

Edwin Mercer (Rowan's Father)

Edwin Mercer (Rowan's Father) is a sturdy man in his early fifties, standing just over six feet tall with the broad build of someone who once lived comfortably but has spent the last decade doing whatever honest work he could find. His dark brown hair has faded to iron gray at the temples, and a neatly kept beard can no longer hide the lines carved into his face by years of worry. His hazel eyes are warm but constantly alert, instinctively searching for dangers before they reach his family.

Once a respected merchant known for his fairness and sharp mind, Edwin lost nearly everything trying to save his only son from a mysterious illness. He sold his business, mortgaged his home, and exhausted every favor and fortune in pursuit of a cure. Though those sacrifices ultimately saved Rowan's life, they left Edwin convinced that one reckless decision could destroy a family. He is practical, dependable, and slow to trust chance, believing that survival comes from preparation rather than luck. His greatest fear is watching Rowan slip beyond his protection a second time.

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