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Elysium Announcement

The People's Palace is now fully repaired and ready for use. Please conduct yourselves with appropriate comportment when using this (or any other) Elysium site. If you are unsure what is meant by this, please seek clarity from an Elder. Mary Graham, Keeper of Elysium.

A Poem about Bs

By Travis Moon

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Harpy Announcements

Let it be known that Juliet Samson is under the official Accounting of Leo Clarke and Claire Voyant.

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Highly respected members of the Paris Court have been greatly pleased with the etiquette and comportment shown by Eoin Carrington during a recent visit. It is indeed lovely to hear Glasgow and its residents being praised for this by other Courts.

> Harpy of Glasgow Claire Voyant

Travis Moon, Attend my words:

"Once, there was a king, beloved by his people. In his ambition, he broke the boundaries of mortality. He freed them from death... He granted them revenge... And then, in his wisdom, he sailed into the lightless void. Now, they stand in the light of ancient suns, surrounded by frail, new born empires... And the stars whisper of the king's return..."

#### The Akkadian

In the grand ballroom, Lasombra concealed, A Ventrue persona, to all eyes revealed. With elegance and grace, they played the part, But in their heart, a shadowy art.

They spoke of lineage and highborn ways, While their true nature remained in the haze. In the Masquerade's dance, skillfully masked, dark secrets hidden, true self surpassed

But beneath the veneer, a predatory soul, A Lasombra's hunger, they could never control. In the world of darkness, where deception is key, A false Ventrue facade, through masquerade we see.

Icarus

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Bonfires burning bright Anarch Childer in the night I remember Halloween

Flayed declarations staked on poles Little dead create in droves I remember Halloween

War, Beast and Shadow Forms Where rebellious life is known I remember Halloween

This day anything goes Burning Anarchs hanging from poles I remember Halloween

Sects formed, Traditions made Rebellious dead are soon in graves I remember Halloween

This day anything goes Burning Sabbat hanging from poles I remember Halloween

Sir Charles Douglas

Pleasant hill and shallow vale, winding river down distant dale, rain above and land below, below below, the place of souls, that wander dead and buried lands. This place above where with heavens grand, shall know no more when all time dies All that is loved and lost stands by below, below, the place of souls.

Shanalotte

### <u>Cleo</u>

In the city's heart, where shadows dance, Two Kindred souls, in the dark Expanse, Claire, the beauty, with grace and wit, And Leo, her brother, their bond unsplit.

Malkavians both, with minds askew, Seeing the world through a different view, In their madness, they found their way, Through endless nights, they chose to stay.

Claire, with eyes like stars in the night, Her laughter a beacon, her smile a light, She weaved her words with a poet's grace, A charming presence in the Kindred race.

Leo, the scholar, with knowledge vast, In his brilliant mind, secrets amassed, His kindness flowed like a gentle stream, In the darkest night, a guiding beam.

In the world of darkness, they were known, For reliability, their reputation shone, When trouble loomed, they'd always be, The steadfast Kindred you'd want to see.

As Sister and Brother, their ties ran deep, Through the ages, their secrets they'd keep, Two Malkavians, unique and wise, In their quirks, they found their prize.

Through the aeons, their tales did spin, A brother and sister, their love within, In the city's heart, where Kindred reside, Claire and Leo, forever side by side.

By Amelia Howard

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### ST Announcements

A few things to announce from the Storytelling team this month. To begin with, a huge thanks to the AST team who have been my rock this year. As I come to the end of a year as ST for GV, on reflection I know that you guys would not have had anywhere near the game experience you have without those guys. So to Claire, Jim, Matthew and Susan, thank you on behalf of GV. Some more thanks to Elliott, Gavin, Stewart and Tim for stepping up and writing obituaries on behalf of NPCs to add extra flavour to the winter ball.

Speaking of the ball, a huge thank you to our cast of dedicated NPC players for the ball itself. Some logistics for the ball. You should be able to see three channels on the GV discord server by the time the ball starts, to add some extra flavour. The NPC descriptions channel includes some descriptions of NPCs present on the night who don't have someone playing them. If you like, you can make a single (a short paragraph, please) post in the NPC interactions channel if you want your character to have been seen interacting with the "off screen" NPCs. This is entirely optional as a way to add some flair to the event, and can be done after the ball is finished. Please keep this brief, we will not necessarily be able to reply to these posts, but you never know...

Finally I would like to say something briefly about orders. These are due to be with the STs at the latest the 2nd Sunday after each game (so 11 days after.) Lately, we've had a lot of people submitting them late, sometimes significantly, and this has had a massive knock on effect in terms of our responses. We understand sometimes things can slip, but would really appreciate your help with this. We will always do our best to reply, but when orders come in regularly late and are linked in plots with other players it really impacts the game as a whole.