

Keva Devar Household Expansion

Proposed household NPCs for player approval

These additions assume the Devar family is well-off enough to maintain paid servants and retainers, while avoiding slaveholding as part of the PC family identity. Namon Devar has a quiet reputation for purchasing people out of bondage or debt-service, formally manumitting them, and then offering honest employment with wages and dignity.

Name	Household Role	Connection to Keva
Hathset “Auntie Hath” Meret	Older housemaid and household manager	Helped raise Keva and his siblings
Menkaure “Old Menk” Tef-Nekhet	Man-at-arms and security captain	Keva’s first serious martial teacher

Hathset “Auntie Hath” Meret

Older housemaid, household manager, and unofficial second mother

Hathset Meret is a woman in her late fifties or early sixties, broad-hipped, sharp-eyed, and immaculately composed in the way only a person who has run a large household for decades can be. Everyone outside the family calls her Mistress Hathset. The children, even now that most of them are grown, call her Auntie Hath when no guests are listening.

Keva’s father purchased Hathset’s freedom many years ago after finding her in service to a declining merchant house that had fallen into debt, cruelty, and public embarrassment. Once manumitted, she was offered wages and a place in the Devar household. She accepted, though she made it very clear that she was accepting employment, not ownership under another name. Namon respected that, and from that day forward Hathset became one of the pillars of the house.

She runs the Devar home with quiet tyranny and absolute competence. Servants answer to her. Guests are judged by her. Children are fed, corrected, comforted, and, when necessary, scolded into better sense by her. She knows which linens are for honored guests, which creditors are not to be left alone in the front room, which children are lying before they finish the sentence, and exactly how much honey Keva used to steal from the kitchen as a boy.

Hathset helped raise Keva, Veena, Suri, Reese, and Ek’Karr. She is not sentimental in public, but she keeps old childhood tokens tucked away in a locked cedar box: a broken practice knife, a ribbon, a clay bird, a prayer bead, a child’s drawing of the River Sphinx. She is fiercely loyal to Serethine and Namon, but her deepest loyalty is to the children she helped make into adults.

In play, Hathset is the person who can say things to Keva that no one else can. She can straighten his collar before a dangerous expedition, call him foolish without disrespect, and remind him that being strong does not excuse being careless.

Menkaure “Old Menk” Tef-Nekhet

Man-at-arms, caravan guard captain, and Keva’s first real martial teacher

Menkaure Tef-Nekhet is a hard-built Osirian man in his early fifties, close in age to Namon Devar, with a sun-browned face, old scars across one forearm, and the patient posture of a man who has survived more fights than he cares to describe. Most people call him Menk. Keva and his siblings grew up calling him Old Menk, though he was not especially old when the name started. It stuck.

Menk was once a professional caravan guard and contract soldier who protected trade moving along the River Sphinx and through the harsher roads outside Wati. Namon first hired him to protect textile shipments, then kept hiring him because Menk had the rare combination of courage, discipline, and

good judgment. When Namon's business grew, Menk became head of household security and overseer of guards attached to Devar caravans, warehouses, and counting-house interests.

His own past includes bondage, though he speaks of it rarely. He was captured young during a border raid, sold twice, and eventually ended up as hired muscle for men who treated guards little better than property. Namon purchased the contract and freed him outright after Menk saved one of his caravans from a night ambush. Menk stayed afterward, not because he owed Namon his life, but because Namon did not ask him to owe it.

Menk trained Keva from childhood. At first it was wooden sticks in the courtyard, footwork drills, and learning how not to fall over his own pride. Later it became shield work, battlefield awareness, fighting tired, guarding others, and understanding that a warrior's first job is not to kill but to stand where danger is trying to enter.

He is not a flashy teacher. His lessons are practical and repetitive. He believes in bruises, patience, clean weapons, and never trusting a victory that came too easily. If Keva became a disciplined fighter rather than just a strong young man with a blade, much of that comes from Menk.

In play, Menk can serve as the family's steady right hand. He knows the caravan routes, the hired blades, the questionable warehouse guards, the local toughs, and which merchants are smiling too much. He is loyal to Namon, fond of Serethine, deeply respectful of Hathset, and proud of Keva in a way he would rather be beaten than admit openly.

"Your father taught you what the Devar name is worth. I taught you what it costs to keep it."

Known Devar Family Names

Currently named members of Keva Devar's immediate family for player approval.

Name	Relationship / Note
Serethine	Keva's mother.
Namon	Keva's father.
Veena	Keva's older sister; she has a natural gift for magic.
Suri	Keva's younger sister; she fights and has blade skills.
Reese	Keva's brother; he hunts.
Ek'Karr	Keva's brother; he prays and has a bare-hand fighting style.