

# fourth wing guide

## BACKGROUND

### The general premise:

In Fourth Wing, **Violet Sorrengail** is a 20-year-old resident of the fictional land of **Navarre**, and she's about to enter **Basgiath War College** in the Scribe Quadrant, like her father, studying books and history. But, her mother, the Commanding General, has other plans and orders her to seek entry into the elite (dragon) Riders Quadrant, which is extremely dangerous and deadly.

In fact, as the first sentence of Fourth Wing warns, the day on which entry is sought (**Conscription Day**) is the deadliest. And even if she makes it through, as her rigid mother **Lilith**, confident older sister **Mira**, and strategic older brother **Brennan** did, only a fraction will live to graduate.

### Background information:

This book takes place on one fictional Continent with two kingdoms. These kingdoms were at war for 400 years.

**Navarre** is the larger kingdom, which is mountainous and produces ore, timber, deer, and elk.

**Basgiath War College** is in Navarre. There are **Four Quadrants: Riders, Healers, Scribes, and Infantry**. There are **three squads in each section (Flame, Claw, Tail)**, and three sections in each of the four wings. The highest ranks in the quadrant are **wingleader and section leader**, which are generally held by the most elite third-year students, but exceptional second-years can also rise in the rankings.

Everyone else is ranked as a **cadet** before **Threshing** (always October 1), which is when the dragons choose a human rider with whom they bond.

Dragons speak only with their bonded riders, and the bond creates both a **relic**, a magical symbol of honor and power that marks the rider's skin, and a **signet**, or special

power in the humans, like mind reading or manipulating metal: "The stronger the bond and the more powerful the dragon, the stronger the signet. A signet is a combination of our power with your own ability to channel. It reflects who you are at the core of your being[.]"

In the kingdom of Navarre, **Tyrrendor** is the largest province, and it is the only province to attempt secession 627 years later. After this rebellion, the officers were executed and their 107 innocent children were marked with the **rebellion relic** by the dragon who carried out this order of the King, and conscripted into the Riders Quadrant to either prove their loyalty or show their service through their death.

**Poromiel** is the smaller of the two kingdoms in the Continent, consisting of arable plains and marshlands, textiles, fields of grain, and gems. **Gryphons** from Poromiel (half-lion, half-eagle creatures that don't tolerate altitude) also channel powers to riders (called fliers), like dragons do.

The two Kingdoms of Navarre and Poromiel are bound by the **Trade Agreement of Resson**, signed 200 years prior to the time of Fourth Wing. Per this Agreement, trades are made in Poromiel four times a year at the **Athebyne outpost** on the border of Krovla and Tyrrendor (the South central part of The Continent).

Also important to know about are **wyvern** -- folklore. They are similar to (but bigger than) dragons. They have "two feet instead of four, a mane of razor-sharp feathers streaking down their necks, and a taste for humans."

Wyverns' riders are called **venin**, who are creepy former humans with distended red veins spidering around their red eyes. "Fables say venin created [wyvern] to compete with dragons and, instead of channeling from them, channel power into them." When a venin is killed, all of the wyvern it created are also killed.

## MAIN CHARACTERS

Below are the names and descriptions of the main characters in Fourth Wing. They are *generally* placed in the order in which they appear in the book.

**Violet Sorrengail** is the 20-year-old protagonist, who is pale, short, frail, and has Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. She was entering Basgiath War College as a Scribe, but her mother orders her to attempt entry as a Rider.

**Commanding General Lilith Sorrengail** is Violet's mother, who was previously a Rider and an instructor.

**Violet's father** was previously a Scribe. He died from heart failure and left her *The Fables of Barren*, both a forbidden and a rare book.

**Mira Sorrengail** is Violet's older sister, who fought at Stryhmore and received an Order of the Talon for taking out the battery behind enemy lines. Violet describes her as being confident.

**Brennan Sorrengail** was Violet's older brother. He died five years prior while battling the Tyrrish rebellion in the South at the hands of Fen Riorson (described below). Violet describes him as "strategic."

**Commanding General Melgren** rules all Navarrian forces, and he is the only general more decorated than Commanding General Lilith Sorrengail. He executed the parents of those students whose parents fought in the famous rebellion.

**King Tauri** was in power at the time of the rebellion.

**Dain Aetos** is a second-year leader and Violet's protective lifelong friend, whose father is an advisor to Violet's mother.

**Xaden Riorson** is a tall, dark, and handsome third-year student and the wingleader for Fourth Wing. He is expected to kill Violet for her mother's role in his father's death. He was "conscripted" like other children of the rebellion as punishment for his parents' crimes.

**Fen Riorson** was Xaden's father. He led the famous rebellion and is known as the "Great Betrayer." He killed Violet's brother, Brennan, at the Battle of Aretia.

**Rhiannon Mathias** is Violet's new friend at Basgiath War College. She's a twin and a member of Violet's wing.

**Raegan** is Rhiannon's twin, who is married and pregnant.

**Sawyer** is a first-year cadet and a potential love interest of Rhiannon.

**Jack Barlowe** is a cadet in the Fourth Wing and an enemy of Violet.

**Imogen** is a second-year, pink-haired student, as well as a potential love interest of Xaden.

**Jesinia Neilwart** is the curator of the Scribe Quadrant.

**Oren Seifert** is a cadet who's jealous of Violet.

**Liam Mairi** is statistically the strongest first-year in Fourth Wing. He is the son of the disgraced Colonel Isaac Mairi, and he was fostered by Duke Lindell in Tirvainne with Xaden after the rebellion.

**Garrick** is Violet's direct superior above Dain, and he is Xaden's friend.

**Bodhi** is Xaden's cousin.

**Naolin** was Tairn's previous rider. He burned out and died next to Brennan.

**Amber Mavis** is the wingleader of Third Wing and Dain's close friend.

**Sloane Mairi** is Liam's sister, who will enter the Riders Quadrant next year, as the Mairis are all riders. They are allowed to live, but only if they prove their loyalty by making it through Riders Quadrant.

## DRAGONS AND RIDERS

### Notes About the Dragons:

- **Blue Dragons** are a formidable size with knife-like spikes and are ruthless, especially the Blue Daggertail. None are available during the current threshing. A handful is in active fighting along the Esben Mountains.
  - Blue Daggertail is described as a ruthless and vicious dragon that doesn't comply with the law and is the rarest of the Blues.
- **Red Dragons** should never be looked in the eye.
  - Red Swordtails are nasty when they get riled up.
  - Red Scorpiontails are the quickest to temper.
- **Black Dragons**
  - Black Morningstartail has the same bludgeoning power of a clubtail and spikes that can eviscerate a person as well as a daggertail. It's a "killing machine," considered to be one of the deadliest dragons, as well as the smartest, most discerning (there's no outsmarting it), and the rarest.
- **Green Dragons** are known for their keen intellect. They descend from the honorable Uaineloidsig line and are the most rational and reasonable type of dragon, making them the perfect siege weapons, especially in the case of clubtails. One should never back down from them. To approach one, lower your eyes and wait for their approval.
- **Orange Dragons** come in various shades from apricot to carrot. They are the most unpredictable, and therefore, they are risky. They descended from the Fhaicorain line.
- **Brown Dragons** should not be shown trepidation.
- **Golden Dragons**

### A few more notes about Fourth Wing dragons:

**Feathertail Dragons** are the breed about which the least is known. They abhor violence and are not suitable for bonding because they can accidentally give their powers (which are unpredictable and unstable) to humans. They are only a few feet taller than Violet. Most feathertail gifts disappear with maturity when they begin to channel.

**Tairn** is the son of Murtcuideam and Fiacanfuil, descended from the cunning Dubhmadinn line. He hadn't been seen in the last five years prior to the time of Fourth Wing. His previous rider, Naolin, died in the Tyrrish rebellion. He bonded with Violet because she is the smartest and most cunning of her year. She defended the smallest with ferocity, courage is more important than physical strength.

**Tairn and Sgaeyl** are a mated pair. They are the strongest bonded pair in centuries. They should not be apart for more than three days.

**Andarna's** parents passed away before she hatched.

NAME OF DRAGON	TYPE OF DRAGON	HUMAN BONDED WITH
Aimsir	Brown	Commanding General Sorrengail
Aotrom	Brown Swordtail	Ridoc
Andarnaurream ("Andarna")	Golden Feathertail	Violet Sorrengail
Baide	Orange Scorpiontail	Jack Barlowe
Cath	Red Swordtail	Dain Aetos
Chradh	Brown Scorpiontail	Garrick
Codagh	Black	Commanding General Melgren
Deigh	Red Daggertail	Liam Mairi
Feirge	Green Daggertail	Rhiannon Mathias
Gleann	(not identified)	Caroline Ashton
Sgaeyl	Blue Daggertail	Xaden Riorson
Sliseag	Red Swordtail	Ridoc
Tairneanach ("Tairn")	Black Morningstartail	Violet Sorrengail

(not named)	Orange Clubtail	Trina
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## SIGNETS

### Notes about Fourth Wing signets:

**Mending** is exceptionally rare among riders, and it is considered to be the most precious signet: "They have the power to fix, to restore, to return anything to its original state — from ripped cloth to pulverized bridges, including broken human bones."

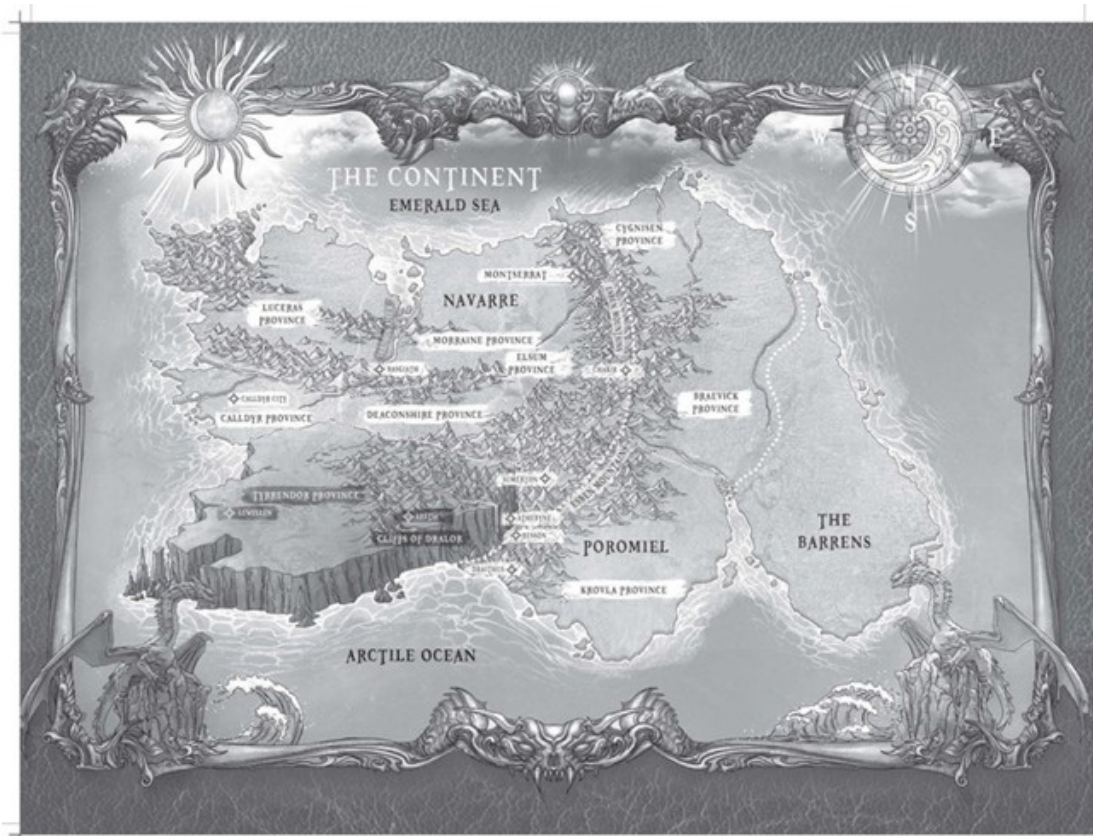
Being an **inntinsic**, reading minds, is "a death sentence."

Andarna gave Violet a gift of stopping time, but most feathertail gifts disappear with maturity when they begin to channel.

CHARACTER	SIGNET
Brennan Sorrengail	mending
Commanding General Melgren	seeing a battle's outcome before it happens
Commanding General Sorrengail	wielding the power of storms
Dain Aetos	reading a person's recent memories when hands are placed on them
Emery	manipulating air/controlling wind
Heaton	breathing underwater
Imogen	erasing recent memories
Jeremiah	manifesting (reading minds)
Liam Mairi	seeing things a mile away

Mira Sorrenqail	manifesting a ward around her and her squad
Nadine	unweaving wards
Naolin	siphoning power
Quinn	astral projecting
Rhiannon Mathias	summoning
Ridoc	wielding ice
Sawyer	manipulating metal
Violet Sorrengail	wielding lightning
Xaden Riorson	wielding shadows

## MAP



## Details About the Map:

Fourth Wing takes place in one Continent with two kingdoms. These kingdoms were at war for 400 years.

- **Navarre** is the larger kingdom, which is mountainous and produces ore, timber, deer, and elk. There are six provinces in Navarre:
  - **Luceras** is in the Northwest of The Continent.
  - **Morraine** is North and central in The Continent.
  - **Elsun** is just South and East of Morraine.
  - **Deaconshire** is in the center of Navarre.
    - **Basgiath War College** is near the center of Navarre.
      - **The Vale** is the valley behind Basgiath War College where the dragons live.
  - **Calldyr** is West and central in The Continent.
  - **Tyrrendor** is in the Southwest of The Continent. It is the largest province in Navarre. To the West is the **Emerald Sea**, and to the South is the **Arctile Ocean**. The **Cliffs of Dralor** along the Southern coast act as a protective barrier. It was the last of the bordering provinces to join the alliance under King Reginald. And, it is the only province to attempt secession 627 years later.
    - **Aretia** was the capital, near the **Cliffs of Dralor**, and it was burned to the ground after the rebellion. July first is the anniversary of the **Battle of Aretia**, and it became known as **Reunification Day** by King Tauri to honor the lives lost and to save the kingdom from separatists and those saved by the **Treaty of Aretia**.
- **Poromiel** is the smaller kingdom, consisting of arable plains and marshlands, textiles, fields of grain, gems.
  - **Krovola** is the province that shares a border to the East of Tyrrendor.
  - **Braevick and Cygnisen** are provinces to the West, with the **Esben Mountains** as a border.
    - The **Esben Mountain Range** is the highest along Braevick. It's the least likely place for an attack; however, fighting is the most intense there.
  - **The Barrens** are deserted land along the East of The Continent.

## Notes About the Map:

The **Battle of Gianfar**, six centuries prior to the time of Fourth Wing, was crucial to the unification of Navarre: "The stronghold was not only set for a siege, [...] but was equipped with the first cross-bolt, which proved lethal against dragonkind. [...] It was one of the final battles where gryphons and dragons actually worked alongside each other to annihilate the army of the Barrens."

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More about this area:

"The first known gryphon attack occurred in 1 AU ( After Unification ) near what is now the trading post of Resson. At the edge of the dragon-protected border, the post has always been vulnerable to attack and, over the course of the past six centuries, has changed hands no less than eleven times in what has become a never-ending war to secure our borders from our power-hungry enemies."

The **Treaty of Arif** is "[T]he agreement between Navarre and Krovla for mutually shared airspace for both dragons and gryphons over a narrow strip of the Esben Mountains, between Sumerton and Draithus[.]" **Sumerton** and **Draithus** are also in the South central part of The Continent.