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Grimalkin carves the symbol of her scissors on trees to mark her territory or warn others aways ...

The current assassin of the Malkin clan is Grimalkin. Very fast and strong, this assassin has a code of honour and never resorts to trickery. She prefers her opponent to be a challenge. Although honourable, Grimalkin also has a dark side and is reputed to use torture. All fear the *snip-snip* of her terrible scissors.

She uses these to shear the flesh and bone of her enemies ... Grimalkin's favourite killing tool is the long blade, and she is a skilled blacksmith who forges her own weapons.

Taken from John Gregory's notebook, The Spook's Bestiary

Grimalkin made her first Wardstone Chronicles appearance in *The Spook's Battle* when she was sent by the Pendle witches to kill Thomas Ward.

Since then she has featured in her own short story (in the anthology *The Spook's Stories: Witches*) where we learned about her background and extreme hatred for her sworn enemy – the Fiend.

Now this deadly witch assassin has formed an alliance with Tom, the Spook and Alice. The narrative follows straight on from the end of *The Spook's Destiny*. What Grimalkin

carries must be kept out of the clutches of their enemies at all costs  $\dots$ 

