

### ROSE (15)

Rose is a young girl who happens to look a little odd. She was born with long perfectly curled hair and an otherworldly glow, and her parents were not very happy about this. Because she did not fit in, Rose was abandoned while still a baby. She was taken in by the moon, who led her to a safe garden where she could live alone and be whoever she needed to be. Now 15, Rose has become a master gardener with a love for storybooks and brushing her beautiful hair. She is perfectly happy in her perfectly controlled world, where she never has to speak or fit in. However, if one tiny thing falls out of her control-- even as tiny as a tangle in her hair-- she quickly goes into a panic. She is highly distrustful of other people, especially older women, and is content to be alone and quiet. She does not believe there is anything in the world that could make her happier than her garden, her books, and her hair.

### ELLA (50)

Ella was born as a normal girl, and lived most of her life that way too. Despite being a bit rough around the edges, she lived a happy life in a small farm town. When she was 16, though, she was in an accident that left scars along her abdomen. Over time, flowers began to bloom from these scars, and Ella's family was terrified. She tried to hide the flowers but they grew out of control, and soon she felt as if there was no way she could fit in with her happy normal life, so she left home. The moon took Ella under her wing, and led her to a simple cottage in a quiet forest, not very far from safe garden. It took quite some time for Ella to grow accustomed to her new life, but in her older age she has found comfort in the simplicity of the forest. She finds companionship in the animals that visit her home, but she longs for the feeling of friendship and family that she used to share. When Rose moves into the garden, she feels a maternal yearning to take care of the young girl, who reminds her so much of herself when she first arrived to the forest.