
Sandman: Gods and Secrets Wrap-Up

“Still not Dream.”
“Lucien will kill him if he tries anything.”
“Still the Gothiest.”

Characters

Destiny (NPC): Destiny, pre-game, fell asleep as a result of a spell cast by Alexander Burgess in his capacity as a member of the Society. Burgess believed that Destiny, as opposed to being merely an observer, was actually a corrective force, nudging people into the way they “should” be. He sought to end this. While asleep, Destiny’s book was stolen by Loki, who tossed it aside and replaced it with a forgery suspiciously full of references to cheese. This severed the book from Destiny, such that it went into Burgess’ head.

Death (Didi): Death, pre-game, found herself trapped in her mortal form of Didi. This was the result of magic done unknowingly by Chloe Russell. Also, Death became aware of several previously dead people wandering around. She was able to work on sending them back by teaming up with Petrefax, a former citizen of Litharge (the City of the Dead).

Dream (Daniel): Dream/Daniel was primarily concerned with securing the Dreaming in time for his coronation by tagging the Dream Nodes and warding off the nightmares. He was also picking his new staff and dealing with a number of unexpected difficulties.

Dream (Morpheus): Morpheus came back from the dead shortly pre-game and did not know why. He found himself somewhat less inclined to die than he had been and was focusing on helping Daniel become a good Dream (and if that failed, on becoming Dream again himself).

Destruction (NPC): He was probably trying to paint a very nice picture. We sincerely hope that he succeeded.

Desire (NPC): Desire had two main goals. First, to cleanse his/her bloodline by killing off the Walkers without invoking the Furies (Desire discovered that someone had been doing magic with his/her blood and wished to prevent this from continuing). Second, to exert as much influence as possible on Daniel (i.e. future Dream). Desire planned to kill Rose by making Odin think that she was a Dream Node. Desire planned to exert influence in a number of ways, primarily by orchestrating the return of Morpheus, who had been subtly altered by Desire.

Despair (NPC): Despair’s main goal was to stop Desire from exerting undue influence on Daniel. She actively helped Petrefax to help Didi return Morpheus to the afterlife.

Delirium: Delirium had a lot of things she wanted to do, so she split herself into four parts. Unfortunately, immediately after doing so, the parts began to have minds of their own.

Ramona: Still aware of the other three parts. Ramona knew that if she could put herself back together she would remember some very important information.

Wendy: Wendy was looking to recreate her gallery, which had dissipated into a cloud of purple bubbles.

Joy: Joy represented the Delight aspect of Delirium. She hoped to get her sigil put into the galleries of all the other Endless and become her own entity again.

Demi: Demi was the darkest aspect of Delirium. She had inserted herself in Dr. Parov’s lab in hopes of sabotaging his research (which would have lowered the overall insanity in the world). She was also in Professor Walsh’s play and aware that it might be more than it seemed.

Mad Hettie: Mad Hettie was charged with the task of finding out what was wrong with Destiny (he was asleep) and then with finding his book. Mad Hettie was a member of the Order and an actor in Professor Walsh’s play.

Petrefax (Peter Fax): In addition to helping Didi send the dead back to their resting place, Petrefax was also involved in Dr. Parov’s Order-related research into stopping the Fae. He was also assisting Celeste Parov in her werewolf research and attempting to overcome his Lithargian nature by experiencing the gamut of human virtue and sin.

Dr. Robert Keitel (Odin): Odin wanted to find Loki and send him back to his prison under the Earth. He was trying to do this by pimping the Cuckoo and checking the energy she drained each day for signs of Loki. He also was attempting to shard the Dreaming in order to steal one of the pieces for the Aesir to use as a refuge during Ragnorak. Desire told him how to do this, such that he would kill Rose for Desire.

Matthew: Matthew discovered shortly pre-game that Morpheus was back from the dead, thus causing a problem of conflicted loyalties. He was also working with Lucien on finding the missing Dream Stone and hoping to get a role in Dream's staff.

Merv: Merv was mostly concerned with helping Daniel and with stopping all those nightmares streaming in from various chaotic parts of the Dreaming. He also wanted a role in Dream's staff and to make sure the coronation went off without incident.

Gregory (Brute): Brute went undercover as Gregory in order to make sure Cain didn't tell anyone that Brute and Glob were around. Also, it was a good cover as he worked on securing a piece of the Dreaming for the two of them to rule.

Glob: Glob was working with Brute to steal a piece of the Dreaming that they could rule together.

Goldie: Goldie was suspicious of Gregory's strange behavior. She was also working on helping fight the nightmares and prepare for the Celebration. She also wanted to build a Gargoyle-to-human translation device so she could talk to people.

Corinthian: The Corinthian wanted very badly to make up for the failings of his past incarnation by being very loyal. He wanted to be loyal to Daniel and also loyal to Morpheus. He had also pledged his loyalty to Queen Titania (and in favor of Nuala's plan for the Fae, but was sworn to champion whichever plan Titania approved). He was also attempting to get back into the good graces of Cluracan after a love affair gone awry. Either that, or kill him.

Lucien: Lucien was in charge of the Library. He knew that pieces of books were disappearing and he was working on discovering the culprit. Pre-game, he had tapped Vassily to retrieve some dangerous ritual items from a girl in New York. He was also hoping for a role in Dream's staff.

Rose Walker: Rose, embittered over the various hardships endured by her and her family, was a member of the Society (which was also interested in stopping the Fae from invading the mortal world). She was a member of Professor Reyes' Pagan Studies Group. She was one quarter Endless and one quarter werewolf. She was also pregnant. She dies and gives birth when the dreaming shards.

Jed Walker: Jed was being used as a base of operations by Brute and Glob (kinda), making him feel more unstable than usual. He had a crush on Lorraine. He and his friends (Lorraine, Marie and Sexton) were working on a spell to give them all lots of empathy for each other. He was one quarter Endless (from Desire) and one quarter werewolf (on his father's side). He had a part-time job as the Eremite's acolyte (it was in that context that he offered some of his blood for rituals, including one to make the Eremite younger and no longer blind). He was also in the play and (eventually) aware of its ramifications.

Dr. June Palmer (Thessaly): Was undercover as a post-doc in Prof. Parov's lab. She was a member of both the Society and the Order and loyal to neither. She was a member of Prof. Reyes Pagan Studies Group. She was potentially involved in Lorraine's werewolf research. She had lost a few of her powers on the Moon Road and wanted to retrieve them (they turned out to be in Foxglove). She cast a grand spell to bring her lover, Morpheus, back from the dead. Desire influenced and magnified this spell, such that it brought others back under his/her influence.

Eve: Wanted all her children to be happy. Wanted to see Cain stop killing Abel, Jumella stop being obsessed with Cain and to find Aclima again. Was also up for a couple of roles on Dream's new staff.

Cain: Was in charge of the House of Mysteries. Trying for a role in Dream's staff. He was tired of always being seen as a bad guy. He had become friends with the Fashion Thing. The oldest brother in the First Family.

Abel: Was in charge of the House of Secrets. Trying for a role in Dream's staff. The middle brother in the First Family.

Seth (Prez): Wanted to fix his family. Wanted to fix just about everyone. Has spent his life being repeatedly re-incarnated in different realities. Was Jesus in one of them.

Fashion Thing (The Virgin): Was secretly Adam's long-lost second wife. Wanted to get a role in Dream's staff. Wanted to find herself a name and to stop having such a malleable personality.

Melissa Newman (Cuckoo) (Aclima): Was Cain's sister, who ran off to Lilith and became the Cuckoo. Was being drained of her energy by Odin in his search for Loki. Attached herself to Marie and her friends where she unintentionally started creating a replica of the angst from her own family.

Jane Roe (Jumella): Wanted to fulfill what she saw as God's Will by making Cain marry her and then killing or incapacitating him in some way. She also wanted to prove to the Fashion Thing that Cain was a bad person. She, along with Demi, hoped to disrupt Dr.Parov's research. She was also a member of Professor Walsh's play.

Dr. Nayeli Reyes (Lilith): She wanted to change the First Story so that women would have more power in the world. She assembled the Pagan Studies Group for this purpose. Can give "female mana" to people by playing Zendo with them, which is necessary for participants.

Foxglove: Marie's cousin. She was a member of the Pagan Studies Group and was one of the members most trusted by Lilith. She had grown somewhat suspicious that Professor Reyes was more than what she claimed to be. She was also in possession of some of Thessaly's magic as a result of their travel on the Moon Road.

Mazikeen: Was in love with Lucifer. She wasn't pleased with Loki taking up residence in his body. She was also working on preventing Hell from exploding due to the pre-game spell cast by a Druidic cult bent on destroying the Christian paradigm.

Charles Milton (Lucifer) (Loki): Lucifer allowed Loki to reside in his body in exchange for Loki attempting to thwart Lilith's plans (Lucifer was concerned for Mazikeen and didn't want to see her sucked into anything really stupid that her mother might be doing, but was too much of a gentleman to interfere). Lucifer also could help seal Hell for less mana (with the first-person version of the Latin incantation).

Loki: Loki wanted to collect Dream Stones for a ritual in which he could transfer himself into the body of Lyta Hall who was protected by Daniel's mark (and she had eyes!). He convinced Remiel to help him by lying and saying Lucifer move back to Hell so Remiel could leave. He also hoped to steal a piece of the Dreaming (specifically, the piece that Brute and Glob were trying to steal) as a pocket realm in which to run Ragnarok, so he doesn't have to do it elsewhere. Also swapped the sleeping Destiny's book with one all about cheese, and promptly threw away the real book (since holding on to it would have been madness).

Lyta Hall: Still distressed over the loss of her son, Lyta was convinced by Loki to help him acquire Dream Stones. He told her that this would make her a God capable of getting Daniel back. In truth, it would have turned her into Loki himself. She was also involved in Professor Walsh's play.

Professor Alastair Saroff (Remiel): Remiel remained bitter about being cast out of the Silver City. His wrath turned to the Fae and his goal was to expel them from Hell. His riddle trail to traverse the Path to Fae drives him further insane, such that he'd rather annihilate the Fae. He also gave a series of lectures on religion.

Mr. Jansen (Duma): Duma, undercover as a Columbia University janitor, was concerned with Remiel's increasingly unhinged state. He was also concerned with retrieving the Key to Hell (which had been taken) and preventing Hell from exploding due to the Druidic cult's spell.

Cluracan: The Cluracan didn't want to have to leave Fae. He hoped to convince Auberon and Titania that they should sever Fae from Hell (thus making it its own realm) using the power of dreamstones. And then wage a war with Hell in order to keep Faerie. He was also angry at the Corinthian after a certain eye-related incident.¹

Puck: Puck hoped to convince Auberon and Titania that the Fae should use the Nemesis (who is both Fae and Dream) as a tool to make the mortal world more hospitable to the Fae, who would then take up residence there. By "tool" we mean "dead" with a metaphysical energy fount spiked through his chest, buried in a deep, deep hole. Was also Chloe's father, and trying to thwart her quest to find out he was "dad."

Nuala: Nuala was afraid that both plans would fail. She did not want to see the destruction of her kind, but the only other alternative suggested was to have the Fae move to the Dreaming. This was too close to her, in her opinion. She hoped to find some other solution or barring that, the influence the negotiations such that the Fae wouldn't be anywhere near the parts of the Dreaming that she frequented. She was also a member of the Pagan Studies Group.

Nemesis: The Nemesis was hoping for a boon from Titania to separate his existence from Cluracan's. He started the Quest with Chloe and Bast and Barbie hoping that they could please Titania sufficiently that she would give him his boon.

Chloe Russell: Chloe was actually Puck's daughter and in possession of a lot of magical power that she did not know how to control. Pre-game, she bound herself to Death as a subconscious reaction to sensing danger. She was very excited about the idea of a Quest.

¹We apologize for any Sandman slash in your character sheets.

Misty (Bast): Bast was in danger of fading away altogether. She had grown fond of Chloe and that's how she learned of the Quest. She hoped that Titania would grant her the boon of preventing her from fading away.

Barbie: After spending some time in California, Barbie grew very enamored of the idea of the Fae. When she heard about the Quest, she was very eager to join. She hoped that Titania would make her Fae. She was also a member of the Pagan Studies Group and was in Professor Walsh's play.

(Shirley) Marie: Foxglove's cousin. She was a member of the Pagan Studies Group. She wanted to do a ritual with her friends in order to make them all have lots of empathy for each other. She wanted to help the Cuckoo break free of her "Uncle." She was also Chloe's baby-sitter and trying to protect her.

Sexton Furnival: Yes, that was really his name. Sexton and his friends wanted to perform a ritual that would help them all have lots of empathy for each other. Sexton had no magic, and had to get some to help his friends. He also wanted to make sure that he didn't lose his girlfriend (Marie) to anyone else and that everyone knew that Nirvana was far superior to Pearl Jam. He also had a band, The Unorignals, with a demo CD, "Sin."

Bobby Gorrell (Hob Gadling): Hob was serving as the bartender at Labour in Vain, working under Lucifer. He was also working on stopping Hell from exploding due to the Druidic cultists. And a member of the Order.

John Constantine: Constantine was a member of the Order and was working on preventing the Fae from moving into the mortal world. He was also trying to prevent Hell from exploding. Pre-game, his girlfriend was murdered by a werewolf, and he was hoping for revenge.

Dr. Ivan Parov (Vassily): Vassily was a member of the Order and was working on preventing the Fae from invading the mortal world. He also inadvertently killed Constantine's girlfriend pre-game in an attempt to retrieve some dangerous ritual objects from her (at Lucien's request). He was also a werewolf and trying to properly educate his granddaughter on the ways of The People.

Lorraine (Celeste): Celeste was conflicted between her loyalty to her grandfather and her crush on Jed Walker (a part werewolf, much looked-down upon among the traditionalists of the People). She was working with her friends on a ritual to give them all lots of empathy for each other. She was a member of the Pagan Studies Group. She was an intern in her grandfather's biology lab where she helped him with his research.

Richard Madoc: Madoc was also a werewolf, but part of a radical sect called the Razvorotniki. He was hoping to turn Jed and Celeste around to his way of thinking. He was also promoting his new comic book and an actor in Professor Walsh's play. He was a member of the Society and working with Alexander Burgess on developing lucid dreaming.

Alexander Burgess: Burgess was a member of the Society. He cast a spell pre-game to put Destiny to sleep. Through an odd series of events, he ended up with Destiny's book inside his head (unknown to him). He was working on lucid dreaming (which would make him immune to the manipulations of Dream) with Richard Madoc.

Professor Davis Walsh (the Eremite): After acquiring Jed Walker as an acolyte, the Eremite used his Endless blood to become younger and not blind. He hoped to become a god, specifically Hector the God of the Dead, by performing the unwritten play often referenced in works by Lovecraft: The King in Yellow. He creates the play by stealing bits from Lucien's library.

Alianora (NPC): Alianora wanted to be dead again. She also had somewhat of a grudge against Morpheus.

Titania (NPC): Titania, in addition to interacting with the individuals on the Quest, was in possession of one of the four Dream Stones in game. She was also concerned with the state of Hell and the fate of the Fae. Starts in slight favor of The Puck's plan.

Auberon (NPC): Was also concerned with the state of Hell and the fate of the Fae. Starts in slight favor of The Cluracan's plan.

Calliope (NPC): Was distressed to find that she was being weakened steadily for some unknown reason. She went to Thessaly to discuss the matter.

Miranda Walker (NPC): Miranda was mostly concerned with seeing that her children were happy and in telling everyone about Dr.Day's remarkable machine. She died of a heart attack.

Dr. Daniel Day (John Dee) (NPC): John Dee had created a fake dreamstone, which he used to create his Makes-You-Well-Rested machine. What he did not know was that the Stone was flawed. He hoped to use his charged Stone to take over the Dreaming, but was ultimately doomed to explode.

Groups

The Society: The Society is a secret order of individuals committed to freeing humanity from the influence of any supernatural influences. Burgess, Madoc, Rose, Lyta, Thessaly.

The Order: The Order is a secret society of individuals committed to supporting “good” supernatural influences on humanity and opposing “bad” influences. The Order was primarily concerned with stopping the Fae from moving to the mortal world. Hob, Hettie, Constantine, Vassily, Thessaly.

Pagan Studies Group (Coven): Lilith, Thessaly, Foxglove, Marie, Celeste, Nuala, Barbie, Miranda, Rose.

The Coed Coven (chibi-coven): Formed in response to the Coven’s non-admission of males. A bunch of angstful teenagers trying attain empathy. Jed, Marie, Sexton, Celeste.

Saving Hell: Some angry NPC Druids performed a nasty ritual to sacrifice the las Scion, which bamfs the Key to Hell and sets up Hell to explode and spill demon’s into the mortal realm. This will defy the Creator’s will, which will (try to) show the world that god does not exist, such that the Judeo-Christian mythos will get screwed. So an unlikely ragtag crew of people (Duma, Mazikeen, Hob, Constantine) set out to fix things by finding the Key to Hell and resealing Hell with a giant ritual. Lucifer would help, but he’s currently possessed by Loki, and will get back to you later.

Quotes

“There’s a rumor going around that it’s *really really* bad to give Destiny cheese.” — Melissa

Are you telling me my niece is cuckoo? Excuse me, but I’m the psychologist here.” — Odin

“As I said at your eulogy. . .” — Destiny

“Well, I wasn’t there.” — Morpheus

“this is the new story of creation blah blah lilith and adam and p.s. no murder” — Kim

“Wait, what conclusion are you leaping to?” — Morpheus to Daniel

“As their mommy you can put them in time-outs” — Glob to Eve

“I’ll go to the meeting and I’ll stay here.” — Delirium to Delirium

“He just finished his plot. If you want to stop him, do it now!” — Lucifer

“Don’t send everyone off on a wild goose chase!” — Daniel

“You cannot change past! Past informs present! Haven’t you seen ‘Back To Future’?!” — Parov, to Larraine on the subject of Lilith’s ritual

“That’s it! You’re grounded! You’re *so* grounded.” — same.

“500 years ago they would have drunk her blood. Today, she will DO THEIR HAIR!” — Saroff

“Grown-ups are confusing, but Bible people who are millions and billions of years old are even more confusing.” — Chloe

“He’s an asexual angel of ambiguous gender, and he’s a fairy.” — Puck

“I didn’t know it would start Ragnorok, I just thought it would be fun.” — Parov

Merry: (writing a message on board to Hongyi b/c she can’t speak English yet) “Do you want to be familiar [Dream’s pet]?” — Goldie, written

“Oh my! I had no idea! Far be it from me to get in the way of star-crossed lovers.” — Melissa (backs off)

“What?!” — Matthew

“Also, there are Druids.” — Mazikeen’s sheet

“Eve, could you please ask Aclima to pass the peas the way *GOD INTENDED*?” — Adam, Aclima’s sheet

“Odin, you’re getting your lightning all over my cheese biscuits.” — Ken, on paradigms

“You think the chibicoven is collectively Robert DeNiro, which makes *no sense*.” — Kim