

'Reformed' Poacher with a Nose for Trouble

A former poacher, Sally ran afoul of Baron Bellard's men and was rescued by Friar Jerome. She is an excellent tracker and knows Hanging Wood like the back of her hand, along with its darker secrets. A fine shot with her antique crossbow, she's adept at ducking and diving and handy with a knife. If all else fails, she runs like the wind.

Although fiercely loyal to Friar Jerome, Sally looks out for her own interests. She is terribly superstitious, has a nose for trouble and is not afraid to speak her mind, often sticking up for the underdog even when she shouldn't.

Keyword: Former Poacher 17 (+3)

- Excellent Tracker	19 (+4)
- Knows Hanging Wood like the back of her hand	18 (+4)

Skills/Knowledge

Fine Shot	16 (+3)
Handy with a Knife	13 (+3)
Ducking and Diving	13 (+3)
Run like the Wind	13 (+3)
Dark Secrets of Hanging Wood	13 (+3)

Possessions

Antique Crossbow	13 (+3)
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The Situation

Friar Jerome has enlisted your local knowledge and forest ways to guide him to Devil's Yard. You grew up not far from the hamlet and it brings back bad memories: several months ago you witnessed Baron Bellard and his men drunkenly rampage through Brackley Farm and kill everyone.

The Baron was after your head, but Friar Jerome has protected you – although he thinks the Baron's anger is due to your poaching. Instead, the Baron has bought your silence with regular payments. You know he hates you for this, but he can afford it and as long as the Church protects you, you're golden.

You have an ex in Devil's Yard, from wilder times a year or so back. You're not sure if Tom'll be pleased to see you or not....

Character Possessions and Notes

Travel-stained outdoor clothes and cloak
 Antique crossbow and bolts
 Hatchet
 Long skinning knife
 Lucky rabbit's foot
 Backpack of change of clothes, rations, bedroll, flint and tinder, etc.
 Small lantern
 Secret cache of ill-gotten coins buried near a forest pool.
 Small book of printed psalms she's learning to read.
 Double-headed coin
 Bay (brown and black) horse, 'Contessa'

Hero Points

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Personality

Looks out for own Interests	2M (+4)
Nose for Trouble	16 (+3)
Sticks up for the Underdog	13 (+3)
Speaks her mind (Flaw)	2M (-4)
Terribly Superstitious (Flaw)	13 (-3)

Relationships

Ran afoul of Baron Bellard (Flaw)	16 (-3)
Fiercely loyal to Friar Jerome	15 (+3)

The Others**Friar Jerome**

You owe him a great deal, he's the only one to have stuck up for you and put himself in harm's way for you, ever. He's far too trusting of others, despite his tough job, and you see it as your duty to make sure no one takes advantage of his good nature.

You really should have told him why the Baron wanted you in the first place, but letting him believe you were a simple poacher looking to make amends was easier, and the hold you have on the Baron promises to set you up for life. Probably too late to come clean now, the news would break his heart.

Nathaniel

You have no idea why he became a Novice, he seems much better suited to lopping off heads with that huge sword of his than bending knee in prayer. The Church seems to have recognised this, and use him for their dirty work - when a heretic needs hanging or a witch burning, they send Nathaniel.

Despite this, there's something unmistakably attractive about him – big, strong and brooding, if he wasn't a Novice he'd be exactly your type. And given the occasional glances he's been giving you, you wonder how committed to a life of celibacy he really is...

Zartok

A mystery, like you he's a 'reformed' character – no telling whether his redemption took any better than yours. Wizen looking with an ugly crucifix brand on his forehead, you don't know whether to feel scared of him or sorry for him. Apparently, he used to be a warlock or somesuch. Now he works for the Church, sniffing out his own kind.

Hubert de Lacy

Baron Bellard's man, one of those present at the burning of Brackley Farm. He's the one who organises the Baron's 'gifts' to you, although he is officially along to provide secular authority to complement the Church's.

It's odd, normally he looks at you with a mixture of hate and lust, but so far this journey he's barely glanced at you, let alone handed you the Baron's monthly payment. What's he playing at?