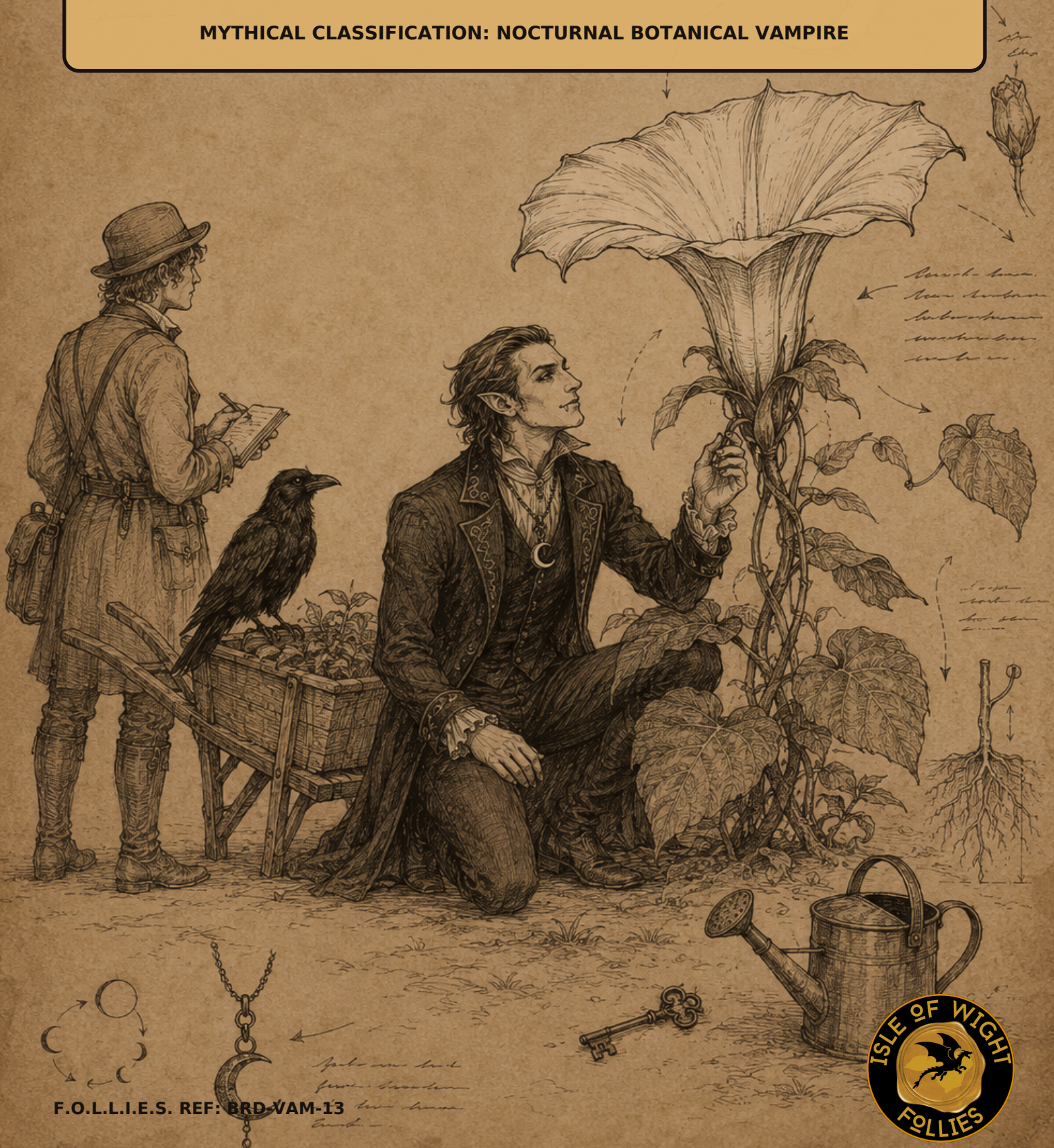


ISLE OF WIGHT FOLLIES • OFFICIAL CASE FILE

# VLADIMIR THE VAMPIRE

## BRADING MOON GARDEN

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: NOCTURNAL BOTANICAL VAMPIRE



# THE MOONLIGHT GARDENER

|                      |                                                |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CREATURE</b>      | Vampire - unusually enthusiastic gardener      |
| <b>NAME</b>          | Vladimir                                       |
| <b>PRIMARY SITE</b>  | Brading and the countryside below Brading Down |
| <b>OTHER REPORTS</b> | Haylands and Springvale                        |
| <b>SPECIALISMS</b>   | Moonflowers, enchanted ravens and rare seeds   |
| <b>DANGER LEVEL</b>  | Low. Botanical curiosity: exceptionally high   |



## THE F.O.L.L.I.E.S. BRIEF

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Approach quietly. Do not trample glowing plants. Compliment the moonflowers before asking about the fangs.



### FIELD RULE

A mysterious gardener is still a gardener. Begin with the evidence.

FOLLOW THE MOONLIGHT



## EVIDENCE WALL

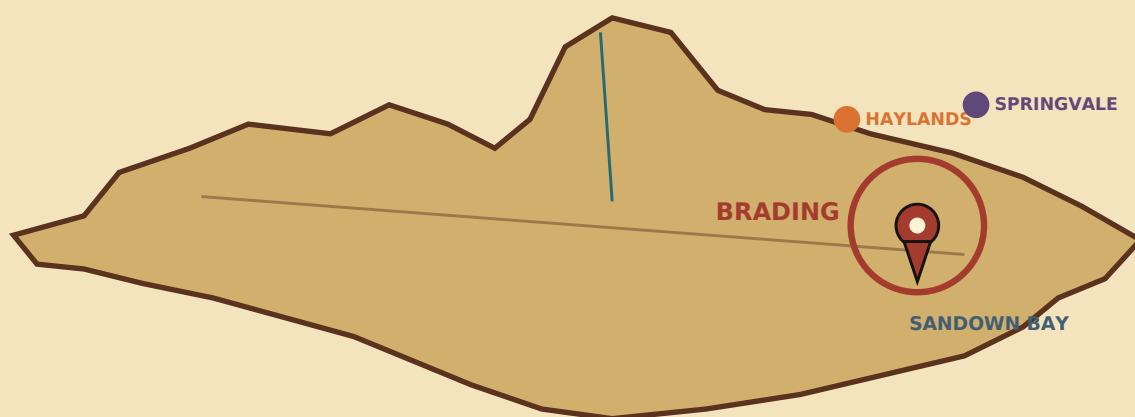


Professor Follies pinned the eastern sightings beside a crescent pendant, tiny key, raven feather and a watering can polished far too carefully.

The main red circle belongs at Brading. The smaller reports at Haylands and Springvale suggest a gardener who travels after dark.



# WHERE DOES VLADIMIR GARDEN?



EAST ISLE OF WIGHT • BRADING BELOW BRADING DOWN

GROUND CHECK: Brading stands on the western bank of the River Yar. Its hillside, countryside and nearby Roman Villa landscape provide a suitably ancient setting for a garden mystery.



LOCATION CONFIRMED • GARDEN STILL SECRET

## EVIDENCE 01: MOON GARDEN



While other vampires practised dramatic entrances, Vladimir practised pruning. His secret garden drank moonlight instead of water.

Moonflowers opened like silver trumpets. Ferns shimmered blue. The berries looked like jewels and were strictly labelled: LOOK, DO NOT NIBBLE.

# THREE PLANTS OF THE MOON GARDEN

1

## MOONFLOWER

Opens under moonlight; encourages extraordinary dreams.

2

## SILVER FERN

Folds its leaves when footsteps approach.

3

## PEARL BERRY

Glow's beautifully. Identification incomplete.

SAFETY NOTE: Never taste an unidentified plant - magical or otherwise.

# HOW TO GROW A MOONFLOWER

1

## DUSK

Check leaves and clear the path.

2

## MOONRISE

Reflect moonlight with a silver dish.

3

## MIDNIGHT

Listen for the opening chime.

4

## DAWN

Record, cover and let the plant rest.

## EVIDENCE 02: PENDANT AND KEY



On a moonflower leaf lay a silver crescent pendant.  
Beneath the roots, a tiny key answered with a faint pulse of light.

Vladimir had two objects, one mystery and approximately seven hundred questions. He began with the sensible one: what could the key unlock?

## DO THESE OBJECTS BELONG TOGETHER?

### CRESCENT PENDANT



Silver surface  
Moon-shaped mark  
Warm magical pulse

### ANCIENT KEY



Matching curves  
Root-hidden location  
Same magical pulse



WORKING THEORY: the pendant identifies the lock; the key opens it. Unfortunately, the lock has not introduced itself.

What would you search first: roots, walls or the moon dial?

### EVIDENCE 03: RAVEN NETWORK



Vladimir sent enchanted ravens to his vampire friends. Each carried a floating image of the clue and a botanical sketch.

He called them his “digital pigeons”. The ravens objected to the name, mainly by stealing his seed labels.

## UNEXPECTED VISITOR



Then Sammy the Sea Serpent rose from the ornamental pond. The vampires gasped. Sammy gasped back. Nobody had expected anybody.

A bowl of ice cream solved the awkward silence. Soon they were comparing moon gardens, sea caves and the difficulty of fitting through gates.

## DIFFERENT CREATURES • SHARED CURIOSITY

**VLADIMIR**

Quiet • precise • loves rare plants

**SAMMY**

Splashy • playful • loves ice cream

**BOTH**

Curious • unusual • ready to listen

Friendship does not require creatures to be the same.  
It requires enough patience to discover what they can  
enjoy together.



The garden celebration joined local families, vampires and one very damp sea serpent. Lanterns glowed; moon biscuits disappeared; the pond repeatedly escaped its edges.

The townspeople never agreed exactly who their elegant host was. They agreed his garden was magnificent.

## AN ANCIENT LANDSCAPE FOR A NEW LEGEND

Brading is one of the island's historic towns, set below Brading Down and beside the River Yar.

Nearby, Brading Roman Villa preserves ancient archaeology and overlooks countryside rich in wildlife and wildflowers. The story's enchanted garden is imaginary, but the sense of history is very real.



A good local legend makes you look twice at a familiar landscape.

# THE GARDEN STILL HAS SECRETS

1

## PENDANT

Found on a moonflower leaf.

2

## KEY

Recovered beneath old roots.

3

## PULSE

Both point deeper into the garden.

4

## GUARDIAN

A shadow offers a warning, not an answer.

STATUS: The true lock remains undiscovered. Case remains delightfully open.

# WHAT THE EVIDENCE SHOWS

## PATIENT

Vladimir nurtures what others overlook.

## CURIOUS

Every clue deserves careful study.

## INDIVIDUAL

A vampire may prefer compost to drama.

## WELCOMING

Wonder grows when it is shared.

FINAL FINDING: Vladimir proves that even a creature of the night can grow beauty, friendship and a remarkably demanding moonflower.



# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Which moon-garden plant would you most like to investigate?

2. What do you think the tiny key unlocks?

3. Would an enchanted raven be a useful messenger or a terrible nuisance?

4. Why did Vladimir and Sammy become friends despite being so different?

5. What snack would you serve at a full-moon garden party?

6. If the shadowy guardian returned, what question should Professor Follies ask?

Professor Follies says: Some mysteries are better when they leave one door unopened and several excellent theories behind.





# PASSPORT

## CASE FILE COMPLETE

TO MYTHICAL CREATURES  
**Vladimir the Vampire • Brading**

### F.O.L.L.I.E.S.

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Specialists

When moonflowers open above Brading, keep watch for  
ravens, silver clues and one extremely well-dressed gardener.

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