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4. **[Prof. Hydeflinn Blackprairie]** A gloomy elf professor with a bad habit of sneaking up on and startling others. His research into the Shadow Realm and dark places succeeded in making him completely invisible but only by trapping himself in his own shadow. He teaches his students how to "safely" explore the darkest places of the Mortal Realm in search of lost knowledge.
5. **[Prof. Torra Grimthorn]** The fussy ghost of a human history professor who was murdered by treasure hunters who broke into her office in search of relics. Her obsession with uncovering the truth of the past prevents her from passing on until she solves the greatest mystery of her career. This doesn't bother her, as she enjoy using her paranormal "gifts" to animate her collected relics in order to better demonstrate to her students how they were constructed, used, or worshipped in their time.
6. **[Vornak the Tome Whisperer]** A wickedly brilliant lich who has been imprisoned in the university's dungeon for over 2 centuries. Has arranged to earn certain privileges [recreational books, art to decorate his cell, requested meals] by teaching the students ancient magics uncovered in his quest for lichdom. Is amassing a secret cult of student followers who wish to free the lich by sacrificing other students in gruesome rituals that allows the lich to feed on their souls without the use of their phylactery [hidden and nullified by magical wards somewhere in the university].



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