edge of insanity something changed. The gem moved, and it passed from hand to hand. Eventually, it found ownership with the ruler of a tribe of humans. This ruler was well versed in arcane arts and could sense there was something peculiar about the gem.

Upon investigating it, he encountered the consciousness of Alya. She begged him to release her, but it was beyond his powers to sever her tie to the gem. He could, however, create her a form, one bound to his family line that would allow her to exist outside the gem. She understood this to be simply another prison, but one that she could live with. The ruler kept his word and ever since then Alya has watched over and protected the line of the Dhoom family and the kingdom of Stryga.

The Necromancer Wars

300 years passed and she continued her service, the mortal realm grew on her, as did the mortals. The first few hundred years she wrestled with the Dhoom family's use of necromancy. They were a different breed of necromancers. They saw death as a natural cycle in the order of the universe. They did not use their powers to enslave the dead, they instead had an agreement with death. Despite these powers, the kingdom had numerous enemies.

One such enemy was Arum-Dolthas, a lich, and a necromancer, he resided in a castle built out of tombstones. Arum had his minions dig deep into the earth, into tunnels owned by the dwarven and drow races. There he emptied the crypts of their dead and amassed a sizable army. He led his armies into Ayenee and returned with even more undead. He set his sights on Stryga and the family of necromancers that ruled it.

Three of the five Dhoom siblings died despite Alya's best attempts at saving them. The battle had moved mere miles outside the capital of the desert kingdom. Alya used every ounce of her angelic powers turning thousands of the dead to ash. She engaged the lich lord in single combat. It was then that she was attacked by the reaper angel Moonscar. The other angel had black wings and a scythe, she was mad, a servant of death itself twisted into a perverse lapdog. Alya fought against Moonscar nearly dying in the fight. She was aided by one of the Dhoom siblings and managed to deliver a fatal blow to the reaper.

Alya blasted Arum with a wave of holy energy, the undead burned to ash, but Arum shielded himself with his minions. He retreated for the moment, swearing vengeance on the angel. Alya collapsed her light slowly dimming. The Dhoom family replaced Alya within the gem and it lay in the family treasury for over a hundred years.

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The Great War

Alya resurfaced when Tyrial Dhoom discovered the gem within his family's vault. Alya had recovered from exerting her holy light during the necromancer wars. The land she awoke to was different, another war loomed on the horizon. Tyrial, Tyrion, and Ayla ventured across the Ayenee veil to the lands controlled by a woman named Celine Jules. At first, it seemed the two countries would be at odds and war, but an agreement was reached. Celine allowed the Dhooms and those of their lands safe passage to her Republic. Tyrion stayed on as an ambassador of Stryga and aided in Celine's council alongside the enigmatic Corban.

Tyrial and Alya returned to Stryga and rejoined with the other Dhoom siblings. A few weeks later news arrived via messenger from Celine Jules and Tyrion. Tyrion was accompanying Celine Jules and her delegation to Ayenee Capital City to meet with numerous kingdoms in hopes of forming a grand alliance. At first, Tyrial wanted nothing to do with an alliance.

He had high walls constructed around the capital of Stryga and the tunnels beneath it were secured by thick walls. Alya warded the walls with holy magic to keep evil beings from touching the walls without fear of pain. Stryga remained neutral in the talks and refused to join the coalition. Alya watched over the family as the months passed, then one-day news of Tyrion Dhoom's demise reached Stryga. The eldest brother of the necromancer family had died while aiding innocents fleeing the city.

Celine Jules arrived in Stryga, Alya healed Celine's physical wounds, but the mental scars of the war were beyond her powers. Celine had retrieved the body of Tyrion and brought him to Stryga hailing him a hero. She explained that many would have died if he had not held the line and sacrificed himself. Alya and Tyrial developed somewhat of a difficult relationship after his brother's death. Tyrial had been the next in line to rule and had chosen for Stryga to continue its neutrality in spite of his brother's sacrifice.

The Darkthornes had a vast army and though they outnumbered Stryga's defenses, Tyrial had a plan if they arrived in Stryga. Talis and Tania Dhoom chose to leave Stryga with a small force to aid the coalition despite their brother's decision to remain neutral. Their troops boarded one of Celine's sea vessels and set out to meet up with the Blackthorne Armada. The ships were attacked by dragons and the Darkthorne Admiral Median. Talis died in the attack, being burned alive by dragon fire, Tania was severely burned, but escaped.

Tania returned home to Stryga where Alya healed her wounds. As she was healing Tania horns sounded in alarm. A large force of humans, gnolls, Darkthornes, and golems had appeared in the distance. Tyrial confessed his love for Alya, she returned the feeling but explained that her binding would prevent her from being able to love him as she should. Tyrial used a spell that unbound Alya from her gem, he explained the powers that bound her to it had weakened. Now free of her binding, she felt her power grow. Tyrial decreed that Stryga would no longer be neutral, the Darkthornes had forced their hand.

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