

Faery Pregnant

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Astral pregnancy is a topic steeped in misunderstanding and doubt, both of one's own experience, and of others' experiences. In this talk, Tuiliel will share her personal experiences with astral pregnancies, including what forms it has taken for her (on a spectrum of partly physical to entirely astral), and how she has experienced it in both worlds, in an attempt to foster communication, community, and greater understanding. Others will be encouraged to share their own experiences as well, if they are comfortable doing so.

I. About Me

- A. Tolkien elvish (quenya) for spring with a feminine suffix; used it as a forum handle, then a tumblr url, and a nickname in the otherkin community
- B. awoke in my early twenties in approx 2012/2013, which is when I first started interacting with the community – though as a kid I was pretty sure my mother was a changeling, so that timeframe is really when I realized it was an incarnation thing and not just blood/heritage
- C. I usually call myself an elf for ease of explanation, and I'll explain more tomorrow in the faamily talk, but my father is of the alfar of Vanaheim, and my mother is one of the Tuatha De Dannan. I'm bilocated, sort of split in two, though human suit me is something like a hindu avatar, or as I jokingly call myself sometimes, a sock puppet for my Other Self. Over There, I'm the queen of a very small island realm, which in previous years I've led meditations to because we're a healing center, and I think those recordings are still available on the website for 2021, called "Sanctuary Meditation".

II. Astral Pregnancy

- A. It gets tossed around a lot online as a "lmao those crazy delusional otherkins" and I've even seen similar comments from members of our own community
- B. But here I am to talk about my experiences and hopefully clear up some misunderstandings, and maybe hear about some other people's experiences if we have time

III. Physical Pregnancy with some Otherworldly Woo

- A. My meatspace kid is almost 8, so about 8 and a half years ago, I was starting to show, and I was doing some journey work and was surprised to find that my form had shifted Over

There too, and that I could still feel my child's energy passively whilst in journey space, for the first time

- B. Shortly before that, I'd had a visitation from a faery being who looked a bit like a water scorpion (long and spindly, though bipedal, not unlike a stick bug, but those don't live in water and that was definitely part of his energy). He'd asked if I could "handle" an unseelie child, and I'd said yes, and at that point my unborn baby's energy started feeling more settled, to me – more one thing, instead of infinite possibilities
- C. So when I felt my child during a journey as well, I stopped to take a deeper look at him, and saw him both as he was currently, and how he used to be before his current incarnation
 - 1. unlike with human fetuses, his proportions weren't very skewed, he was just quite small but still resembled the type of faery he'd been, like an older child who's been shrunk down
 - 2. more humanoid than the waterscorpion fae, though smaller in scale than humans, still somewhat spindly limbs, and webbed hands and feet, large purple eyes, mottled skin in shades of blue and grey and purple, and very sharp teeth like a pike fish, just a mouth full of needles basically. Still a watery predator, just a different type.
 - 3. And I saw his family, most of them blue and grey, but some more on the green end of blue than the purple end, probably like 3-4 ft tall on average, living in and around water, nocturnal for the most part, and eating whatever creatures they could drown
- D. After he was born he did seem to have some fae characteristics and energies, and other people have noted it as well (one of my close friends is always surprised his eyes are dark hazel in person instead of purple, lol)

IV. Otherworldly Surrogacy – First Time

- A. My first fully otherworldly pregnancy was a weird surprise, because it was an agreement that my Other Self made that my human self was not aware of (one of the downsides of being a sock puppet, lol) – until I started having pregnancy symptoms.
 - 1. I really thought I'd gotten pregnant again accidentally despite using birth control, but the tests came back negative, so I did a journey to talk to some allies to be like "what the hell???"

2. And at that point I was told that two of my allies among the local courtly fae had conceived a child with a human they had in their realm Over There, but that she was unable to bring the pregnancy fully to term, so they had transferred it to me partway through
 - a. Don't ask me how that worked; I have no fucking idea, I did not ask
- B. The two allies are welsh courtly fae, one more or less male, and one androgynous but masc-of-center. And I've been told the human woman made a deal to be there, she wasn't stolen outright, but mostly – not my circus
- C. That was a weird one, because I did have what seemed to be a sudden hormone shift and morning sickness, though it faded once I realized what was going on. And then near the end, I had what felt like braxton hicks contractions, just like I'd had with my kid, not the right time of the month for menstrual cramps (and they feel different anyway)
- D. During the pregnancy, I saw that child and his energy the way I'd seen my incarnate kid, with less extreme proportions than human babies, just small, and I got to know something of his energy. He looked a lot like his masc-of-center parent
- E. And once he was born [Winter Solstice 2022] my symptoms all disappeared, and I was having a lot of dreams of him at night, just me sitting in a nursery holding him and things like that. Honestly it was kind of hard, emotionally, to have a child I couldn't hold except in dreams and journeys.
- F. It also created an unexpected shift in my relationship with those two allies, because while I understood it as a surrogacy, to them (and energetically), I was just the fourth magically biological parent, so the kid also inherited all my relationships and part of my magic, while I became Family to the two fathers
- G. The kid grew up more quickly than I expected – time moves strangely, as we all know, but he went from an infant to seeming to be like 6-7 years old in a couple months of our time, and then seemed to be like 12 a year after that, and now it's been 3 years over here and he looks like he's 17 or so

V. Otherworldly Surrogacy – The Second Time

- A. When the same two allies asked me if I'd help them create two more children, twins, I agreed
- B. That pregnancy had almost no physical symptoms (for which I was very grateful), except for a very strange period right after they were transferred to me [end of Aug 2023]

- C. Again, during the pregnancy I saw them as small but similar proportions to children of 6-7 shrunk down
- D. For these two, the fathers wanted more of my own magic and sorcery to add to their abilities, so I was a little more involved in the shaping of the children, who have a sort of yin yang relationship, though they also shapeshift.
- E. They each have a light form and a dark form, parallel to their fathers' light and dark and my expression along a spectrum, and forms that are masc-of-center and fem-of-center, but I've never seen them both the same thing ever – I'm pretty sure they shift brightness and gender in relation to each other
- F. After they were born (Samhain 2023), they took to magic and shapeshifting like breathing, and most of the time when they come see me now, one of them is humanoid and the other is a little songbird that perches on my shoulder – and currently they look just a little bit younger than their brother, about 15 or 16

VI. Current Pregnancy

- A. Planned by Andros and I – sex magic Over Here with the intention of creating an exclusively astral pregnancy
 1. In preparation for this one, there was a little politicking with Andros's relatives Over There first; tldr the child is going to be his heir and not mine
 2. November 2024 – I had bought some silk cords for a handfasting but they got lost in the mail, so as a substitute we used linen thread, and then when I did get the cords afterwards, I used the thread to bind the ends of the braided cords (one for him, one for me, one for the child).
 3. In retrospect, two linen threads worked better: both wrapped together around our hands for the handfasting, and then one around each of my ankles for the sex magic, and to finish each end of the braided cord
 4. And it worked! I felt her the next morning, a little glow embedded in my womb, and I did *not* end up physically pregnant
 5. If you are interesting in repeating the magic yourself, I'm happy to explain it in more depth if you DM me or ping me in the warnable content channel lol
- B. I have had some physical symptoms with this one, particularly the first time after her conception that I got my period it was pretty awful, but once I braided the cord to sort of tie the magic there, my symptoms lessened

- C. Once again, she seems to just be small but proportioned like an elementary school child
- D. I think she's going to be due in the next couple of months but I'm not exactly sure – none of the astral pregnancies seem to have lasted a normal human gestational period, but I guess that's not too surprising.
- E. I am definitely showing up pregnant Over There too, just as I did before – and she's pretty colorful, so it's fairly obvious!
- F. She gave me wings??? Somehow??? I could make glamour ones before, but these are... different. More solid, more part of *me*. And that's definitely from Andros's contribution somehow – I asked one of the fathers of the other children about it and he was like “yeah the womb person can get magic from the potentials of the child, duh” but again, I have no idea how that works really, it's just A Thing, apparently

VII. Pregnancy in general

- A. I don't think I could have gotten pregnant Over There until I did Over Here, but that's likely a case by case thing. I do know that there were a lot of luck knots in the way of me getting physically pregnant and carrying to term, and that pregnancy was high risk and kind of a nightmare, and my fae mother has said that it was only after I untangled all of it that I could carry a child either physically or astrally
- B. In conclusion, fairy procreation seems kinda complicated and not nearly as standardized as human pregnancy and there's a lot of magic involved, but it *can* and does happen sometimes while you're currently in a human suit. And I very much imagine it works the other way, too, if you're an entity capable of impregnating others, though I am pretty sure there is no sex binary or even bimodal distribution in fairies because of all the magic and shapeshifting and whatnot.

VIII. Does anyone have their own stories they'd like to share?

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