

# Pilu'pafa (Pili■Puff)

*Kin■Choosing Wild Companion Species*

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## Species Overview

Pilu'pafa are small feather■furred creatures native to Xexia, known not for domestication but for their capacity for selective kin■bonding. They are neither pets nor companions by default; they are choosers.

## Cognitive Nature

Pilu'pafa are not human■intelligent. They do not reason abstractly or plan far futures. Their intelligence is context■driven, emotionally perceptive, and experience■dependent.

## The Observation Period — The Watching

Before any bond is offered, a Pilu'pafa enters a silent phase known as The Watching, during which it shadows a potential kin unseen, observing consistency of behavior.

## The Offering

If a Pilu'pafa decides to bond, it presents a single offering—an unaltered object it can obtain and carry on its own. Meaning lies in selection, not preparation.

## Bond Formation

Once the offering is accepted, the bond forms immediately. The Pilu'pafa is thereafter recognized as kin, not property.

## Bond Development

Through shared experience, communication becomes intuitive. Responses occur without verbalization, not through mind■sharing but through familiarity refined to instinct.

## Elder Record

“They do not speak so they may be understood. They watch until understanding already exists.”