

# Volume I: Prelude - Masquerade Gala

[1/12/2024, 9:46:25 PM] Bartholomew

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

You arrive in the courtyard on this auspicious evening, greeted by the budding flora and picturesque fountain that sits near the center. A brisk breeze moves through the crowd assembling just outside the ballroom, as many of the attendees are preparing their entrance into the scene. As the line moves forward in an orderly function, you would be greeted by an escort, dressed entirely in black, no mask. Respectfully they would ask for the invitation of each guest, and then proceed to welcome them inside. Without an invitation, no entry would be permitted. Entering the foyer, just outside the ballroom, you can feel the hum of activity in the next room. A few attendees had already taken advantage of the free flowing wine that was being served in sparkling gold glasses, and given out like candy to each and every individual who wished to be served. In the ballroom, everything fell to the side, as the opera like ceiling inspired all who entered. Gold trimmings lined the columns, and a newly minted sigil of House Kimura was carved in the middle of the dance floor. There was a soft symphony playing in the corner of the room, but it would quickly be drowned out by the conversations, and glasses as they clinked against one another. The room felt almost like it was transported from another time, when balls and galas graced the estate halls as a regular occurrence. And although there were many nobles chatting and no doubt scheming, tonight would feel different, more than simply a social event, but a new beginning for this age old gilded house, to reclaim its luster, and to usher in a new. There would be no sign of the hostess, the Lady Kimura. Although with each guest dressed in their own mask, it would be a guessing game of who is who. While you may think you know someone by the color of their gown or quirkiness of their mask, discovering who was the face hiding beneath each one, was perhaps the whole point of the evening.

[1/12/2024, 9:48:24 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus adorns in a meticulously crafted long coat of regal blue and resplendent gold, its edges adorned with exquisite trimming, beautiful brass

buttons, and filigree that dances harmoniously with the visible vest beneath. The coat drapes around him like a cascade of sophistication, each stitch a testament to the attention paid to the details of his attire. His dark pants, a profound black hue, seamlessly complement the overall ensemble, and his boots, crafted from dark black leather, complete the ensemble with a quiet, yet pronounced, sense of luxury. The ensemble, a symphony of colors and textures, is a testament to an impeccable sense of style that speaks volumes without uttering a word. Veiled behind a captivating mask, Noir Corvus adds an air of mystery to his presence. The mask, a mesmerizing fusion of blue and gold, carries a bird-like feature, enhancing the enigmatic aura that surrounds him. His hair, a cascade of dark curls, frames his countenance with an allure that is both captivating and enigmatic. The branchlets, a distinguished white oak color, accentuate the subtle contrasts within his overall appearance. Standing with a poised posture, Noir Corvus awaits the commencement of the event. His demeanor exudes confidence and sophistication, embodying a silent proclamation of his presence. As the anticipation lingers in the air, Noir Corvus stands as a beacon of sartorial excellence, a figure whose every detail whispers tales of elegance and grace.

[1/12/2024, 9:50:18 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

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Julietta would enter attired in a slender, long flowing gown. The gown, light turquoise in hue, only draped over a left shoulder. The skirt boasted a train that trailed a good 3 feet behind her. The embellishment of the dress created an elegant bodice that would wrap up over her left shoulder then down along the opening of the skirt. When stopped the train would swirl and pool around her leaving the opening of the skirt, that went from mid thigh height down the length allowed for an alluring view of a long left leg. The gold colored stiletto heeled shoe covered her toes while a strap engulfed her ankle. The mask that covered Julietta's face was shaped like a butterfly. Intricately woven gold threads and wires would produce the elegant look that matched the form wearing it. Around the upper tips of the wings would be painted in a matching light turquoise of the flowing dress. Between her eyes would be a matching gem. Upon the forehead and the small design upon the forehead also held the stones.

[1/12/2024, 9:52:45 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma enters the foyer, moving around a bit as he scopes out the attendees. His attire was pristine, the dark green long coat embellished heavily with golden silk thread in intricate designs, along with its golden fasteners holding it with a snug fit to his tall body. Black pants and black leather shoes matched with some of the black leather on his coat. His mask matched the dark green of his outfit perfectly, it was exceptionally intricately designed with various markings, including some parts that looked like scales, and layered with designs in gold. His jet black hair was styled as usual, along with his blue eyes peering out from behind his mask and his deep soothing voice would likely give him anyway to anyone who knew him to some extent.

[1/12/2024, 9:53:40 PM] Hibou

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hibou offers a respectful nod to the attendant, producing his invitation as he is flanked by Darian Corvinus. Hibou wears a black mask that seems particularly owl-like in nature, with flecks of gold accentuating the details of the mask. Stepping inside, Hibou takes the time to look around, appreciating the architecture and culture that is devoted to these events. Faintly smiling, he regards Darian Corvinus. "We once hosted these often, when I was a boy. Dancing and revelry were commonplace, though I suspect you are looking for this," He says as he plucks two chalices of wine off a passing courier. Offering one to Darian Corvinus, Hibou grins. "To your romantic prospects?"

[1/12/2024, 9:56:11 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Taking the offered chalice, Corvinus gives Hibou a nod of appreciation, though his features remain hidden behind the sable and silver mask. "To your evening, sir. I look forward to it with great anticipation." He raises the chalice in mock toast, before sipping a bit through the mask.

[1/12/2024, 9:56:25 PM] Arabella Anjani

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Entering the room, a vision in a flowing green gown, with gold flower essences made her arrival. The wearer, a vaelune woman by her looks, with long dark hair. Her hair was braided, flowing just past her waist. She wore a mask that was made of gold, matching her dress, with patterns of vines and roses embedded in the gilded work. As she moved, she would have to

carefully pick up the edges of her gown to avoid it being a nuisance to others who may be walking by, a trip hazard even. Her first movements through the door were towards a waiter, who would offer her a glass of wine. She'd accept and move towards the edge of the room, walking slowly albeit carefully not to trip, her eyes wandering and examining all who entered, as if she was looking for someone in particular.

[1/12/2024, 9:57:26 PM] Bartholomew

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Bartholomew would move into the courtyard looking in awe as the spectacle of the evening began to unfold. The man adorned in a brown tunic, red cloak, and with a white undershirt. While many of the attendees would likely be in the latest fashion, Bartholomew was instead had less. Arms were exposed, and his lower garb only went down to his ankles where traditional Empyrean footwear would be noticed. A bright red and silver mask upon his face with a ruby center was about the flashiest piece of wear upon him. He moved toward the entrance of the ballroom, looking upon those before him as he smiled in greeting to each.

[1/12/2024, 9:57:29 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow lets out a sigh as she steps out, taking a moment to adjust her black and golden wolf like mask. Her auburn hair pulled back into a messy bun with curled strains of hair framing her face. Her hazel gaze taking a moment to look over the estate and all those that had decided to attend, almost as if she was studying people. Holding out the invitation as she holds up the right side of her black dress, adorned with golden metal work that seemed to almost embody the sun itself. It framed her body quite nicely before it started to flow out at her waist. The tips over her right heel clear to see, black and golden metal work to match her dress. She didn't seem to wait for the escort to say anything before she started to make her way inside, making sure to keep along the wall and out of the eyes of others. (Will post outfit in discord.)

[1/12/2024, 9:57:43 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Slinking around the edges of the crowd Manuel Bellamarre does his best to avoid falling into a conversation before he has had a drink. Looking slightly

uncomfortable in his attire, a vibrant red shirt, with polished black leather vest and slacks, silver buttons and clasps occasionally catching the dim light in the foyer. His mask looked almost suitable for battle and ball alike, blackened metal, with silver filigree forming a floral pattern around the eyes and jawline. He begins to hunt down a source of drink a little more... stout.

[1/12/2024, 9:58:59 PM] Motras Panther

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Motras Panther was dressed up in black and purple. A rather unique ensemble given the environment they were in. The suit was highlighted by gold trim, and it all was elegantly tied together by a rich leather and gold mask. As the man walked forward with his invitation, he greeted the doorman. "Good evening sir, where might I find the spirits tonight?" A simple phrase that would not doubt become more common as the night progressed. Upon entering the gala, Motras was greeted with what could be described as an other worldly experience. The gold trim on the columns resonated with his ensemble and almost felt more welcoming. Once inside the man swiftly located the bar and made his way there.

[1/12/2024, 9:59:38 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus Casted a discerning gaze around, he absorbed the exquisite details of the chamber. Engaging in a symphony of observation, he listened intently to the ambient sounds, attuning himself to the subtle melodies that resonated within the space. Every nuance, every note played a part in the orchestration of the environment.

[1/12/2024, 10:00:01 PM] Hibou

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hibou nods, touching his glass to Darian Corvinus' before taking a sip, himself. Hibou is adored in a royal purple longcoat with golden accents, and he seemingly enjoys himself in only his company's presence before he spots Manuel Bellamarre. Nudging Darian Corvinus, he motions toward the wall flower. "Looks like you have a kindred spirit, here," He remarks. Turning, Hibou moves toward the ballroom, enjoying a light-hearted, musical atmosphere. Everything about his behavior displays the mark of a man unaccustomed to such occasions of enjoyment and social indulgence.

[1/12/2024, 10:01:56 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Corvinus follows suit, though more out of absent minded wandering than a desire to keep Hibou company. He was bored, and generally detested events like this, though he knew the purpose they served in the grand weave. He would take a spot along the wall to watch and drink in peace.

[1/12/2024, 10:02:04 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Grim Mythic swiftly walks with stoic energy as his long black button up coat billows behind. The coat itself is decorated with golden trim and tassels, and the inside a bright red pattern with gold accents. A large beautiful red scarf swings back and forth, sashed around his lower abdomen. He is also wearing long thigh high boots that blend in to his dark colored trousers. The mask on his face mimics that of a jester, and hides his face completely. Short black hair blows in the wind as he stepped inside.

[1/12/2024, 10:02:31 PM] Sariah Sobriquet

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Sariah made her way into the grand ballroom once the ornate double doors swung open, the soft glow of chandeliers illuminated the room, revealing the opulent setting. She stepped across the threshold with grace, her winter white owl mask adding an air of mystery to her ensemble with its feathers curled elegantly around the edges, creating an ethereal aura. Her choice of attire was a flowing white ball gown adorned with satin ribbons that cascaded down the length of the dress. The gown, with its subtle shimmer, seemed to capture the essence of winter itself, the satin ribbons adding a touch of sophistication, trailing behind her as she smiled in breathless wonder at how lovely everyone looked. Nodding towards one of the servants on hand, she awaited the arrival of a goblet of punch.

[1/12/2024, 10:02:49 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Seated nonchalantly on the ledge of a garden wall, "Hedera" blended seamlessly with the natural surroundings. Clad in a loosely woven garb of muted green, adorned with gold-fringed tassels and hastily embroidered patterns in a dull red, they exuded an air of casual elegance. Wooden beady necklaces, in various earthy colors, hung around their neck, and a

fawn-inspired mask covered the upper part of their face. Maple leaf antlers and a sculpted forest green rose adorned the mask, only barely revealing copper skin and sharp eyes beneath. With a slender form, the enigmatic figure maintained a nondescript body language, already immersed in the quiet charm of the garden. Real antlers sprouted from their crown, a unique addition to their presence. Perched on the garden wall, they seemed to embody the essence of nature itself, a tranquil observer in woven garb and wooden embellishments. For now, this figure seemed content to quietly observe. They started to follow the crowd at a distance only when most had already gone from peripheral view.

[1/12/2024, 10:03:20 PM] Athena Moonsong

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Athena Moonsong, always fashionably late to these sorts of things, decides to be one of the last to enter and takes up a perch outside with a glass of wine swirling in her hand. Her dress is elegant, a deep, navy blue silk draped around her shoulders and down the front that expands into a proper dress bottom. The sleeves and portion holding the dress together down the middle is a semi-see through golden lace with intricate patterns from mid chest all the way to the hem that seems to float in the air over, flowing all around her as to hide her feet and make her movements seem airy and flowing. That same permeable fabric laced with gold makes up her sleeves from shoulder to wrists, and the blue fabric attaches just at the back of her neck, open along most of her back to a gentle curve just above waist height where the flowing blue fabric continues. Her mask doesn't seem accommodate drink well, but she manages, a solid silver with elegant features and patterns like those on her dress curling up and along its sides from chin to forehead, ending in a trail of silver filigree and leaves that seem to caress her raven black hair, pulled back and tied up in an elegant and styled bun, poofy and spiraled nice and high. She stands near the fountain, eyeing other guests from the cover of anonymity, seemingly waiting to make her move.

[1/12/2024, 10:04:18 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Genteelly bringing long fingers to embrace slight folds of her skirting, Julietta would carefully walk forward, following one or two of the others. Lifting a glass of wine from one of the waiters as she entered the hall, the right side of her skirting left to trail with the train. Her eyes gazed outward

to see how people were mingling and acting. Hoping her nervousness would not be noticed.

[1/12/2024, 10:04:32 PM] Noir Corvus

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Noir Corvus casting a gaze in the direction of Darian, he tracked the man's passage and, with a subtle turn, directed his attention toward him. A congenial smile graced his features as he approached, a silent acknowledgment of the vibrant atmosphere surrounding them. "Enjoying the evening?" he inquired, his voice carrying a warmth that invited camaraderie. With purposeful steps, he strolled toward the individual, a hint of amusement playing in his eyes as he took in the diverse array of attires adorning the gathering. The kaleidoscope of fashions seemed to captivate him, each ensemble a unique brushstroke contributing to the canvas of the event. In the midst of this sartorial spectacle, he engaged in conversation, seamlessly blending into the tapestry of the evening's festivities.

[1/12/2024, 10:05:18 PM] Fire Starter

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Entering behind most of the attendees, the silver haired woman, an empyrean by the looks of it, made her way towards the doorway. Her hair was loosely braided, stopping just short of her waist, with a silver clip holding every strand of hair in place. Dressed in blue and silver, the gown she wore was a bit untraditional for the event of which was attending. Some may even call it provocative based on the long slit that exposed her left leg. Blue and silver feathers extended from the gown as if they were plucked and fitted to its edges carefully and with purpose. For her mask, it was a bit more subtle. A carefully crafted face covering, silver by the looks of the material, with softly placed sapphire stones that adorned the facade. As she walked forward, she would pivot to the edge of the room, not to avoid conversation, but to people watch, and perhaps have a few drinks of her own.

[1/12/2024, 10:05:46 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

jaw dropping slightly at the elegance before him, manuel tries to hide his awe. Whispering to the first servant that presents a drink to him then proceeding to the piano being played in the corner, awaiting the servant to bring his "special request" to him.



[1/12/2024, 10:05:51 PM] Hibou  
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Hibou turns his attention to Sariah Sobriquet, bowing his head slightly in an obvious greeting. "And might I be the first courageous soul to ask if you've danced, this evening?"

[1/12/2024, 10:06:06 PM] Grim Mythic  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Grim Mythic walked into the building nearly bumping into Sariah Sobriquet. "Excuse me, milady..." His voice is soft and deep.

[1/12/2024, 10:06:39 PM] Motras Panther  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Having secured himself a chalice of wine, Motras found himself a seat on the interior of the event.

[1/12/2024, 10:07:52 PM] Athena Moonsong  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Athena Moonsong trails toward the doors now that most of the guests seem to have entered. A nod of the head and a raise of the wine glass greet Hedera, soft, warm voice betraying a smile beneath the neutral featured silver mask. "Good evening."

[1/12/2024, 10:08:59 PM] Red Shadow  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow stayed in the corner her gaze seeming to focus on everyone as they moved. Shifting a bit as she tried to get use to wearing heels, letting out a sigh as she tried to figure out why she just didn't just opt to switching places with others of the Order on guard.

[1/12/2024, 10:08:58 PM] Hedera  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hedera regarded Athena in turn with a slight raise of the chin. There was no wine glass to be raised in turn. "Good evening," they said lightly. "Wonderful attire."

[1/12/2024, 10:09:17 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma approached Bartholomew, giving them a nod. "Hello, how fares your evening so far?"

[1/12/2024, 10:09:59 PM] Arabella Anjani

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Sipping from her wine glass, the woman would watch with a bit of glee as the room began to fill. Her eyes drifted from person to person. Although she didn't seem to see whom she had hoped would attend. She'd continue to watch, and shift herself back and forth as if she was interested in a dance.

[1/12/2024, 10:10:50 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Chalice in hand, Corvinus turned to face them. "I am afraid I am to sober to properly enjoy it, though I endeavor to become less sober the longer the night goes. It is only natural, after all, to drown ones discomfort in the joys of liquid courage." He laughs softly, and shifts a bit from his place by the wall to fully turn his attention where it is required.

[1/12/2024, 10:11:07 PM] Grim Mythic

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Grim Mythic Walks through the crowds aimlessly. Clearly a fish out of water.

[1/12/2024, 10:11:16 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong curtsied slightly toward Hedera. "All I have seen so far from the guests would seem to indicate I don't stand out in the least, but I thank you for the kind words. And might I ask why you are waiting in the back? Perhaps... people watching as I?"

[1/12/2024, 10:12:44 PM] Bartholomew

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Bartholomew looks to Azure, "I am well, thank you, just getting started it would seem and you friend?" The man smiled looking over Azure's mask, "Quite the coloration you got there."

[1/12/2024, 10:13:06 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Looking around furtively, the corners of her mouth would curl upward. She was sure she recognized one of the masked figures. However, she turned away to slip back out the set of doors that led to the entrance. She moved slowly so as not to upend herself with this outfit on.

[1/12/2024, 10:13:38 PM] Hedera

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"Precisely," came Hedera's reply to Athena, with a slight smirk, and then a polite bow of the head to return the polite curtsy. The curl of the lips didn't seem like an arrogant nor cruel smirk, but one that read as a touch playful. "Best to observe before jumping into the fray."

[1/12/2024, 10:13:54 PM] Grim Mythic

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Grim Mythic spots the blue and silver dressed empyrean along the wall and approaches Fire Starter.

[1/12/2024, 10:14:33 PM] Noir Corvus

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Noir Corvus would give a nod toward Darian as he commented, "Does this make you uncomfortable, being surrounded by unknown individuals, hmm? There is a bit of a sense of adventure amidst all this."

[1/12/2024, 10:15:14 PM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow glances towards the mask person making their way towards her, causing her to lift a brow though hidden behind her mask. Folding her hands behind her back as she leaned forward a bit. "I'm sure the man in the golden mask lounging about would love to dance if you ask?"

[1/12/2024, 10:15:22 PM] Fire Starter

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Watching the 'Grim Mythic' approach, the woman would dip her head to them. "My lord..."

[1/12/2024, 10:15:45 PM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma responded "Why thank you. I'm doing well so far, I like your mask."

[1/12/2024, 10:16:32 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong had no means to return the facial gesture, but a soft laugh indicated her own amusement. Dipping her glass slightly toward the door, she dared start for it herself. "Ready a battle plan, as it were? I fully agree. Plus, it gives all the lions time to select other lambs to circle so that I may peruse at my leisure."

[1/12/2024, 10:16:44 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

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Noticing the balcony, Manuel makes his way through the open doors, missing the cool evening air. Music, laughter, and chatter trickle out behind, drowning out the noise of the river below.

[1/12/2024, 10:17:51 PM] Darian Corvinus

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Corvinus would shrug at Noir's comment. "I do not believe so. I am more comfortable in less formal situations, it comes with the nature of my preferred pursuits." He gives Noir an appraising look. "I am looking for talented individuals though, and would be intrigued if you or others here fit that description."

[1/12/2024, 10:17:51 PM] Hedera

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"Oh my~" said Hedera. "I like the way you think. After you," they said, drifting towards the entrance.

[1/12/2024, 10:18:00 PM] Motras Panther

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Motras had finished his drink and was able to secure a replacement. Noticing the entry getting more crowded he decided to head towards the interior and out towards the balcony for some fresh air

[1/12/2024, 10:18:09 PM] Juliette Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Offering her glass of wine to Red Shadow, the smile still teasing the corners of her mouth. "Dance? I am having enough trouble walking in these things." Her foot slithering forward to show off the high heeled shoe that adorned her foot. "do you not agree?"

[1/12/2024, 10:18:20 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Milady... Enjoying the night?" The man spoke. His voice soft yet deep, but maybe artificially embellished that way based on the tone. He responds to Fire Starter."Grim Mythic... and you?" He bows and extends a pale hand

[1/12/2024, 10:18:58 PM] Bartholomew

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Bartholomew would raise his hand across the foyer they were inside. "A magnificent establishment, mystery and intrigue, and I am sure the food and drink will be the talk of all the land. From the West Province all the way to the Duchy of Castor. Tonight will be a night to remember, I can feel it." He extends his hand to Azure, "Bartholomew's the name, a fancy persona, no?" he would chuckle, "And you, friend?"

[1/12/2024, 10:19:45 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong gave another small curtsy at the gesture, then paused, considering. "Shall we make an entrance of it?"Transferring the wine glass to her left hand, she offered her right, palm up and fingers out in invitation, to Hedera.

[1/12/2024, 10:20:06 PM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow took the glass of wine give the woman a nod of her head. "I completely agree. Not something I'll ever wear again that is for sure. Though...might be useful as a weapon at some point." She states as she kept a hand out incase Juliette lose her balance.

[1/12/2024, 10:20:10 PM] Noir Corvus

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Noir Corvus would reply to Darian, "Well, I don't know about you, but true talent doesn't demand a grand stage like this; it's woven silently, leaving an

indelible mark without the need for ostentatious display. So, I'm not sure exactly what it is you seek, but with all the ruse and enigma surrounding everyone, I suspect that may be difficult."

[1/12/2024, 10:20:21 PM] Fire Starter

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"Hmm.." She'd look to the man's hand curious, and then offer her own to him, although with a smirk. "It shall be a night to remember, I have no doubt." A hint of playfulness wrapped up in her words to him.

[1/12/2024, 10:20:38 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noticing a new member outside Manuel addresses his new company. "Quite the evening isn't it sir panther." raising his glass, and giving a slight bow. "Manuel Bellamarre."

[1/12/2024, 10:20:45 PM] Hibou

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((Repost)): Hibou turns his attention to Sariah Sobriquet, bowing his head slightly in an obvious greeting. "And might I be the first soul courageous enough to ask if you would enjoy a dance?"

[1/12/2024, 10:21:41 PM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma glanced as the man gestured with his hand, the ballroom plenty familiar to him. He extended his own hand to shake Bartholomew's briefly and responded in kind. "Azure Enigma, tonight should be quite an interesting time."

[1/12/2024, 10:22:00 PM] Darian Corvinus

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Darian laughed again, and shrugged. "I disagree. As much as people try to hide their skill, the greater the difficulty in concealing it. In the end, we all show our hand for good or ill. And what better place to do it in a place where everyone is doing their utmost to pretend to be something they are not?"

[1/12/2024, 10:22:17 PM] Arabella Anjani

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Finishing off her first glass, she'd give her empty one away, and then gather another, before taking part of her dress, and dragging it across the floor as she headed across the room. HOPEFULLY SHE WOULDN'T TRIP ANYONE UP.

[1/12/2024, 10:22:28 PM] Hedera

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Hedera paused a moment--possibly a sign that this person was not yet familiar with courtly etiquette. The recovery was swift however, as they joined hands with Athena, and walked beside her into the ballroom.

[1/12/2024, 10:23:53 PM] Juliette Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

A light chuckle issued forth from Julietta's lips. "I have already thought of many ways to use these shoes for protecting oneself. Though now the thought of using it in another way could be interesting and fun. Though, mayhaps if you decide to dance I might try." glancing toward the lovely woman beside her, eyes sparkling lightly.

[1/12/2024, 10:23:55 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus smiles from behind the mask, the very essence of that smile resonating in his tone. "So, this is more of a game for you, then? You didn't answer my question: what is this elusive talent you're seeking?"

[1/12/2024, 10:24:19 PM] Motras Panther

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Ah Sir Bellamarre, indeed. It is rather exquisite, evening. Definitely has exceeded what I was imaging. How has your evening been?" Motras responded warmly to Manuel Bellamarre.

[1/12/2024, 10:24:48 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong offered a little squeeze of the hand as assurance and appreciation for the acceptance, before following side-by-side into the ballroom proper with Hedera, eyes scanning the placement and disposition of those inside. At least this main hall. "Well now. Where to? Night is only beginning, after all."

[1/12/2024, 10:25:16 PM] Sariah Sobriquet

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Sariah, standing gracefully by, accepted a glass of punch presented by a diligent attendant. The crystal-clear goblet held a refreshing concoction that matched the festive spirit of the masquerade. Sipping the cool beverage, she let the fruity notes tantalize her taste buds as she observed the grand ballroom and its masked inhabitants. Her winter white owl mask framed her eyes, which sparkled with a combination of curiosity and enjoyment. The mask added an air of mystery, allowing her to discreetly observe the other masked guests without revealing her own identity. The soft glow of the chandeliers cast a warm ambiance, creating a magical atmosphere that enveloped the entire space. The sounds of laughter, the rhythmic music, and the rustle of elegant fabrics blended harmoniously, and Sariah savored the moment, enjoying the company of masked strangers who, for the night, were united in the enchanting anonymity of the masquerade. The air was filled with excitement, and she felt the pulse of the celebration coursing through the room. From her vantage point, she took in the diverse array of masks and costumes, each a unique expression of creativity and fantasy. The masquerade's allure lay not just in the masks but in the shared sense of revelry that connected everyone in the grand ballroom. As she continued to sip her punch, she became a silent observer, appreciating the artistry of the masks, the elegance of the costumes, and the joyous energy that surrounded her. Approached by a gentleman in a royal purple longcoat with golden accents, she smiles softly as he invites her to dance. "I would be honored, good sir!" she dips in courtesy, then accompanies him to the dance floor.

[1/12/2024, 10:25:45 PM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow lets out a quick chuckle. "Oh the plan is to avoid the dancing part, it's hard enough to stand in these let alone dance." She shakes her head. "Plus I'm only here to keep an eye on things."

[1/12/2024, 10:26:03 PM] Darian Corvinus

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Corvinus leans in a conspirators move, and speaks in a low voice, "Why, people with a talent for great violence of course. A merry little band of



individuals gifted by the higher powers above with the means and methods to wreak violence against those who harm others."

[1/12/2024, 10:26:19 PM] Grim Mythic

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There's a slight hesitation in his reach, but he then commits to the invitation. "To be remembered indeed, should it be experienced with a lovely woman such as yourself. Your dress is as pure as snow, and you hair even more so. Care for a dance?"

[1/12/2024, 10:28:30 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hedera looked around briefly, distracted for a moment by a server orbiting the crowd. They reached out to take a wine glass at last, and to sample it. With an appreciative hum, they resumed scanning the crowd. "Hm..." Hedera replied. "That depends. Perhaps further in. I'm eager to find music."

[1/12/2024, 10:29:35 PM] Fire Starter

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Are you certain? I haven't danced in decades..." Her eyes would drift around as she saw some others approach the floor. Perhaps she was looking for someone, or maybe she was looking for her own excuse to run away. "I'd hate to step on your feet my lord..."

[1/12/2024, 10:29:45 PM] Bartholomew

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Bartholomew shakes his head and nods, "Let us enter then. No need to delay things further. Celebration, drink, and maybe a chance for a dance or two." he turns entering the main ballroom taking in the dance floor. "Now this is a gala! Gods look at the ceiling!" he says with delight as he makes his way to a table for a drink, preferably wine. Taking in the music of the opera playing wondering if they took requests.

[1/12/2024, 10:30:42 PM] Noir Corvus

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Noir Corvus head would tilt just enough, revealing that he was in contemplation of what the man had just said. He commented, "Just like this masquerade ball, you present your words in the same fashion. A jest acts as

your cloak, but I can hardly take your playful countenance too seriously, as it seems to be more or less weaving laughter into the tapestry of our conversation. I suppose, in short, I hope you are merely jesting."

[1/12/2024, 10:30:51 PM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma gave a final nod to the man "Enjoy your evening." he said before moving away. He smiled as he moved past Athena and Hedera, heading to a familiar shade of hair.

[1/12/2024, 10:31:38 PM] Hibou

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Hibou bows more formally, matching Sariah's devotion to social etiquette. "I assure you, m'Lady, the honor is entirely mine," He responds, offering her a hand to guide her to a nice spot on the dance floor. From this distance, Sariah can tell that her dance partner is rather experienced, at least in social norms. Were Sariah to take his hand, Hibou would start with a single step to his side, letting her get accustomed to her partner's stride. Another step, then another follows as Hibou gradually leads Sariah along into the rhythm of the soft music. As the dance flows along, gently of pace, Hibou would speak to her. "If not for our benefit ... it is good we encouraged our unnamed friends to mingle and dance. Isn't it?"

[1/12/2024, 10:31:55 PM] Athena Moonsong

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Athena Moonsong laughed a bit at the minor distraction, then had one of her own, nodding in kind to the other guests to their left and right, even as the pair to the left moved further in. Red and Juliette got a nod before she ventured in after Hedera, hand still clasped, obliging the mysterious Py'rai and their whims. "Music sounds wonderful. And perhaps even a dance, if I am so bold? Or might that require a drink or two first?"

[1/12/2024, 10:31:58 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

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Leaning in closer toward Red Shadow, Julietta was going to whisper to her "Then what am I supposed to do?"

[1/12/2024, 10:32:20 PM] Motras Panther

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

**\*\*Nudges Manuel Bellamarre\*\***"Ah Sir Bellamarre, indeed. It is rather exquisite, evening. Definitely has exceeded what I was imaging. How has your evening been?" Motras responded warmly to Manuel Bellamarre.

[1/12/2024, 10:32:48 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Corvinus shrugs again, noncommittally. "Perhaps I am, and perhaps I am not. But that is a discussion for later time, when more drink has had and we are willing to speak honestly and freely." He nods politely, excusing himself.

[1/12/2024, 10:33:12 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma His smile could be seen beneath the edge of his mask as he approached Red Shadow and Juliette, looking between the two before speaking. "You both look lovely this evening."

[1/12/2024, 10:33:26 PM] Hedera

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Hedera laughed heartily at that. "Not required, but certainly helpful. I might beg your instruction in that endeavour. I haven't learned the dances of this region just yet."

[1/12/2024, 10:34:14 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus would step aside and reply, "I'm not much for deception. I am Provost My'runji. Whether you share your name or not, well, I leave that to your design. Have a good evening." With a respectful bow of his head, he acknowledged Darian before making his exit.

[1/12/2024, 10:34:23 PM] Arabella Anjani

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Would down her second drink and begin to twirl, dancing by herself. She would gather up her gown and twirl. She was eager to enjoy the dance and didn't let the lack of partner stop her.

[1/12/2024, 10:35:03 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow glances to Azura giving a nod of her head. "I believe Juliette looks remarkable, perhaps you both would enjoy a dance together." She smiles, clearly trying to turn the attention onto Juliette

[1/12/2024, 10:35:59 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Grim Mythic "Perhaps we can learn together, for I have also danced nary a step since childhood." He would clear his throat respectfully before a lighter and higher tone would be conveyed. "We can go as long as you are comfortable." The wavy white pattern on his mask seems to billow black out the sides, though you think you spot a stray white hair beneath.

[1/12/2024, 10:36:26 PM] Bartholomew

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Takes a wine glass and moves to the dance floor, bobbing to the music and looking around noting that two were already dancing (Sariah and Hibou). He looks across the floor to what he could only describe as a gift from Shol himself. A beauty, dashed across the ballroom floor, twirling, and dancing with a grace that captured the eye. He could not help, but move towards her and join in the fun. Moving in proximity and beginning his own routine of spins and dance moves.

[1/12/2024, 10:37:26 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Corvinus moves past the other guests, stepping out from the ballroom for a moment. He noticed the small cluster of individuals, and would make his way over to them.

[1/12/2024, 10:37:51 PM] Fire Starter

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"Perhaps." Accepting the man's hand she would watch him carefully. "How long have you known the lady of this house?" She asked curious to know more on her dance partner.

[1/12/2024, 10:38:07 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong laughed softly, raising her glass to the mouth hole in her mask for a delicate sip from lips painted a deep shade of purple poking

through against the edge of the glass. "I can certainly try my best. If you wish it. I am more than happy draining the Lady Kimura's reserves while watching, for the time being at least."

[1/12/2024, 10:38:15 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Chuckling "Far exceeding the splendor I'm used to, but as long as the drink is flowing i cant complain, how about yourself."

[1/12/2024, 10:38:58 PM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma looked to Juliette, his eyes taking in her features. "I'd enjoy that." he said, stepping closer and lifting his right hand and holding it out to her. He looked back to Red shadow though, his smile changing into a smirk as he said to her. "You're next, though." he said to her teasingly

[1/12/2024, 10:39:10 PM] Sariah Sobriquet

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Sariah, her eyes gleaming behind the intricate winter white owl mask, responded with a gracious smile to her suitor's inquiry. The soft cadence of her voice held a touch of warmth as she replied, "Indeed, it is. It seems that our masks not only conceal faces but also dissolve the barriers that might otherwise keep us from connecting with one another." Her words carried a sense of appreciation for the shared experience, emphasizing the magic of the masquerade that extended beyond the realm of personal gain.

[1/12/2024, 10:40:50 PM] Arabella Anjani

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

The woman's expression widened happily as she was joined by the masked Bartholomew. As she would twirl and her dress would flow around her, she would almost lose balance once or twice. Smiling and laughing as she did so.

[1/12/2024, 10:41:23 PM] Hedera

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"Let's watch a while longer, and when we tire of it, we'll grace the dance floor. ...Grace is perhaps the wrong word," Hedera said, laughing lightly. It was very unclear how they would perform in that regard. "Are we to guess the identities of guests, or is that frowned upon?"

[1/12/2024, 10:41:38 PM] Grim Mythic

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With a gentle lead, he would walk further into the room with Fire Starter. "Believe it or not, I've yet to meet the illustrious Lady herself. Though I have been in her houses employ for some time. Are you familiar with the estate yourself?"

[1/12/2024, 10:41:58 PM] Juliette Mistwalker

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Under her mask Julietta gave Red Shadow an evil glance. However, by the time her gaze drifted toward Azure Enigma, a smile reappeared upon her lips and within her eyes. A gentle nod as her eyes fluttered shut for but a moment, toward him, "Greetings Sir, You too are looking well tonight. Dashing one might even say. Thank you for your compliment" trying to act as a Lady for once. As his hand lifted toward her, she offered a soft gasp. In a very hushed whisper she spoke, "Are you sure? I have never danced in public before." though her hand softly lifted to rest within his larger hand.

[1/12/2024, 10:42:20 PM] Hibou

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The irony of wearing a black owl mask does not escape Hibou, but he chuckles at Sariah's thoughts on the social occasion. "Some of us live lives that keep us from connecting with others. Even connecting with our families puts them at risk ... and we can only be ourselves when a mask covers our face. Our position." As the dance, his offhand settles on her waist, and he moves into a more fluid motion as he softly twirls her. Once he stabilized her, after the twirl, he continued. "The chance to be the mask and not myself. I confess it's quite refreshing."

[1/12/2024, 10:42:31 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

With a gentle lead, he would walk further into the room with Fire Starter. "Believe it or not, I've yet to meet the illustrious Lady herself. Though I have been in her houses employ for some time. Are you familiar with the estate yourself?"

[1/12/2024, 10:42:58 PM] Grim Mythic

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[1/12/2024, 10:43:04 PM] Noir Corvus

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Noir Corvus Standing there against the wall, he wasn't phased in the least. He found comfort in watching people mingle, as if he was observing a play with actors gracefully moving about on a stage.

[1/12/2024, 10:44:17 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma lightly took hold of Juliette's hand, moving in a bit closer to her. "You'll do fine, I'm sure." He offered to her before, if willing, he lead her over to the dance floor.

[1/12/2024, 10:44:42 PM] Fire Starter

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Ahh..." She would nod and smile. "How interesting, you are employed by her, yet you've not met her yourself? Curious." At their own questions, she would pause before answering. "I have known the family for sometime." She would allow her partner to lead forward, her eyes still watching those around them.

[1/12/2024, 10:45:35 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong nodded with intent, before giving the held hand a slight tug to encourage her partner for the evening thus far to follow. "A sound plan and strategy! And of course we can guess, dear. It's half the fun of such events, I think. And when you can guess correctly while leaving others in the dark? Oh, then the real mischief begins." She'd move off to one side, toward a set of tables with small things to eat on display alongside elegant floral arrangements to liven the already sparkling event.

[1/12/2024, 10:48:11 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus looked to his right, noticing Hedera and Athena moving a bit closer to him. Nodding his head, he appeared content, choosing to observe for now and refraining from interrupting anyone's engagements.

[1/12/2024, 10:49:16 PM] Juliette Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Nodding to Azure still trying to be demure as he led her to the dance floor. Looking back over her shoulder she eyed Red Shadow quickly sticking just the tip of her tongue out at her. "You are next." Once upon the dance floor, Julietta would wait for Azure's lead, before carefully taking sweeping steps to face him.

[1/12/2024, 10:49:52 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hedera's eyes danced with amusement. The promise of mischief was indeed quite appealing. It seemed a good idea to follow Athena's lead for as long as she would tolerate it. It was quite fortuitous to have run into another trouble-maker. Noir's acknowledgment was indeed noticed, and they lifted their chin in reply. Then, to Athena, they said, "Another people-watcher."

[1/12/2024, 10:50:27 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow chuckles as she gave Juliette a wave of her hand, a smirk on her face as if to dare her.

[1/12/2024, 10:51:14 PM] Sariah Sobriquet

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Sariah listened attentively to her suitor's heartfelt revelation about the challenges of their lives and the liberating nature of the masquerade masks. Understanding the weight of their words, she responded with empathy and a gentle understanding. "I appreciate your honesty and vulnerability," Sariah began, her voice carrying a warmth that matched the ambiance of the masquerade. "The masks indeed provide a unique sanctuary, allowing us to set aside the burdens of our daily lives and embrace the chance to be someone else, even if just for a fleeting night. It's a refuge where we can find solace, express ourselves freely." She continued, her tone softening, "In this enchanted realm, we all wear masks that grant us the freedom to dance, laugh, and connect without the weight of the outside world. It's a beautiful paradox — the mask becomes a shield, allowing us to reveal aspects of ourselves that might remain hidden in our everyday lives." Sariah expressed her appreciation for the masquerade as a haven, acknowledging



the refuge it provided for those with unique challenges. Her response conveyed a sense of shared understanding of the special role the masks played in creating a space where everyone, regardless of their circumstances, could experience the refreshing freedom of being someone else for a night, including herself.

[1/12/2024, 10:51:22 PM] Bartholomew

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Arabella would be happy to see Bartholomew happily meet her twirls, presenting a hand out toward her as he elegantly danced around her like a man on a mission. He would smile, open palm out to her. "May I join you?"

[1/12/2024, 10:51:24 PM] Grim Mythic

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A soft chuckle escapes his lips, giving into your playful energy as he turned to fully face you. There is a pause as he silently acknowledges your distraction. We find our spot in the crowd. he would extend his hand up loosely, inviting your other hand to begin dancing. "easy we go..."

[1/12/2024, 10:52:31 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow watched as the other person started towards the door, waiting a moment before she starts towards the actual room.

[1/12/2024, 10:52:37 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Looking to the remaining individual, Corvinus would clear his throat for a moment. "I assume you do not care for these events either?" He seems to stand awkwardly.

[1/12/2024, 10:53:16 PM] Athena Moonsong

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Athena Moonsong gave their kindred watcher a bow of the head and a raise of her glass as she dared sample something sweet and savory from one of the plates on the table, washing it down with wine. Then, she spun slowly to face the dance floor again, her smile not visible, but audible in her words. "And one welcome to join us, if they so wish? I am Athena."

[1/12/2024, 10:54:03 PM] Arabella Anjani

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Arabella would accept their hand, her smile widening as much as one could. "It would be my pleasure good sir!" As she finished her twirl, her braids began to loosen more, and it allowed her hair to flow more freely.

[1/12/2024, 10:55:31 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow looks to the masked man and gave a shake of her head. "I honestly had more than enough of these as a child, its always the same thing. Who looks good, who makes a fool of themselves, who should be with who. Honestly it gets very rather bothersome." She stated as she seemed to look over his shoulder for a moment. "Most are simply here for one thing."

[1/12/2024, 10:56:02 PM] Fire Starter

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Her hand would match his, moving with him. "What is it you do for House Kimura?" Her eyes drifted back to her partner, taking a closer inspection of him, his mask, eyes, and what she could see of his hair.

[1/12/2024, 10:56:14 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

NOIR/ Entering back into the ballroom and seeing a familiar set of branchlers, Manuel approaches what he believes to be a friend. "Good evening sir." Manuel says while smirking and giving a slight bow.

[1/12/2024, 10:56:18 PM] Hibou

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hibou seems to entirely agree with the sympathetic explanation offered by Sariah. His smile doesn't wane, but instead he seems to become more relaxed as they continue their dance. "And the dance is all the more refreshing ... because too soon, we will once again be these mistrustful creatures we always are. Or perhaps I should speak only of myself?" The man in the royal purple longcoat keeps the white-dressed woman close, gently turning and twirling with the pace of the music. Sariah's dance partner feels like someone who's been without this outlet for many, many years. Even without recent practice, his formal dancing has not waned.

[1/12/2024, 10:56:49 PM] Azure Enigma

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Once they'd moved over to the dance floor he'd pull her gently in closer before letting go of her hand and shifting it around to her back as his left hand moved for hers. "Nice to meet you..." he said, glancing to her branchlers for a moment before his gaze went back to her eyes. "I think I've seen you before." He started moving, leading her in a simple dance that'd slowly shift them around in a circle.

[1/12/2024, 10:57:11 PM] Darian Corvinus

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He tilts his head quizzically. "And what might that be?"

[1/12/2024, 10:57:15 PM] Bartholomew

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Bartholomew smiled back, twirling with her as he followed her movements. He would be sure to do his duty to lead and move them throughout the dance floor with their newfound creative style together. His white hair flowed behind his mask as they continued their twirls.

[1/12/2024, 10:57:36 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hedera nodded, enjoying another sip of wine in turn. They noted the approach of the masked Py'rai towards Noir and watched for a moment. Then they remembered themselves and replied to Athena. "Ah. For the day, I'm Hedera."

[1/12/2024, 10:58:04 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus would comment toward Athena and Hedera, "Oh, I'm not shy, and I am rather enjoying the festivities. Just observing the magnificent spectacle of life's stage, savoring the show as people perform in their whimsical ways and seemingly being a star in their own rights. I have no pretense to hide, as the custom seems a bit lost to me. I'm Provost My'runji. One of your voices sounds a bit familiar to me." [Athena, Hedera, Manuel ]

[1/12/2024, 10:59:03 PM] Noir Corvus

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Noir Corvus glanced over toward Manuel, "In fact two of your voices. I just can't place them."

[1/12/2024, 11:00:30 PM] Athena Moonsong

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"Ah, so easily revealing one self! Tsk, Provost. Where is your spirit for mysteries?" She'd laugh again though, looking toward Hedera now that a name was given, a proper bow of the head given. "And if nothing else comes of the evening, unlikely as that is, it has been my pleasure to make your acquaintance, Hedera!"

[1/12/2024, 11:00:51 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"To see how House Kimura fairs. I'm no fool, such things only happen to let other houses know that it's standing strong. Besides those that reside here and work for the House, others only arrive to see how it is doing. It's all politics, a subject I think would easily be handled if people were more upfront and blunt." She states as she seems to stand up straight, her bright hazel eyes locked on the mans before her.

[1/12/2024, 11:01:32 PM] Juliette Mistwalker

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Looking deep into his eyes, Julietta slowly blinked her eyes. "As it is to meet you, good Sir. Though I am not fully sure who you are, it is still a delight." She inhaled deeply as his hand rested upon her waist, partly surprised even though she had been practicing. With grace her right hand would easily slide into his left hand. As they moved in unison around the dance floor, the delicate golden chains with their matching leaves would sparkle and dance among her branchlers.

[1/12/2024, 11:01:38 PM] Arabella Anjani

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

The woman seemed eager to follow Bartholomew, though she would slow, or she soon would lose balance. Taking a breath and a pause, she'd smile to her partner."Apologies milord...I may have overdone myself." Removing her mask, she would reveal a closer look at her features. "I am Shepvora."

[1/12/2024, 11:03:11 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I advise on matters of transport mostly, though I have recently started branching into other roles more suited to my interests." As the dancing ensued, his movements would become more deliberate as if adapting to the repeated motions, even attempting a slightly more elaborate move, but staying within a safe measure. His mask seemingly made to his eyes, likely a defining feature with how much effort was applied. His hair would hide many strands of white shimmering, as if it was changed to its current color.

[1/12/2024, 11:03:24 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

The ushers at the door would beckon any guests who were lingering outside or around the foyer to enter the ballroom. Any who did not enter, would be unable to do so until the door reopened. Any who wished to leave would be told they are unable to do so at this moment. Something was about to happen.

[1/12/2024, 11:03:54 PM] Sariah Sobriquet

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Sariah chuckles softly, finding the man's candor quite enigmatic. "Mistrustful, you say?" she inquires as they go into a gentle spin, her hand held to his shoulder for leverage. "I now find myself even more intrigued, sir. Your words fall well, your dancing is immaculate ..." she looks into the eyes of his mask, wondering if she would ever be able to hazard a guess as to who he might be. "Mysterious, indeed..."

[1/12/2024, 11:04:00 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Whispering in noir's ear. "It's a game the nobility like to play, they don't have much fun in the day to day."

[1/12/2024, 11:04:41 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hedera smiled a charming smile at Athena, her compliments certainly putting them in high spirits. "Likewise, Athena." They looked to Noir, examining his attire a little more closely. Then they laughed lightly. "Well then, unmasked you might still be the person I'm the most familiar with."

[1/12/2024, 11:04:54 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Corvinus seems a bit surprised, but soon he bursts out in genuine laughter. "Forgive me, but that is the most perfectly held opinion I think I have heard so far in the whispered conversations this evening. I too, think that a bit more blunt behavior would serve better than all the veiled double talk." He gestures to himself for a moment. "I came here not because of how one House or another is fairing, and more to gauge the character of those present. I am looking for ---" He hears the call to enter the room, and shrugs apologetically. "Lets continue this in a moment, please?"

[1/12/2024, 11:06:07 PM] Fire Starter

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

As she listened to the man speak and moved with him, she seemed very focused on the change of tone in the room, as people were ushered in. She seemed to almost force her partner to stop moving them.

[1/12/2024, 11:06:23 PM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma kept his gaze locked on hers as they moved, careful to lead her through the dance easily as she'd warned him, though she was doing just fine. "See, plenty capable. I believe, if I'm not mistaken, as there's not a lot of py'rai around currently so I'm making an assumption here, were you the one with the horses at the training grounds?"

[1/12/2024, 11:06:24 PM] The Elusive

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Minutes would pass, and then the doors to the ballroom would reopen. There, standing before those in attendance was the lady of the night. Dressed in a green and gold gown that shimmered as she walked, with a flowing cape that held at her shoulders, there would be no doubt who she was. Her hair was neatly dressed in a braid that flowed down over her shoulder blade and down to her abdomen, on top of her head was a golden circlet that matched every element of her attire.

[1/12/2024, 11:07:32 PM] The Elusive

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All the music and conversation would come to a stop. Allowing the lady of the house to move to the center of the ballroom. Once there, she'd turn to examine the crowd of guests, and then nod to the ushers, who would close the doors once again.

[1/12/2024, 11:07:35 PM] Grim Mythic

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Without skipping a beat, Grim would cease his movement with Fire Starter. "Are you alright?"

[1/12/2024, 11:07:41 PM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow eyes widened as he let out a laugh, turning her head a bit as if to figure out to think if she actually said anything funny. She simply gave him a nod of her head before she ventured into the ballroom. Taking a moment to scan her surroundings before moving past Darian and staying along the wall.

[1/12/2024, 11:08:11 PM] Hibou

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Hibou clearly delights in having such a candid, open conversation with someone. The fact that the someone is a masked woman who seems just as entertained makes it all the better. "Is not every soul with some little piece of power mistrustful? We scheme and plot, wary of friend and adversary alike. Until the whole world is something to be suspicious of. But the masks ... make everything different. Don't they?" Sensing the atmosphere of the ballroom changing, and the latest song coming to an end, Hibou bows his head. He lifts his dance partner's hand up, kissing it to express his gratitude for the occasion. "You have done me a kindness, white owl. I am grateful."

[1/12/2024, 11:08:22 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong tilted her head once more in a nod toward Hedera where a smile simply couldn't get through. And then, there was the Lady, no mistaking her entrance. "And there is our esteemed host. Simply lovely."

[1/12/2024, 11:09:06 PM] Arabella Anjani

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Shepvora seeing the lady of the house enter, would move out of the path of Sersei allowing her to hold the center of the room. She'd move with her yet named dance partner if he allowed.

[1/12/2024, 11:09:10 PM] Hedera  
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Hedera's attention pulled to the apparent lady of the hour, mystified by the shimmering gown. "Truly," they replied to Athena's commentary.

[1/12/2024, 11:09:56 PM] Noir Corvus  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus taking a moment to watch a new presence make their way into the chamber, he would take stock of their appearance before motioning toward Manuel, Athena, and Hedera. "Suppose grand entrances are a part of the show too, a fleeting moment that dazzles and leaves an indelible mark on the canvas of the moment," he mused, almost whispering his words to himself.

[1/12/2024, 11:10:03 PM] Grim Mythic  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noticing her entrance into the room. A simply sound escapes Grim Mythis lips."oh..."

[1/12/2024, 11:10:09 PM] Juliette Mistwalker  
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He had to say she was doing fine, for at that moment she stepped wrong upon her heel and began to stumble about slightly. Using his hand to grip and steady herself she looked up once more. "Sorry!" she quipped out before bowing her head once more "Yes indeed that was me." she was about to say more when the announcement was given and the music would change. "Mayhaps you would tell me whom you are? Or do you still wish to enjoy the game for now?"

[1/12/2024, 11:10:12 PM] Bartholomew  
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Bartholomew sighs out as they stopped, "No need for apologies, I fear I wouldn't be able to go on much longer myself." He chuckles further. He notices her remove her own mask, with a sly smirk, "Removing the mystery



so early in the night milady? We've only just begun." he teases, bending down in a bow to kiss the hand still clasped in his own, "Bartholomew, milady. Although I am afraid that is merely the persona for this fine gathering. Perhaps you will discover the truth by night's end, hm?" He motions his hand to the side toward the drinks nearby, "Perhaps a respite for you, while we both recover from the fun, so we may return to it with haste."

[1/12/2024, 11:10:16 PM] Fire Starter

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Didn't respond to the man she was dancing with, instead looking to Sersei as she entered.

[1/12/2024, 11:11:03 PM] The Elusive

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"Thank you for coming. It brings me great joy to see so many of my friends, family, allies, and new arrivals all together. " Pausing for a moment before continuing.

[1/12/2024, 11:11:22 PM] The Elusive

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"Tonight is more than a social gathering, but a new beginning for this house, a beginning I am honored to share with all of you." She'd pause once more, taking a breath and then continuing on.

[1/12/2024, 11:12:02 PM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma he helped Juliette back from her stumble, and was about to answer her when their attention was brought to center stage as it were. Pausing their dance he withdrew from her and paid attention to the ongoing.

[1/12/2024, 11:13:02 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"As some of you may know, today is my brother's birthday. And while I stand here, I feel his absence most profoundly. Though he is with us in spirit, I wish he was here to share in this new start with us..."

[1/12/2024, 11:14:17 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

The woman's eyes would search the room until they landed on one individual dressed in purple. Her hand would extend towards him, ushering him to join her.

[1/12/2024, 11:14:41 PM] Juliette Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Turning so she could better see and hear the Lady a soft gasp of delight could be heard. "She is so lovely" whispered to herself. Not once though did she let go of her dance partner's hand. Because she was afraid of falling or???

[1/12/2024, 11:18:13 PM] Hibou

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hibou looks to Sariah, bowing his head, slightly. "By your leave. The Lady of the house summons me."Stepping away from the dance floor, Hibou steps toward Sersei. Reaching out to her, Hibous takes her hand and joins her. By her side, Hibou looks out upon the assembled guests. With his free hand, hibou removes his mask, finding its presence unsuitable for such an announcement.Duke Almark Raine of Castor offers a faint smile and a nod of his head as a greeting to any gathered souls who have yet to meet him, personally.

[1/12/2024, 11:21:19 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Joined by the Duke, Sersei looks to him, offering her hand to him."Tonight, I am happy to announce a partnership between Houses Raine and Kimura..."Her focus would then return to the guests before her. "A union of two great houses."

[1/12/2024, 11:22:41 PM] Grim Mythic

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Grim Mythic Applauds

[1/12/2024, 11:22:44 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Union?" Hedera mused quietly.

[1/12/2024, 11:23:34 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

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Looking about she waited to see what was an appropriate reaction.

[1/12/2024, 11:23:38 PM] Hibou

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Almark turns his head enough that his grey eyes can settle upon Sersei. This being her social aspiration, he elects to remain silent to let her expand upon what she means by 'union'.

[1/12/2024, 11:23:48 PM] Athena Moonsong

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Athena Moonsong puts down her glass and raises her hands to join the applause, even adding in a hoot of enthusiasm.

[1/12/2024, 11:23:58 PM] Sariah Sobriquet

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Sariah blinks in sheer disbelief, not having time to respond adequately as the Duke is ushered off to join his sister, the Viscountess on the stage. The Duke of Castor?! She begins to applaud at the announcement.

[1/12/2024, 11:25:09 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus would look upon Sersei as she made announcement, he turned his gaze upon her, a calm and measured observer amidst the ripple of reactions in the room. Despite being aware of the impending declaration for some time, his physical demeanor remained composed, revealing little of the thoughts that may be churning within. His mask didn't hurt in hiding the fact he was in thought either.

[1/12/2024, 11:25:10 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma shook his head lightly, a soft chuckle escaping his lips before he said "So that's what it was..." before raising his hands to join in the applause already started

[1/12/2024, 11:25:14 PM] Bartholomew

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Bartholomew would stare out in deep interest as Sersei Kimura was at last identified, but the revelation of a union was unknown to him. Two Houses doing anything together was a big deal, and to be announced in this manner... He began to stroke his chin in anticipation at more information.

[1/12/2024, 11:26:20 PM] Grim Mythic

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Continuing to applaud, grim glances toward Fire Starter gauge her reaction.

[1/12/2024, 11:27:12 PM] Darian Corvinus

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Corvinus keeps his gaze focused for a moment on Almark, and shakes his head after a moment, choosing to not show any approval regarding this announcement. If anything he seems unfazed by what was shared, and goes back to disinterest with the whole affair.

[1/12/2024, 11:27:55 PM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow lifts a brow slightly tilting her head a bit as she watched what was taking place.

[1/12/2024, 11:28:46 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Watching the reactions, she would respond sensing that she may need to expand on what 'union' exactly meant."I am elated to share with you all, The Duke and I will wed, joining ours houses, and ensuring the blood of both our ancient houses continues on for generations to come..." She'd look to Almark now, her gold eyes indicating that there was an expectation of his next actions to match the mood of the moment.

[1/12/2024, 11:28:47 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

New to all this, Julietta followed suit with Azure. Clapping as she had been shown, fingertips tapping against the palm of her other hand.

[1/12/2024, 11:29:46 PM] Fire Starter

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The woman seemed almost bored by the topic being announced. Shaking her head, and looking to find the nearest waiter for a drink.

[1/12/2024, 11:30:08 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow brows pushed together as she glared at the man beside Sersei, crossing her arms as causing her fingers to start to dig into her skin.

[1/12/2024, 11:30:18 PM] Arabella Anjani

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Joined in on the applause, clearly happy to see her lady pleased.

[1/12/2024, 11:30:18 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

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Confused about the scenario, Manuel begins applauding voraciously.

[1/12/2024, 11:30:59 PM] Hedera

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Hedera glanced at Noir to gauge his reaction. When it became he was too composed to read in the moment, they looked to Athena. Two very different reactions."I suppose understanding the history of nobility in this area or personally being acquainted with either the lady or her now-fiancé would be helpful in this moment." Hedera was speaking at a respectable volume to those nearby, not necessarily others further away.

[1/12/2024, 11:31:34 PM] Darian Corvinus

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"Relax, you're going to break the skin if you squeeze hard enough." Corvinus turns his attention over to Red Shadow for a moment. "I take it you aren't sold on this either?"

[1/12/2024, 11:31:57 PM] Hibou

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Almark watches Sersei from the corner of his eyes. Grey irises weighed heavily upon the head of the House Kimura, but once she looked upon her announced fiance, he knew his own dedication must be displayed."Long live Kimura," He says, changing his own house's chant to suit his betrothed.

"And long live Raine." One hand settles upon Sersei's waist, and Almark leans down to press a kiss upon the Lady Sersei's lips.

[1/12/2024, 11:33:22 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

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Raising his glass, feeling his drink now, Manuel loudly follows. "LONG LIVE KIMURA, AND LONG LIVE RAINE."

[1/12/2024, 11:33:33 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Speaking softly and to the side, she addressed Hedera. "It's a lovely thing, don't you think? Politics aside, which it may very well all be, there is still a wedding to come and that means more celebration! Not to mention how the realm will simply be -buzzing- with activity. I look forward to the pot being stirred." Then her clapping resumed, more enthusiastic, before the music started again and she calmed down.

[1/12/2024, 11:34:25 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus He would survey the room with a curiosity that transcended the visual limitations of obscured faces, he found himself navigating a sea of reactions that remained elusive to his gaze. Despite the inability to witness the expressions, the atmosphere itself became a canvas, painting the diverse hues of response. In a display of nuanced restraint, he refrained from participating in the applause that echoed through the chamber. A deliberate choice, for he recognized this moment as a duty to be acknowledged, not an emotion to be celebrated. Responding to Hedera's commentary with a measured tone, he articulated, "It's a circumstance bestowed upon her by duty. It warrants acknowledgment, a subtle applause, but also invites a silent grief, contingent upon one's perspective and connection to the unfolding narrative." The depth of his words carried the weight of understanding, acknowledging the complexities that duty often etches into the tapestry of individual lives.

[1/12/2024, 11:34:29 PM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow glances to Darian. "More so that I was in the dark about this, but.. perhaps that is best. Our ways of thinking are completely different." She lets out a sigh.

[1/12/2024, 11:34:29 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma turns back to Juliette once the announcement came to an end. "Well, that was quite the surprise. I'm Khalil, by the way, it's wonderful to finally meet you properly."

[1/12/2024, 11:35:11 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

The music would resume, and activity would resume in the room. Sersei wasn't exactly sold on the kiss, she probably meant at least a gesture on her hand. But she allowed it to happen. And she would part from him and then share his hand. "Shall we dance?"

[1/12/2024, 11:35:29 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Grim would cease his clapping after Fire Starter walked away, catching up to her side to say: "A gala to announce a marriage, how very... extravagant to say the least." seemingly trying to appeal to her presumed inner thoughts

[1/12/2024, 11:36:12 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Oh~" they replied to Athena in a sing-song tone. "Well that does sound intriguing." Hedera looked to Noir, considering his words, then nodded. "I see. Is she unhappy with the arrangement?"

[1/12/2024, 11:37:51 PM] Darian Corvinus

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Corvinus nods. "I can understand that. In truth, those two are far too similar, and I for one feel sorry for the poor sod who crosses either of them." He turns to regard her more carefully. "I mentioned earlier I came here with a certain set of intentions. I am looking for capable, talented individuals to help me sort out a few... problems. You wouldn't happen to have any idea who might be qualified, would you?"

[1/12/2024, 11:37:53 PM] Bartholomew

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Bartholomew was shocked, dumbstruck, flabbergasted. It was a turn of events, but the thunderous applause snapped him back to reality and he too began to clap his hands together at the announcement. The union of two houses. He seemed to breath in deeply wondering what this all would mean for the greater region. He turned to his dance partner seeing that they seemed pleased. "This changes things, doesn't it?" he asks

[1/12/2024, 11:38:06 PM] Fire Starter

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

By the time Grim would reach her, the woman had already downed at least half of the wine."So joyous, a man with money and wealth, marrying a young girl with money and wealth..." Sarcasm seeming to take the moment.

[1/12/2024, 11:38:15 PM] Hibou

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Almark offers a faint smile, nodding. "Of course, My Lady." He answers, stepping back from her, yet gently pulling Sersei toward him. Like a whirlpool in a great sea, Almark draws Sersei out into the floor. Were she to stay with him, Almark would step seamlessly into the gentle rhythm of the music. "Too much?" He asks, clearly indicating the kiss that Sersei hadn't been expecting, earlier. A faint smile is on the Duke's face, unashamedly amused with how the announcement had unfolded.

[1/12/2024, 11:38:27 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus glanced toward Hedera, and then in the direction of Lady Kimura, as he commented, "Duty is seldom the pursuit of happiness; it is the unwavering commitment to uphold the promises we make or inherit from the echoes of our fathers." His words, tinged with a depth that seemed to echo personal reflections, resonated with a poignant acknowledgment of the complex interplay between duty and personal sacrifice, particularly in the context of Sersei's circumstance.

[1/12/2024, 11:39:00 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

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"Indeed a surprise." hoping she sounded convincing as many things were surprising to her outside the village. "Khalil, it is very nice to finally meet you as well. Though I must admit, unless I see your face, it will be hard to recognize you." a rush of crimson patina would creep into the apples of her cheeks, unseen below the mask.

[1/12/2024, 11:39:19 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow tilts her head as she turned to face Darian. "Oh and what problems is it you wish to deal with?"

[1/12/2024, 11:40:12 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

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/ FIRE STARTER Overhearing that remark Manuel laughs maybe a little too loudly and buries his mouth back into his drink and averting his eyes.

[1/12/2024, 11:40:44 PM] Arabella Anjani

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Shepvora seeming overjoyed by the news, also the music returning would smile to Bartholomew. "I'm sure change will happen, but lady Sersei is smart. I have no doubt she will take care."

[1/12/2024, 11:41:44 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma With a small nod of his head his hand reaching up to meet his face, he removed his mask and looked back to her. "I'm not sure you'll recognize me still, we were a ways off."

[1/12/2024, 11:41:46 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

He considers their earlier interaction, and opted for the direct approach. "I am tired of thugs and bandits having their way between Castor and here. I intend to build a group of capable individuals who have no problem with violence and are not afraid to resolve things directly." He considers his next words carefully. "As of now... there's only two of us, but I aim to increase our numbers."

[1/12/2024, 11:42:37 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Athena Moonsong shrugs softly, eyes moving between Noir and Hedera. "Yes, yes, duty and all. A marriage can be just that, a marriage. In time, they may find genuine affection in it though. Or simply come to agreement and not let their hearts be tied down by silly things like a spouse, hm? Perish the thought."

[1/12/2024, 11:43:25 PM] Hedera

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Hedera blinked slowly at Noir, then offered him their best reassuring smile. "Sounds arbitrary, I have to say." They polished off the last of their wine. "There are too many rules. If she is unhappy, then I hope she'll simply... break the rules."

[1/12/2024, 11:44:03 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Seeing her reaction, there was clearly something deeper to her disdain beyond his knowledge, though he felt it improper to pry. "True... A marriage should be built on trust and adoration rather than station I suppose." He would proceed to lower his voice a little and scratch the back of his head.

[1/12/2024, 11:44:45 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Sersei followed the Duke's movements. Seeming to do so effortlessly as they moved. "I am sure this moment will be heard from here to Castor. Is it everything you hoped?" She spoke, rather plainly though hushed just enough that outside of their embrace, her words would be unclear to any prying ears.

[1/12/2024, 11:45:26 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow looks to Sersei watching as she danced. "My family is sworn by oath to protect all that falls under House Kimura. If she is tying the two Houses together then that would expand all that I keep my eye on. If bandits and thugs are going to be an issue than I will see them dealt with."

[1/12/2024, 11:45:56 PM] Manuel Bellamarre

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/ NOIR "Well my friend, I'll leave you to the evening's activities, I'm in need of some fresh air." Manuel offers a slight bow before making his way back to the balcony.

[1/12/2024, 11:45:58 PM] Athena Moonsong

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

She laughed again, patting Hedera's arm with her hand very lightly. "Now you're understanding what I am suggesting. Any noble worth their salt knows the proper maneuvers, and our Sersei is certainly among the best I know."

[1/12/2024, 11:46:41 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Julietta moved closer to examine his features and commit them to memory. "You seem familiar, but now I will remember you well." Turning her back to the room she lifted her mask enough for only Azure to see, though he knew her name and she had been with the horses. "I should let you go, however and dance with our good friend. She MUST dance at least once." smiling as she puts her mask back on

[1/12/2024, 11:47:08 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I see." He looked to watch Almark and Sersei dance, and sighs. "Seems we share that burden then, though for different reasons."

[1/12/2024, 11:47:52 PM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow glances back to Darian. "And your reason behind it all? Remember we are being blunt and upfront."

[1/12/2024, 11:47:54 PM] Fire Starter

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Looking to Grim, the woman took a breath before finishing off her drink. "You aren't one of those romantics are you? Because true love is a fallacy."

[1/12/2024, 11:48:06 PM] Noir Corvus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Noir Corvus would look toward Athena and comment, "I suppose time can be a patient artisan, crafting a remedy to even this obstacle for the young lady, giving the chance to understand it and blossom it into its own season." He then looked to Manuel, giving him a nod of appreciation for his time.

[1/12/2024, 11:48:23 PM] Darian Corvinus

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Corvinus nods. "My father is out there dancing with her."

[1/12/2024, 11:49:19 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Red Shadow lets out a quick chuckle. "So you are from House Raine, well then that being said. I am the Thane of the Obsidian Order."

[1/12/2024, 11:49:42 PM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I still have yet to speak to her," they mused. "I really must get inside more often. In fact, I've been meaning to visit that sanctuary..."

[1/12/2024, 11:49:49 PM] Hibou

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Almark keeps her tucked close, their dance the practiced moves of two heads of state that had long since given up any pretense of freedom. "I hoped only for my people to see a sunrise after my passing. And by taking your hand ... I am just as protective of you. And yours." Their dance continues, a Duke and Viscountess twirling through a complex web of intrigue. "Long live Kimura."

[1/12/2024, 11:50:08 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma looked over her features when she briefly lifted her mask, and replaced his own back on his face as well. "I agree, I'll do my best to drag her out here for a dance. Another time." he said before he turned looking for Red Shadow, though he hung back as he saw her and Darian conversing.

[1/12/2024, 11:51:09 PM] Julietta Mistwalker

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

As Azure turned, Julietta practiced a slight curtsy, though she held onto the wall tightly.

[1/12/2024, 11:51:19 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Corvinus turns his head slightly at the mention of the Obsidian Order. "I've heard a few stories, but have yet to meet anyone from the Obsidian Order, least of all the Thane." He turns his head back to watching the couple dance for a moment.

[1/12/2024, 11:52:30 PM] Red Shadow

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Stories? Oh do enlighten me, would like to hear what has been said about us."

[1/12/2024, 11:52:54 PM] The Elusive

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Long Live Kimura." She would repeat, and follow Almark in the dance until they reached a point of parting."I must attend to my guests, I am sure some may need a word before too long. And your son...." She'd look to Almark knowing that he too would need to handle his own affairs soon.

[1/12/2024, 11:53:50 PM] Grim Mythic

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"Perhaps I am one. It's a fallacy yes, but is that not why we chase it? We ourselves are walking fallacies, pretending to be someone we are not comes natural to all, its the belief in those fallacies that manifest as truths."Grim would gently place his hand on the bottle in her hand as well.

[1/12/2024, 11:54:44 PM] Darian Corvinus

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"That had the Obisidan Order intervened some twenty years ago, you and I wouldn't be having this conversation at all."

[1/12/2024, 11:55:40 PM] Azure Enigma

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Azure Enigma after a short wait he moved in closer to the two, looking to Darian first he'd say "Sorry to interrupt, may I borrow this one for a dance?" He'd look to Red Shadow and then back to Darian as he spoke.

[1/12/2024, 11:56:03 PM] Fire Starter

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"Perhaps you enjoy dancing with lies then." Moving closer to Grim, maintaining her grip on the glass in her hand."If you cannot be who you truly are, if you hide behind a silly mask...how can you be anything more than it."

[1/12/2024, 11:56:10 PM] Hibou

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Almark ends his dance with Sersei at an appropriate time. Bowing formally, he looks to her. "Adalbert was well aware of this announcement. His devotion to House Raine is a blessing, to me. By all means, tend to your guests, I will make myself available to any of your house who have questions of me."Finally releasing her hand, Almark steps away from Sersei, allowing her the space she likely needs.

[1/12/2024, 11:57:44 PM] Athena Moonsong

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Seeing the Duke step away, Athena retrieves her glass with one hand to drain in one, quick stroke, before raising a hand to beckon Sersei over, practically hopping with excitement.

[1/12/2024, 11:58:24 PM] Grim Mythic

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His voice would become softer as he spoke further."It is quite amusing to entertain lies..."

[1/12/2024, 11:58:33 PM] The Elusive

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Sersei would part from Almark in kind, clasping her hands in front of her as she would examine the guests around her. She would look to Athena, moving over to greet them as they beckoned.

[1/12/2024, 11:58:37 PM] Noir Corvus

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Noir Corvus having heard Hedera's comment, he would state, "You could always send her a correspondence. I'm certain if you set a meeting with her, she'd be glad to entertain it."

[1/12/2024, 11:58:53 PM] Red Shadow

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"Twenty years ago, yeah my father wasn't someone to mess with." She chuckles, her gaze staring at the ballroom floor as if picturing her younger self and her father. Her gaze only to be interrupted by Azure. "A dance? Oh I..." She glances to Darian. "Forgive me but I'm sure the ladies over on the otherside would love to dance. Darian already asked." She holds her hand out to Darian. "Shall we."

[1/12/2024, 11:59:09 PM] Grim Mythic

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((There is a second part to that, one moment))

[1/12/2024, 11:59:26 PM] Hedera

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"Oh, is this happening now?" they said, taken a little off-guard by Athena's beckoning the lady over. They reached out for another glass of wine as another servant passed by, exchanging with their empty glass. "Thank you--"

[1/12/2024, 11:59:32 PM] Juliette Mistwalker

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Having successfully managing a dance, even walking in such high heels, Julietta was feeling a bit more confident. The small bit of wine may have helped. It was after she made sure that Azure had acquired his next dance partner, she would chuckle and try to make her way to the other side of the hall, where there were people.

[1/13/2024, 12:00:11 AM] Darian Corvinus

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Darian nods, and offers his arm. "Of course, do let's." He leads her out to the floor, whispering "I hate dancing."

[1/13/2024, 12:00:48 AM] Red Shadow

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Red Shadow chuckles as she follows him. "I do too, but I'd also like to continue this conversation."

[1/13/2024, 12:01:10 AM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma gives the two a slight bow of his head. "Perhaps after." he'd say as they moved off

[1/13/2024, 12:02:11 AM] Athena Moonsong

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Glass dismissed on that same passing tray, she would carefully embrace Sersei with hands on the Lady's shoulders. No mask could hide the enthusiasm or likely smile behind it, wide as could be. She leaned in, a gesture much like kissing both cheeks, before her words came through, hushed for Sersei's ears only. "Congratulations, cousin! Just let me know how I can help, House Greythorne is at your full disposal."

[1/13/2024, 12:02:19 AM] Duke Almark Raine

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Almark watches Sersei go, and after she'd out of ear shot, lets out a slow, long breath. Lifting a hand, he runs it back through his jet black hair, only broken up by streaks of silver.

[1/13/2024, 12:02:42 AM] Grim Mythic

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"It makes the truth all that more enticing..."Grimm would remove his mask, placing it on the waiter's tray before unsleeving his left coat arm, opening up his shirt to be more airy. Then taking a glass of wine, and pouring it over his head to wash away the black coloring to reveal white locks of hair, and piercing amber eyes."A dance with the truth then?"((Outfit in art channel discord))

[1/13/2024, 12:02:59 AM] Bartholomew

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Bartholomew nods, as he listens to Arabella, "If you do not mind, I must excuse myself a moment. I will return, and I hope to see you later in the



evening." he bows to her, and makes his way to the courtyard a moment.  
(AFK)

[1/13/2024, 12:03:20 AM] Darian Corvinus

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Taking a moment to step out onto the floor, Corvinus would join in the dance with Red Shadow, not particularly well but passable by most standards. "I suppose you have other questions, Thane of the Obsidian Order?"

[1/13/2024, 12:05:27 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray moves his hands to where they were suppose to rest, deciding to guide him along the floor. "I have many, but I dare say that this is probably not the best place to talk about them. My main question is am I going to have to worry about House Raine doing anything to Lady Sersei."

[1/13/2024, 12:05:45 AM] Manuel Bellamarre

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Manuel makes his way toward the exit, removing his mask stopping before the lady of the house, bowing low before her. "It has been a pleasure lady Kimura, thank you for the invitation, and my deepest congratulations on your betrothal."

[1/13/2024, 12:05:58 AM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma made his way over to the group surrounding Sersei, he'd look to her, offering her a soft smile. "Congratulations." he'd offer to her. "A pleasant surprise.." he'd add.

[1/13/2024, 12:06:11 AM] Thyra Auvray

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"I will not stand by and allow the House to use her as they see fit." She added.

[1/13/2024, 12:06:20 AM] Julietta Mistwalker

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Julietta paused a moment for as she was passing Azure, sure he would be taking Red to the dancefloor, she saw Red go with someone else. Jaw

dropping slightly. Now as she continued forward to the group of people, it appeared she was following Azure. So she paused to take up another glass of wine to give herself time.

[1/13/2024, 12:07:05 AM] Sersei Kimura

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Sersei smiled seeing her cousin's excitement. "I am glad you're pleased with the little surprise this evening. It was very difficult to keep you of all people in suspense cousin." As she is greeted by Graf and Azure, she would shift and nod to them both, smiling. "Thank you both for coming. I hope to see more of you."

[1/13/2024, 12:07:53 AM] Darian Corvinus

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Corvinus smiles behind the mask, and shakes his head. "You have nothing to worry about on that matter. My father is not stupid, and he would protect House Kimura with the ferocity of a cornered animal. So will I, if pressed."

[1/13/2024, 12:08:11 AM] Azure Enigma

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Azure Enigma he reached up again to remove his mask once more, feeling silly to still have it on at this point.

[1/13/2024, 12:08:12 AM] Fire Starter

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Thalia would remove her mask, the empyrean woman sharing in the reveal. "Much better." She smirked at him, joining him once more for a dance, although this time she seemed more intent on her partner instead of the people around them.

[1/13/2024, 12:08:57 AM] Arabella Anjani

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Arabella would move, slowly dancing alone again, easing herself towards the musicians as they played.

[1/13/2024, 12:09:17 AM] Duke Almark Raine

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Almark sees Thalia, and his expression flattens, significantly. "Oh ... the chapel-burning elf is here."

[1/13/2024, 12:09:16 AM] Athena Moonsong

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"So many masks, all disappearing, one by one. Did you even get a chance to guess the identities of others, dear Hedera?" She'd speak fluidly, backing off Sersei to let the Lady get some breathing room in the midst of the crowd forming around her.

[1/13/2024, 12:09:36 AM] Almark Raine

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"Does that relieve some of the worry, Thyra, Thane of the Obsidian Order?"

[1/13/2024, 12:10:00 AM] Graf Germaine

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Graf gives a bow to the room and makes his exit, taking one last drink from a servant before heading out the door.

[1/13/2024, 12:10:17 AM] Juliette Mistwalker

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Making her way to the farside of the group, again she stumbled slightly. One hand grasping whomever was closest, she found herself grasping a familiar Blacksmith's arm. "Oh sorry Graf, it is good to see you!" Trying to regain her composure

[1/13/2024, 12:10:20 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray lets out a soft hum as they danced. "Forgive me, but it's my job to worry about the Head of House." She stated as they continued to more. "As long as House Raine-" She paused as he said her name. "Wasn't aware that my name was all that well known."

[1/13/2024, 12:10:50 AM] Hedera

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Hedera sighed. "Well, it has been challenging, considering I have only ever met, what, two or three here?" They laughed an easy laugh.

[1/13/2024, 12:11:33 AM] Nahele My'runji

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"Well, I should take my leave," Nahele declared, the gentle rustle of fabric accompanying the removal of his mask. With a respectful bow, he acknowledged Lady Kimura and then the others in the room. Slowly, he began to navigate his way out of the ballroom, stepping into the embrace of the night air, leaving the echoes of the festivities behind.

[1/13/2024, 12:12:07 AM] Adalbert Raine

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"I did my own research, forgive me of having you at a disadvantage."

[1/13/2024, 12:12:31 AM] Ezlain

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With a gleeful jaunt further onto the floor Ezlain would continue the dance with the beautiful elf. "You're the first Emyprean I've ever met formally. My name is Ezlain." He says with a smile.

[1/13/2024, 12:12:44 AM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hedera watched Nahele depart, then looked to Athena. They looked like they had a lot of speculation they wanted to share with someone.

[1/13/2024, 12:12:57 AM] Duke Almark Raine

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Almark Raine looks out over the assembled people, just watching who they engage with and how they have enjoyed the evening. Eventually, he looks to Adalbert dancing with Thyra. With a thin smile, he chuckles with amusement. "There's a pair ..."

[1/13/2024, 12:13:58 AM] Athena Moonsong

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With a flourish of the hand, Athena peeled back her own mask, smile wide and eyes alight as if coming up for air after a long dive. Lorelei gave a soft sigh and a bow to Nahele as he departed. "Well then! It would appear so many are intent on leaving, and all alone it would seem! That's not usually how parties I attend end, can say..." Setting the mask on the table nearby,

she offered her hand again to Hedera. "You look confused, my price for answers is one dance, deal?"

[1/13/2024, 12:14:09 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray smirks. "And what makes you think I'm at a disadvantage? Adalbert Raine." She tilts her head a bit. "While I may only be a Thane, I am an Auvray. My father made sure that I learned about the Houses and all those that fall under it."

[1/13/2024, 12:14:09 AM] Graf Germaine

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slightly shocked; "oh my, you wouldn't happen to be..." he chuckles "A pleasure to see you again, are you alright? Is it the spirits or the shoes?"

[1/13/2024, 12:15:03 AM] Thalia

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"The first? You must not get out much." She seemed curious of the man, that much was sure."I'm Thalia, but may want to keep that to yourself. I may have snuck in...." Winking to him playfully.

[1/13/2024, 12:15:33 AM] Adalbert Raine

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"Consider me doubly impressed, Thyra Auvray." He continues to dance with her for a bit longer, pausing after a moment. "I would like to continue these enlightening conversations in the further, if you would care to do so?"

[1/13/2024, 12:15:39 AM] Hedera

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Hedera smiled at Lorelei. "Goodness, that mask hid such a lovely countenance. Deal," they agreed. "Should I remove my mask now?"

[1/13/2024, 12:15:43 AM] Juliette Mistwalker

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Lightly chuckling she reached up to remove the mask adorning her face. Irridescent green eyes sparkling. "It is wonderful to see you again. It has been a while. Oh and yes it is the shoes, I have barely had anything to drink I promise."

[1/13/2024, 12:17:39 AM] Duke Almark Raine

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After some time, Almark gets the sense that Sersei's family and friends would appreciate the opportunity to speak with her. Clearing his throat, his hands weave together behind the small of his back, and the Duke of Castor steps toward the exit.

[1/13/2024, 12:17:50 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray gave him a nod of her head. "Of course, while I only know what I have been thought...If the two houses are to unite, I need to know whom else I'll be dealing with. And the truth." She states as her gaze locks with Adalbert. "I don't work with halfassed information, nore will I give it."

[1/13/2024, 12:17:50 AM] Sersei Kimura

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Looking to Khalil she would give him a soft smile, and hopefully a forgiving look."Don't you look grand." She'd offer, again hoping to keep any disagreements on her potential annoucement to a more private audience.

[1/13/2024, 12:17:58 AM] Lorelei

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"Only if you wish it! Not quite so oppressive as mine. And might I say it accentuates your branchlers very nicely! Whatever is most comfortable for you. Would you like the lead, or shall I take it? In the dance."

[1/13/2024, 12:18:52 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure looked around at those near, many having removed their masks as well. "It's great to see you all could attend tonight." he stated, participating as if he'd had a clue about tonight, though a glance Sersei's direction may give him away.

[1/13/2024, 12:19:00 AM] Graf Germaine

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"I imagined so, like me you seem more comfortable in something more.. mobile than tight shoes." looking down at his shiny and polished dress

shoes. "It has been a very fun evening though, a good break from the forge but the works you and your brother requested are calling me."

[1/13/2024, 12:19:14 AM] Ezlain  
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He leans in with a lower voice. "Guess we were destined to meet then. I don't belong here either. Honestly I'm surprised they hired an urchin like me." Winking back to Thalia he twirls her in rhythm.

[1/13/2024, 12:19:41 AM] Adalbert Raine  
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He meets her gaze and matches it. "I would expect nothing less from you. I look forward to these conversations with great interest."

[1/13/2024, 12:19:50 AM] Hedera  
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"Thank you~ I spent a very long time on it," Hedera said. "I'd love for you to lead. This will be my first time dancing any other way than is common in my home wood."

[1/13/2024, 12:19:59 AM] Sersei Kimura  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Looking to Khalil she would give him a soft smile, and hopefully a forgiving look. "Don't you look grand." She'd offer, again hoping to keep any disagreements on her potential announcement to a more private audience.

[1/13/2024, 12:21:10 AM] Thyra Auvray  
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Thyra Auvray let her hands fall from Adalbert as she curtsy. "Thank you for the dance. I look forward to our conversations while I am in more suitable attire."

[1/13/2024, 12:21:25 AM] Juliette Mistwalker  
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"I will not keep you then. Do allow me tell you that you do look dashing in that outfit. I will come visit the forge again soon and bring more leather for you. I am glad you came and enjoyed." she tried not to imply that she was truly uncomfortable in all this

[1/13/2024, 12:22:29 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure wouldn't dare bring up such matter in public, he'd give Sersei a soft nod and respond "Thank you, you look lovely tonight."

[1/13/2024, 12:22:30 AM] Thalia

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Following his lead. "It would seem our meeting was 'fated'." Rolling her eyes though she seemed to enjoy the jest. "I thought you didn't dance? Was that a lie sir? You seem fairly adept."

[1/13/2024, 12:22:33 AM] Adalbert Raine

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He bows politely. "Of course. I look forward to those conversations as well." He moves past her to join Almark.

[1/13/2024, 12:23:13 AM] Duke Almark Raine

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Almark presses a hand to the door, glancing toward Adalbert, who has joined him in the departure. Stepping out, the Raines leave the others to discuss the events of the evening.

[1/13/2024, 12:23:37 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray watches as Adalbert makes his way towards Almark, her gaze narrowing as he moved before finally shifting to Sersei.

[1/13/2024, 12:24:05 AM] Sersei Kimura

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Sersei returned the nod and smile, though she seemed eager to now move out of the encirclement of people. She'd move slowly towards the musicians, intently.

[1/13/2024, 12:24:25 AM] Graf Germaine

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"As do you, truly enchanting to behold." Graf takes her hand as he bows. "I hope you have a lovely rest of your evening, and you're welcome to the



forge any time, if you can tolerate the heat that is." Smirking as he makes his way to the door.

[1/13/2024, 12:24:54 AM] Lorelei  
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"It's rather simple once you get used to it. An easy waltz to start, hm?" Taking one of Hedera's hands, Lorelei used the other to slide around as if on air, circling Sersei and the crowd to head for more open floor space. Familiar faces, if mostly in passing, she managed to give Tonili and Graf a smile and a wink each. Settling in a good spot, she turned to her partner and kept the hands held out to one side, awaiting patiently to help guide the other. "Ready?"

[1/13/2024, 12:25:20 AM] Tonili My'runji  
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As Graf held her hand, she offered a small curtsy. AND DIDNT FALL OVER

[1/13/2024, 12:25:24 AM] Thyra Auvray  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Thyra Auvray watches as Sersei starts to make her way across the room. Quietly and quickly she followed her. "And...I wasn't allowed to know...why?"

[1/13/2024, 12:25:54 AM] Ezlain  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

"I knew some going into it, but I am more of a hands on learner." After his reply he would tilt her down backwards then say: "...and I learn quickly. What of you? Did you used to dance often?"

[1/13/2024, 12:26:10 AM] Arabella Anjani  
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Shepvora would turn looking to Sersei with a bright smile. "I am so happy for you....." As Thyra spoke, she would quickly get the picture and curtsy and make her own exit.

[1/13/2024, 12:26:17 AM] Khalil Valure  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure with Sersei moving away his gaze followed her and spotted Thyra moving in on her. He'd move off to the side a bit and wait alone for the time being.

[1/13/2024, 12:27:02 AM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

They smiled. "Not at all. But I'll have to be, hm?" Hedera joked. "A waltz?"

[1/13/2024, 12:28:02 AM] Sersei Kimura

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Sersei looked to Thyra with a similar look to the one she had given Khalil just moments earlier. "I know...it was rather abrupt news..."

[1/13/2024, 12:29:32 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray rolled her eyes as she grabbed Sersei's hand and started to dance clearly taking the lead. "Have I not proven myself loyal enough? Has House Kimura's trust in my family faulted?"

[1/13/2024, 12:30:51 AM] Lorelei

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Free of a mask, Lorelei used that big, warm, disarming smile to the best of her abilities, gesturing with her free hand. "Now place your right hand on my shoulder, relaxed and easy. Mine will go at your side, like so." Her left settled at their side, to guide and pull. "And then we sway in time, feet shuffle in a rhythm. Just follow my lead, easy steps." Blue-greys met their partners, anticipating, waiting.

[1/13/2024, 12:31:28 AM] Thalia

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Her brow raised as she was tilted back. "Hands on? Hmph." She would allow him to do this and then shift out of the dance, though she did so with a softness, parting from him easily. "I suppose I'll leave that hidden for now. But this was oddly nice." She would stare at him for a few moments before her eyes drifted off towards Sersei and then around them both. "Seems most have left now."

[1/13/2024, 12:34:45 AM] Hedera

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Hedera nodded, meeting her eyes, listening intently. They followed each instruction to the letter, wanting to properly learn this dance, and hopefully not frustrate their new friend. They found her smile rather enchanting, When Lorelei began the simple steps, they did their best to follow. Not perfect at first, but not particularly clumsy either. After some short repetition, they had a decent handle on it. "Ah~ How fun!"

[1/13/2024, 12:35:05 AM] Sersei Kimura

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Sersei followed Thyra, the two women now engaged in an embrace that was certainly eye catching with both wearing their own full gowns."No...I didn't tell anyone Thyra. Khalil just learned when you did. Until recently, I was not...."She would look over Thyra's shoulder considering what company was left in the room."This was all very sudden, you are still so very important to this family..." Her gold eyes staring back at Thyra, Thyra could see she was sincere.

[1/13/2024, 12:35:08 AM] Ezlain

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With a suave gesture he would bow with one arm along his chest, before looking her in the eyes."Thank you for entertaining a liar like me. I should be on my way as well. May we meet again."

[1/13/2024, 12:37:06 AM] Thalia

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"I am sure we will. People like us, we tend to get into trouble." She would give him a smile and soon after make her own departure.

[1/13/2024, 12:37:40 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure would work his way closer to the two after seeing Sersei looking around the room, he didn't want to interrupt but wished to speak to them as well. Still, he kept some space for the time being.

[1/13/2024, 12:38:42 AM] Ezlain

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Before Ezlain would make his leave, he thought it appropriate to introduce himself to the lady of the house, given he is within her Employ. "Excuse me, madam"

[1/13/2024, 12:39:06 AM] Lorelei  
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"See? Not so difficult. Now even you can take the lead and whisk some partner off on a grand dance! Er... I never did catch a name." She kept the waltz going as the lead, briefly peering over her shoulder or more ahead when the pair turned, smiling across at Sersei and Thyra. Faces revealed for all, it would seem. Looking back at her partner, she spoke again. "Miss Lorelei Greythorne, at your service. Now I believe I promised you some answers?"

[1/13/2024, 12:39:48 AM] Khalil Valure  
{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Khalil Valure with Ezlain moving in he'd go ahead and just do so as well, joining the group now, though staying silent currently.

[1/13/2024, 12:39:50 AM] Tonili My'runji  
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With so many leaving, Tonili looked around quietly. Leaning against the wall she lifted first her left foot to slip out of her shoe, then the other. Dropping to her real height, about 4 inches shorter, she sighed in relief. As her heels swung on a single finger, Tonili would watch the room as she sipped the rest of her wine.

[1/13/2024, 12:40:25 AM] Thyra Auvray  
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Thyra Auvray let out a deep breath as she continued to lead Sersei. "My Lady, please remember I am oath bound to you and all those that you call family. How am I to protect you if I am in the dark." She let her hazel gaze stay locked on Sersei. "I am here to protect you, I can't...what if something else happened and I didn't know about it?" Her brows pushed together under her mask. "My Lady, please..in the future let me know of these things. If I have to bend the knee and retake my families oath I will, you are the future."

[1/13/2024, 12:41:35 AM] Nythrim

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"My name is Nythrim," they said, pleased that the dance was simple enough to carry on a conversation during. "It's lovely to properly meet you, Miss Lorelei Greythorne. Is that a noble title as well? There are so many noble families."

[1/13/2024, 12:44:25 AM] Sersei Kimura

{Game Time: Oct 26, 2023 00:03}

Sersei would be about to respond when both Ezlain and Khalil would approach. She would slowly part from Thyra to acknowledge both men.

[1/13/2024, 12:45:39 AM] Lorelei

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"Nythrim. Simple, no titles, just one, attractive mystery, aren't we?" She contemplated picking up the pace of the dance, adding flourish, but the music didn't really warrant such a tempo, and talking was much easier as is, so she resisted the urge and instead carefully helped transition to Nythrim leading. Her hand guided theirs to her hip while hers shifted up to rest on their shoulder. "It is, though it is not much of one. My house is not as it used to be. My brother leads us. And yourself?"

[1/13/2024, 12:45:47 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray lets out a sigh as she shakes her head as Sersei look to the two that had approach.

[1/13/2024, 12:48:23 AM] Ezlain

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"Apologies for interrupting, but I want to introduce myself, as I have yet to make your acquaintance. I was hired by lady Fyona to aid in logistic discussions. I am Ezlain." He says, looking toward Khalil for a moment before bowing respectfully

[1/13/2024, 12:49:16 AM] Nythrim

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"I have titles of a sort, but they're not really pertinent outside of my tribe," they said. They transitioned well enough to leading, intrigued by its small differences. "Definitely not a noble house. I'll need to remember all of these

names. House of Kimura. House of Greythorne? And then the fiance... I've already forgotten. Pain? House of Pain? ...Or was it Raine?"

[1/13/2024, 12:49:21 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure looked between the three before him, catching some of what Thyra said as he moved in, though with Ezlain there he wouldn't mention it currently. As Ezlain introduced himself and then looked to him he decided to remain quiet, simple offering him a nod.

[1/13/2024, 12:50:59 AM] Sersei Kimura

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"A pleasure to meet you Ezlain..." At mention of Fyona, she would pause and nod."Ahh Fyona recently left us, but I am thankful she brought you to us before leaving. I hope you enjoyed your evening."She'd look to Khalil and then gesture with her eyes to Thyra, as if to indicate he needed to preoccupy her.

[1/13/2024, 12:51:47 AM] Tonili My'runji

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Finishing off her wine, Tonili bowed her head to anyone that might have noticed before slipping out the door. Things had calmed down and it seemed Thyra was occupied with Lady Kimura, so good time to slip away barefooted.

[1/13/2024, 12:53:13 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray glances at Sersei for a moment before grabbing Khalil and leading him to the dance floor. A frown pulling at her lips as she stood in front of him.

[1/13/2024, 12:54:15 AM] Lorelei

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There was a laugh from Lorelei, pointed ears not quite those of a full Emyrean twitching beneath her hair, done up as it was aiding in showing them off. "Duke Almark Raine, that's correct. Does make you wonder, hm? Will our Lady Kimura become a Duchess, or elevate the Lord Raine to Viscount?"Her head tilted then, form seemingly relaxed, even in their dancing motions. She was very clearly used to such motions herself. "So

what earns a simple Py'rai an invitation to such a gala then, with no titles to speak of? Do you work for our Lady in some capacity?"

[1/13/2024, 12:54:46 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure saw the look Sersei gave him and was expecting a practical fight to help her, instead surprise showed on his face as Thyra took hold of him and drug him over to the dance floor.

[1/13/2024, 12:55:49 AM] Ezlain

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A brief look of sadness overcame him as he spoke. "A shame, I took a liking to her, but I am glad to be a part of what your house has next in store."

[1/13/2024, 12:58:02 AM] Sersei Kimura

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"It is a shame. But as with all things, life takes us in unexpected directions."As Thyra and Khalil would depart, Sersei would offer her arm to Ezlain. "Would you do me the service of escorting me out this evening?"

[1/13/2024, 12:58:04 AM] Nythrim

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"I live on the grounds," they replied. "Though I haven't properly met many, I suppose the work I've been doing around the yard has perhaps been noticed. I found the invitation in the chamber Nahele brought me to."Nythrim waggled their head, considering something. "Which brings me to my burning question. Nahele... What is the nature of his relationship with Sersei? Am I assuming too much based on the odd behavior I witnessed today?"

[1/13/2024, 12:59:37 AM] Ezlain

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With pride, and almost a look of surprise, Ezlain would take the lady's arm in kind."It would be an honor."

[1/13/2024, 12:59:57 AM] Sersei Kimura

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Sersei would smile to Ezlain, joining the man as they would make their exit.

[1/13/2024, 1:00:51 AM] Thyra Auvray  
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"Are you going to lead or am I?"

[1/13/2024, 1:01:17 AM] Khalil Valure  
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While it would have been easy to take Thyra's frown personally, and he certainly knew in some way part of it was meant for him. He gave her a soft disarming smile and spoke. "Didn't know either, hmm?" He asked as he moved close to her and moved to position his hands on her in proper positions for them to dance and started leading her in the dance.

[1/13/2024, 1:02:07 AM] Lorelei  
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An amused smirk met the answer she was given, head slowly nodding. "Groundskeeper then? Simply... borrowed an invitation? Many might have you punished for such a thing, you know. Lucky you, I love that sort of thing." Then there was the burning question. It seemed to actually catch her off guard, eyes peeling away briefly to look back at Sersei in consideration. Then she could only laugh in returning her eyes to Nythrim. "He as Provost of Gilded Ventures, the only relationship I am aware of between them is one of sponsor and employee. Why, have you noticed something different? Do you know our Mr. Myrunji in some capacity that I do not?"

[1/13/2024, 1:02:44 AM] Thyra Auvray  
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Thyra Auvray placed her hands where they were to rest. "No, as the Thane you'd think I'd have some insight." She kept her gaze downcasted as they started to move.

[1/13/2024, 1:05:28 AM] Nythrim  
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"We spent several days on the road together, Nahele and I. He's quite poised, I must say. Difficult to read, but today, he seemed composed to a fault, then his hasty exit, well..." The rolled their eyes slightly, as though to dismiss their own ramblings as a little silly. Pure speculation. "I thought he seemed a touch hurt."



[1/13/2024, 1:07:34 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure kept his eyes on her face as they danced. "She didn't tell me either, you'd think I would have some insight as well." He told her, hoping to console her a bit and finding common ground with her. "I get it."

[1/13/2024, 1:09:13 AM] Lorelei

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"Intriguing thoughts. I must confess, I was not paying such close attention to the reactions of others. Blinded by my own enthusiasm, perhaps? Sersei is my cousin, and I like to think we are very close, but I cannot say for sure on this matter. Who knows, perhaps I am just relieved this evening did not turn out to be finding a suitor for myself instead." She seemed thoughtful then, eyes on Nythrim but through more than directly on, not focused.

[1/13/2024, 1:10:54 AM] Nythrim

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"A suitor," they replied. "Is that something that is chosen for you, or something you're free to independently pursue?"

[1/13/2024, 1:13:16 AM] Lorelei

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Her eyes refocused, found her partners in breaking that reverie, and she managed a little smile. "A bit of both, if I am being honest. Not strictly chosen, but my freedom to pursue is... limited to those suitable for the job. If I am to do my duties as our Lady is, at least. More titles, heirs, that sort of thing. I generally try to separate matters of the heart from such things, find I operate best that way."

[1/13/2024, 1:13:27 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray glances up at Khalil. "I...." She let out a sigh and shook her head. "It is beyond me."

[1/13/2024, 1:16:23 AM] Nythrim

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Nythrim laughed. It was a musical, carefree sort of laugh. "Well, I stand by what I said about rules. Duty is one thing, but if it brings misery, then I see no harm in defying it. The greatest law of all must be to one's own peace."

[1/13/2024, 1:17:12 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure raised a brow as she looked to him now, his face showed the sympathy he felt for her in that moment, their feeling on the subject certainly seemed aligned currently. "You need to blow of some steam." He gave it a pause before continuing, still dancing with her as they talked. "I have an idea, would you join me?"

[1/13/2024, 1:18:26 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray gave him a curtsy. "If you'll forgive me, my mother wanted me to stop by before I rid myself of...this ridiculousness."

[1/13/2024, 1:19:06 AM] Lorelei

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She joined in the laugh then, giving their shoulder a teasing squeeze. "A fine line to walk. And you haven't met my mother! But a sentiment I share, I assure you. I am fully prepared to separate who I marry from who I give my heart to, if need be. But for now? I think I will just enjoy this lovely dance. Or perhaps... we are to be left all alone? May be time for an exit sooner rather than later."

[1/13/2024, 1:20:16 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure bowed his head to her slightly. "Of course, you look amazing tonight, I see why she'd want to see it."

[1/13/2024, 1:21:12 AM] Nythrim

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They took a look around the room, as though only just now realizing that the vast majority of those remaining were the servants and musicians, and even many of those were already packing up. "Oh, my how the time flies when you're having fun," they said. "I hope to run into you at the estate in the near future then. You are *\*delightfully\** engaging."

[1/13/2024, 1:21:19 AM] Thyra Auvray

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Thyra Auvray gave him a forced smile as she backed away before starting towards the doors.

[1/13/2024, 1:24:03 AM] Khalil Valure

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Khalil Valure he'd wait for her to leave before he left himself.

[1/13/2024, 1:24:13 AM] Lorelei

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"A mere blink with such a lovely partner. Thank you for accompanying me into the doors this evening, Nythrim." She backed away as she spoke, hands falling free, back to her sides, and eyes following after Thyra quietly."It was my absolute pleasure, and you can count on seeing more of me around. I always need excuses to come to the Kimura house and spend time with my cousin, hm? Just one more reason."

[1/13/2024, 1:27:09 AM] Nythrim

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They took a step back and removed their mask, if only simply to make sure she wouldn't overlook them if they crossed paths again. Then, they offered a slightly more polite bow than they had offered earlier in the evening. "Perfect. Be well, Miss Lorelei Greythorne."

[1/13/2024, 1:29:54 AM] Lorelei

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She smiled at the full face, giving a full and deserved curtsy in response. "Good evening, Nythrim of no titles."She moved to slide past them toward the doors, hand briefly touching their shoulder again in affectionate gesture before she was away for good, out in to the night air.

[1/13/2024, 1:31:10 AM] Nythrim

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Nythrim lingered for a moment longer, simply to drink in the ballroom's decor and architecture. They would eventually leave, taking one more topped-off wineglass. For funzies.

[1/13/2024, 1:33:12 AM] Tonili My'runji  
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(Thanks for coming Nythrim!)