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# The Mark

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# Main characters

(Relationship map)



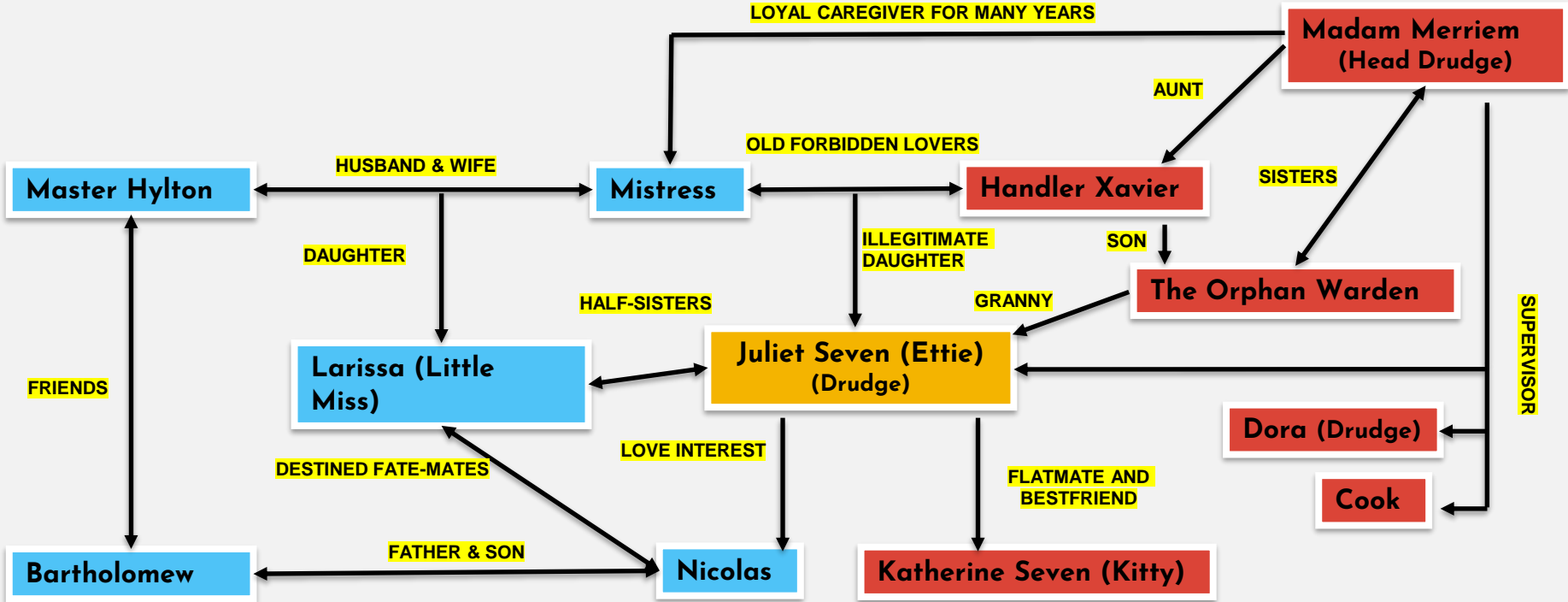
MANGERIANS



TRADERS



MIXED BREED



# Mangerian Guardians

President of Mangeria

Mistress' Mother

Other departments

Other  
Mangerians

Science &  
Technology

Master Hylton

Culture & Heritage

Mistress

Justice & Peace

Bartholomew

# Character Analysis

## Juliet Seven (Ettie)

- The protagonist in the novel.
- An orphan who lives in the orphanage (She is not aware that her parents are Handler Xavier and Mistress until much later).
- 14 years old in the beginning of the novel.
- She was taught to read at the age of 9 by a character named Reader.
- Is forced to “play the game” and steal for Handler Xavier.
- Cares deeply for Kitty and is very protective over her (she does not make this obvious to those around her).
- Wears many masks and deceives other characters – she never shows her true feelings to anyone.
- Looks like a Posh because of her light skin colour “Pus coloured skin”.
- Destined to be a drudge.
- Is desperate to remove the mark on her spine and run away.
- Has a forbidden romantic relationship with the son of a Mangerian – His name is Nicolas.
- The tellers say that “she is the one” (the one who will save the traders from oppression).





## Orphan warden

- Manages the orphanage and “cares” for the orphans.
- She is an alcoholic (drinks bug juice).
- Handler Xavier is her son.
- She is corrupt and bribes Mangerian officials to cover up her deeds.
- She has a sister (Madam Merriem) who she hasn't spoken to for 15 years.
- She saved Ettie (her illegitimate granddaughter) from being killed as a baby and did not tell anyone until she was about to die.

## Handler Xavier

- He uses orphans to steal for him.
- He appears to be a ruthless and harsh character.
- He is one of the main members of the resistance movement.
- He hates the Posh but had a child with his Posh lover – Mistress.
- He is Juliet's biological father (he is unaware of this).





## **Katherine Seven (Kitty)**

- An orphan – lives in Section O.
- Her parents were part of the resistance organisation and they died in Savage City.
- 14 years old in the beginning of the novel.
- Destined to be a pleasure worker.
- Was sent to Section AR (Attitude readjustment) when she resisted the system at school.
- Cares deeply for Ettie but hides it from her.
- Saved Ettie's life when they were smalls (from a fire in the orphanage).
- Part of the secret resistance organisation.
- Is the “mistress of the mask” – Pretended to be a vain, selfish and shallow character the entire time but it is revealed later that she is actually brave, strong, self-sacrificing and caring when she steps forward and volunteers to carry out the plan of the resistance movement.

# Reader

- An old man who taught Ettie to read when she was 9 years old.
- He is fond of Ettie and enjoys her company.
- He is blind and can read braille.
- Considered to be a Past Trader (he was a teacher).
- Has a secret library of books and trades reading time for stolen books that Ettie brings him.
- He lives above the *Beautiful Like Me Beauty Parlour*.
- He is like a father to Ettie even though she doesn't realise this.
- Later in the novel, he is discovered by the locusts and sent to Section PT
  - His books are confiscated by the locusts.





# Nicolas

- 16 years old
- A member of the fifth Mangerian family.
- Works as a Locust (law enforcement) and is destined to become the Guardian of Justice and Peace like his father.
- He is willing to sacrifice everything in order to choose his own destiny.
- He is attracted to Ettie.
- Has a forbidden romantic relationship with Ettie, despite being destined to marry Larissa (Ettie's half-sister).
- Plans on running away from Mangeria City and finding freedom.



# Bartholomew



**The Guardian of Justice  
and Peace.**



Nicolas' father.



He loves his son dearly and will do anything to find him after his "disappearance".



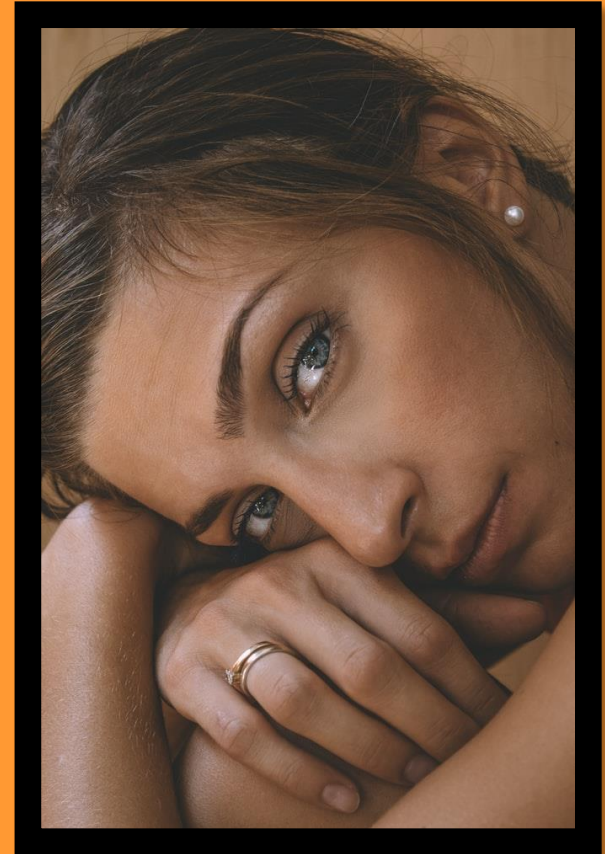
Involved in conducting experiments on the traders and has plans to do gene extraction experiments on them.



Appears to be friends with Master Hylton.

# Mistress

- A Mangerian woman living at number 3.
- Guardian of Culture and Heritage.
- Married to Master Hylton and has a child with him – Larissa (Little Miss).
- Had a forbidden relationship with Handler Xavier when she was younger and fell pregnant with Juliet (Ettie) – whom was saved from being drown in the river by the Orphan Warden and sent to the orphanage.
- Has a close relationship with Madam Merriem who is her caregiver.
- Will do anything to find a cure and save her daughter's (Larissa's) life.



## Master Hylton

- A Mangerian living at number 3.
- Guardian of Science and Technology.
- Appears to be a harsh, cruel and ruthless man – looks down on the traders.
- Married to Mistress and has a daughter named Larissa.
- The master-mind behind the experiments being conducted at the Laboratory.
- Treats all his servants poorly.
- Trying desperately to find a cure for his daughter's illness.





## Larissa (Little Miss)

- Master and Mistress' daughter.
- Ettie's half-sister.
- Has a serious illness and is possibly dying.
- Appears to be rude and spoilt initially but later becomes caring.
- Bonds with a Hadedra chick named Princess Fanny whom sacrificially she blinds to find her sister Ettie.
- Develops a close relationship with Ettie (her secret half-sister).
- Is destined to marry Nicolas as they are both from Mangerian families.

## Madam Merriem

- The Orphan warden's estranged sister.
- The head drudge at number 3.
- Her nicknames are 'the orc' and Merry.
- Is loyal to Mistress and will do whatever it takes to protect her and hide her secrets (even kill her illegitimate child).
- Treats those under her very harshly and rules with an iron fist.

