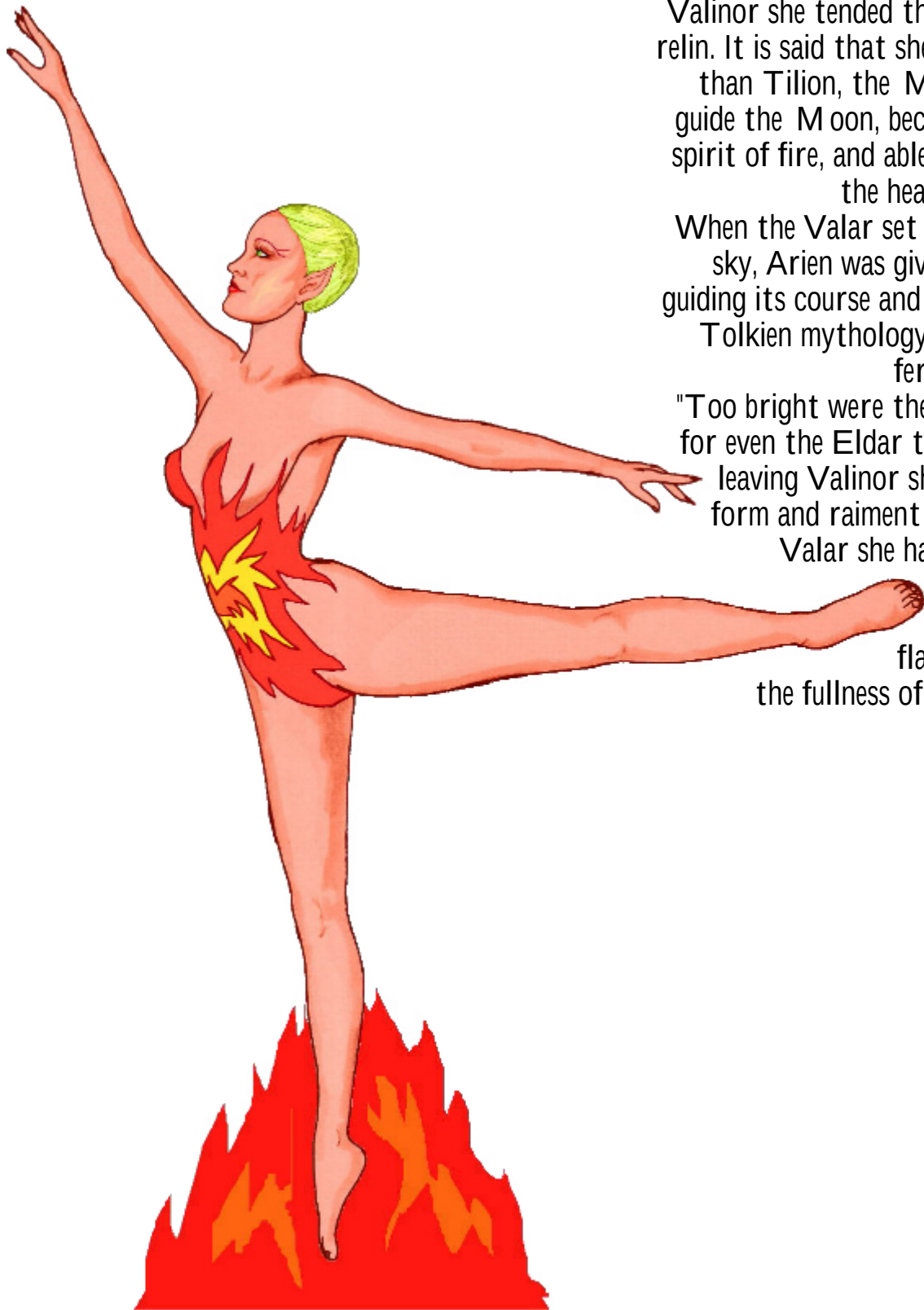


Arien



Arien was a spirit of fire known as the sun-maiden and, originally belonging to the Maiar of Vána. In Valinor she tended the tree of Laurelin. It is said that she was mightier than Tilion, the Maia chosen to guide the Moon, because she was a spirit of fire, and able to withstand the heats of Laurelin.

When the Valar set the Sun in the sky, Arien was given the task of guiding its course and that is why in Tolkien mythology the sun is referred to as she.

"Too bright were the eyes of Arien for even the Eldar to look on, and leaving Valinor she forsook the form and raiment which like the Valar she had worn there, and she was as a naked flame, terrible in the fullness of her splendor."



Arien tends Laurelin in Valinor



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