

Vye Detector

In The Tapestry, Vyes are minions of The Enemy. It is important to be able to identify them:

"A vye is not a werewolf. The vye is larger, with a more distorted and hideous face—part wolf, part jackal, part human, with squinty eyes and a twisted snout. In human form, however, they can be most convincing....They are clever in their deceptions and their voices are wound with spells to ensnare you."

After a Vye attack at Rowan, students receive extra training in identifying and fighting Vyes. In the following scenarios, how would you identify and fight a Vye?

Scenario 1: You are in The Course, attempting to catch a silver ulu. Dangers await you. You easily solve a puzzle to gain entrance to the forest where the ulu is. You stumble onto a nest of hampersprites, who grab onto your legs and feet until you are able to repel them. Then, you see the ulu in a clearing. As you walk towards it, you see a large, wolflike shadow in the corner of your eye—it's a vye! You turn to face it, and consider your options:

- Run for your life—if you are able to Amplify...
- Shout, "*solas!*" and blind the vye with a burst of light, giving you a chance to assess the situation and your surroundings
- Challenge the vye with a riddle: "water is all around you, but you're dying of thirst." (You're in the ocean, and you can't drink salt water!)

Scenario 2: You are in a train station. You stumble and fall flat on your face, causing your nose to bleed. Several people stop to help. A man passes you a tissue as he turns to sneeze. A woman offers to buy you an ice cream to help you feel better. A surfer dude tells you, "whoa, a shark would already have smelled your blood and be ripping off your leg by now."

1. Which one is the vye?

- The man
- The woman
- The surfer dude

2. So—what do you do?

- Run for your life—if you are able to Amplify...
- Shout, "*solas!*" and blind the vye with a burst of light, giving you a chance to assess the situation and your surroundings
- Challenge the vye with a riddle: " water is all around you, but you're dying of thirst."

Now, create your own vye scenario!

Answers: Scenario 1: a. The light will stun the unseen vye in the forest, giving you a chance to fight or escape. Scenario 2: 1. You can tell the surfer dude is the vye by his violent metaphor. 2. c. You can't amplify or use the light because you are in public. The riddle will confuse the vye long enough for you to escape on the train.