

THE SECRET DISCLOSURES OF MISTRESS
VELVET NÍ AILIL



[LES AMOUREUX]

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My dearest Najiyah, the love of my life and my future successor, who's breasts I am enamoured of and who I drink heartily from in our private moments together, I have written this document for your education on the personal dealings of Kithain both near and far.

As you already know, being a member of Les Amoureux is an important position within both House Ailil and the Shadow Court, especially one mentored by one such as me. It behests me to tell you everything that I have gleaned from my many dalliances, as you will need this information to use against certain factions should you ever hope to succeed as my Heir to A Dream of Dark Velvet. I have fucked and sucked my way around both the Seelie and Unseelie Courts, gathering information and dirt on many Kithain in the meantime (mostly to do with their peccadilloes).

It is amazing what one can discover about people and their secrets, once you have them stripped to their undergarments, as they always give up the most interesting details of courtly life when in the throes of a thousand tiny deaths. Only the other night I was having an interesting dalliance with a Countess in the Kingdom of Roses, and when she came she told me the most interesting piece of gossip about what the Seelie knew in that area about our Shadow Court. Admittedly, it wasn't a lot, but knowing that they don't know much about us is somehow reassuring. It makes the work of Les Amoureux so much easier to be unhindered by any form of public knowledge.

This is why we hide the Secret Society's tattoo (of a red rose) in the most intimate of places, so that it is away from prying eyes (but not from probing fingers). Those of our society know where to look on both male and female members, and such occasional meetings are an opportunity to share information on a quid pro quo basis between the sheets. But enough of my ramblings; it is time I told you all I know about certain key Fae on the Isle of the Mighty, and in Concordia.



PART ①NE: THE STAFF AT A DREAM ①F DARK VELVET

Believe it or not, the most vital group of changelings to have the speal on is not your average House Gwydion Red Branch Knight, but the very staff under your command. Each of the staff under my command at A Dream of Dark Velvet, apart from you my beloved Najiyah, has a dirty little secret that I know of tucked away deep within. Oh, I know you have one, be at rest assured of that, but I just don't know what it is. Yet. But every other member of staff I employ either on a live-in or live-out basis has one, and so far my security checks haven't failed me yet in finding out what it is for each of the others.

Even those brought in to do specific jobs have been vetted by my security staff before they are ever allowed in the premises, let alone given a contract.

First off is Morana de Fae, that delightful Sluagh childling employed by me through Tyler for “wet work” type operations. Ok, I am lying like a Pooka when I call her delightful, but you catch my drift. She has certain useful talents in removing the opposition, and her methodology is certainly effective, if not a little grotesque. You want someone removed fast and with the minimum of fuss (from a purely operational viewpoint, mind you), send in Morana rather than the other Children’s Crusade members. I am not saying that the others are not capable of removing their targets efficiently; it is just that she is so damn good at it. The only thing that I don’t like about her is that she enjoys her work a little too much.

So what is the dirt on her? Well, apart from the fact that she is wanted for the murders of many key Seelie and Unseelie Fae within the Kingdom of Chalk and beyond, not a lot else. But here is a list of Kith she has, ahem, deleted, to use an Israeli Army term.

The King of the Tramps, London (Kingdom of Roses)

A whole Chantry of Technocrat Mages in Oxford

Claddagh Ap Fiona

[For reasons of brevity this list has been truncated but contains the details of at least one hundred murders and disappearances.]

Next we come to Morigana, my faithful Redcap Enforcer and Head of Security. It’s such a shame she cannot be so faithful to her lesbian lover ‘Effing Luceal, that Nocker curmudgeon I hire to maintain the Æthernet system in the main office suites. I should know, I’ve had Morigana between the sheets on a number of occasions, and have seen her take an interest in some of the female patrons when Luceal’s not around. Also, I have had her lover between the sheets myself, and she doesn’t half swear when she comes! Use that information should you ever need to hurt either Morigana or Luceal.

Esme Ombreux is such a paradox when it comes to dishing the dirt on Kithain. Being a Sluagh she is more secretive than most, as is their wont, so what I have on her is sketchy to say the least. Let’s just say she takes necrophilia one stage further with our Vampire patrons, and has a thing for these animated “stiffs”, if you catch my drift. Should other Sluagh ever find out about her necrophilic dalliances, she would be ostracised by others of her kith for breaking one of their taboos. Vampires are disliked strongly by Sluagh as they are viewed as Antediluvian rivals, and the “Kindred” known as Nosferatu are only barely tolerated simply because they share the same underground networks and an all out war between the two would be pointless and bloody in the extreme.

Ah Tyler... now here is an interesting one. First off as a member of the Secret Society of Gossips and Slanderers, he can be made very uncomfortable should certain knowledge of his “shit stirring” activities ever come to light. Secondly, as my Children’s Crusade handler, he can be brought up on charges of accessory to murder for at least a thousand counts.

Of course he'd never dare drop me in it should he ever be arrested by the Red Branch, simply because he knows that I'd send Morana to delete him for his insubordination.

Thirdly, he takes more than a passing interest in his charges once they become Wilders. Of course, in Kithain society there is nothing illegal to this, as we consider Wilders to be fully adult in both the Seelie and Unseelie Courts. The problem is that Childlings become Wilders at the mortal age of 11 or 12, so should certain information come to the attention of the mortal authorities, he would have a lot of very awkward questions to answer the law enforcement agencies.

Hannelore, as you very well know, is my favourite troll bouncer, and it was me who discovered her in a BDSM club in London before she even Chrysalised. Now her family back home in Germany are very strict Lutheran Protestants, and as such would not be too delighted to find out what she now does for a living. For all her parents and siblings know, she is working as a nanny for a very rich family in Rochester-Upon-Medway. She would like to keep this current state of affairs, so is very obedient and pliable. On another train of thought concerning Hannelore is her former employment in London. She came in contact with a lot of politicians and public figures in her line of work, and is always an amazing mine of information about Mundanes, Prodigals and Kithain alike when between the sheets (or tied to a vertical rack, as she prefers it). Should you ever need information on such people to blackmail, go ask her about their sexual preferences.



PART TWØ: PATRØNS AND LØCALS

The Kingdom of Chalk is where you will be mostly interested in. My remit has been to establish the Shadow Court firmly within the kingdom, which has been somewhat of a challenge. Needless to say, since the closure of the docks in Chatham in 1984, and the recession of the early 1990's, the changelings in the Medway Towns have at least become more or less predominantly Unseelie, and a few of them are also of the Shadow Court. Most of Kent is Unseelie, with Sussex, Surry, and Hampshire having their own sizable Unseelie contingents. Since Dorset, Devon, Somerset, and Cornwall were rightfully annexed into the Kingdom of Mist in 2001, I have also been looking at aiding the Unseelie there. Most of my dirt is on the Changeling Community here within the Medway Towns.

Lady 'Effing Luceal I have already mentioned briefly in the former section with relation to Morigana. Here is another thing to hold against her should you ever need to: She's been doing a lot of extra work that would get her banned from the Bes Din if they were to ever find out. The Æthernet technology that she has furnished us with is on the prohibited list – in other words, it is technology that can only be sold within the Nocker community.

Also, she has been working on new weapons without certain licenses from the aforementioned Bes Din.

As for Countess Mary Donnelly, I am afraid that I have no useful gossip on her. For a Changeling she leads a rather unremarkable life, even though she is a Pooka. I am afraid she is one of those rare Kithain where honest living doesn't automatically court Banality. Maybe going through Chrysalis later in life made it easier for her to balance her Fae and Mortal natures?

Of course, being a Pooka means she habitually avoids telling the truth straight, but that doesn't make her a liar either. She just skirts around the issue till whoever she is speaking to either manages to pin her down or they get bored and give up.

King Paul Ap Fiona is the king of The Kingdom of Chalk, as you very well know. He is a Wilder who is fast approaching grumpdom, and it will not be too far in the distant future that he will have to step down from his lofty position. Apparently he has designs on making Duchess Lucretia Ní Eiluned his successor, which suits our purposes fine (more will be revealed soon). As for any dirt I have on him, I could write a whole chapter on his sexual and political escapades alone, let alone any of the other Kithain in the Kingdom of Chalk. Needless to say, he gets a little too close to his mortal dreamers, even for his House, and is a very ineffectual ruler. Those who are not fit to rule, even though they may be Sidhe, should be removed from their position forthwith. He tends to ignore reports of the activities of the Shadow Court that are right under his nose, choosing to believe, like Queen Karolinda, that the rumours are just that – mere rumours. Sometimes I half believe what the northern Kith say about us in the south – that we're all soft in the head. King Paul is a southern fop and deserves to be treated with contempt.

King Paul has his Royal Seat in Margate, Kent, in a freehold hidden inside Bembom Brothers amusement park. Because he hails from Kent he also has the hereditary title of The King of the White Cliffs, being the most senior noble in the County. This hails back to before Albion was formed into larger Kingdoms (see: Isle of the Mighty WW7007), and each county was a kingdom in its own right. For some strange reason the most senior noble of London (Kingdom of Roses) was given the title of the King of the Tramps. Maybe it was because London was such a dirty place back then and a lot of nobles there came from the ranks of the commoners as well as the true Sidhe nobility.

Lucretia Ní Eiluned is the one great hope of turning the Kingdom of Chalk into a Shadow Court stronghold. Despite all appearances to the contrary, Lucretia is firmly within the Unseelie Court, and within the Shadow Court is considered a major player. To the Seelie Court she is just another young noble with great potential, gracious and full of personal honour. She is already being groomed by King Paul to take over from him when he finally steps down, and so far there is little opposition to her taking over when the time comes. When she finally does become Queen of the Kingdom of Chalk, the Seelie there are in for a big shock as she will finally declare her hand and bring the region firmly within the Shadow Court.

Already I have given orders to Morana, Morigana, and Esme to assist her in any way she desires in order to remove potential opposition when the time comes. Now here is the real scoop on Lucretia, in case you haven't figured it out already; she isn't of House Eiluned at all, but of our House, Ailil, but then, it is so hard to tell us apart I cannot blame the Seelie Court for missing that one. She has been posing as the most Seelie member of her "adopted" House, deftly politicking and sleeping her way to the top. Yes, she is Les Amoureux too, and a personal friend of mine, though we never meet publicly unless at Court events where the openly Unseelie are welcome. I will introduce you to her soon, when she next visits A Dream of Dark Velvet, as one day, like me, you will be answerable to her.

Ah, now we have Sir Cabhán Ap Ailil, a Sidhe Wilder of our house who is very busy getting the commoners on side to our Shadow Court. He has an air of affability which puts him in good stead with the commoner community here in the Kingdom of Chalk, all the better for keeping them in their place – but don't let that deceive you – he is all for keeping the rule of nobility and the status quo. He came back from Arcadia sometime after the War of Ivy, which means he hasn't been painted with the nobles-are-backstabbing-sods brush by other Kithain, but believe me when I say he's House Ailil through and through.

His politicking within Kithain society is legendary for giving commoners rights without losing any real power to them – rights that can quite easily be reversed when the Long Winter comes and the Shadow Court is finally in control. One thing I will say about him though is don't mess with him and his – he is one of the Guardians of the Silver Dragon, a society of knights from our House devoted to defending the interests of House Ailil, and to liberating former Ailil Freeholds from Seelie hands. His sense of personal honour is high, and he doesn't take kindly to having it slighted.

So what is the secret scoop on him? Well, apart from also being a member of Les Amoureux, he is known for his more entertaining proclivities, including making full use of our dungeons when in town. To put it quite bluntly, he is a Dom, and has a thing for submissive Eshu and Satyrs – remember that if you ever need to twist him around your little finger – a little submission goes a long way with him.



PART THREE: BEYOND THE KINGDOM OF CHALK

In this section, my beloved, I hope to give a few extra titbits of information about the Kithain of Albion. I am afraid that I cannot give details of Kithain in Scotland and Wales, as my duties do not include such pleasant excursions. But just contact some of those names in my little black book in those regions, and I am sure you will be furnished with the relevant information. You already know the best way to garner such information from other members of Les Amoureux.

Lord Berwin Lindell of Oxfordshire (Kingdom of Roses) is the most obnoxious House Gwydion Sidhe I have ever had the displeasure to meet. He is barely affable to other Sidhe, and downright rude to the commoner kiths. Unfortunately, I had to seduce him one time to glean information about certain factions within the Seelie Court there. His conversation was boorish in the extreme, but his bedroom antics are certainly worth relating here. The little perv kept his own leather strap on in his boudoir! He insisted in my taking him up the ass with this implement while biting him like a Redcap would when making love. And to think that in society he is rudest of all to Redcaps. If only they knew... Now here is the real spiel on what is going on with the Seelie Court in Albion. Since the reign of King Albion ended, and a successor was not found through the Fior-righ like should have happened, several Seelie and Unseelie factions have been trying to get their guys elevated to the lofty title.

Old Berwin thinks that he should have the job on the virtue of his being a Sidhe of House Gwydion (pompous bastards they are too), and considers Edgar Whitestone to be the main stumbling block in his way. Whitestone is a Troll and is oathbound to remain as regent until a successor is found. In the meantime, he has the title of the Lord Chancellor of the Kingdom of Roses, and until a suitable candidate bests him in the Fior-righ, he remains as Regent also.

Queen Karolinda (Kingdom of Mist) is someone who I don't have a lot of information on as yet. Being a Childling who has only recently returned from Arcadia means that most of her past is Shrouded in the Mists of Time, quite literally. One piece of "dirt" I do have on her though is her love for Mortals, but hey, that is almost to be expected from a Sidhe of House Liam. She has a certain naivety when it comes to dealing with the Unseelie element in her Kingdom, and she brushes off rumours of the Shadow Court with a mere waft of the hand, choosing not to believe any of them to be anything other than exaggeration at best, and downright untruths at worst. This is her weak spot – with King Morwyd as her Unseelie counterpart (one thing in that kingdom's favour is how they keep to traditions), she should be easy enough to pull the wool over her eyes till it is too late, or better yet, be turned to the Unseelie Court. Now if only I can find a way to get her into the clutches of the Shadow Court too...

As for King Morwyd, he is Shadow Court through and through, and is my best hope at getting the Kingdom of Mist as the next Shadow Court stronghold, after I've finished with the Kingdom of Chalk.

Ah Lord Wilmaron Greenlance (Kingdom of Smoke), now he's an old friend of mine, and a partner in crime within the Shadow Court. He's mentoring King Morwyd don't you know? Unbeknown to him, so am I, but I am sure that King Morwyd is able to make use of both his mentors – Wilmaron has designs on Morwyd being the next High King of Albion, while I desire the same position for him, but under my tutelage, and not Wilmaron's.

Wilmaron is known for his dalliances across the Kingdom of Smoke, so don't even think of using that as blackmail material with regards to his wife, Lady Greenlance. Anyway, she is just as bad as he is, and I do remember that time when they last visited and we had a threesome in my private chambers...



PART FØUR: DIRTY RUMØURS IN CØNCØRDIA

I guess the first thing you would want to know is did we have anything to do with High King David's disappearance? The short answer is no, but by Arcadian Skies I wish we did. Those responsible did seriously pull off a coup d'état which leads me to suspect that it was our sister House in the Seelie Court, House Eiluned. Some fingers point to the High Queen, Faerilyth, or to David's sister, Megan. Both are possible but highly unlikely. Personally I suspect that the King of Willows, Meilge, had a lot to do with the High King's disappearance, as it was at Willow's Heart that he disappeared. Needless to say, this is a mystery that to my mind is best left unsolved.

Should the leadership of Concordia remain in its current state of confusion, it will make the job of the Shadow Court there so much easier.

As for the King of Willows himself, Meilge, he is Shadow Court through and through. He has been working in the background to make the Kingdom of Willows a Shadow Court stronghold, just as I have with the Kingdom of Chalk. The thing is, he really has his work cut out there, as the kingdom is predominantly Seelie in character. This doesn't daunt him though, as the old buzzard sure loves a challenge.



APPENDIX I: NEW CHARACTERS

This section is to detail characters not already mentioned in the following White Wolf sourcebooks for Changeling: Isle of the Mighty, Changeling 2nd Edition Core Book, and The Kingdom of Willows; nor can they be found in A Dream of Dark Velvet or Mary Donnelly's Freehold, both by myself. These Kithain are all my own creations, and are hence my copyright. They may be used in your games or ignored entirely. They are just listed here to complete the kith in this document.



KING PAUL AP FIONA

Court: Seelie

Seelie Legacy: Regent

Unseelie Legacy: Wretch

Kith: Sidhe

Seeming: Wilder

House: Fiona

Birthrights: Awe and Beauty / Noble Bearing

Frailties: Banality's Curse

Concept: King of the Kingdom of Chalk

Attributes:

Physical: Strength 4, Dexterity 3, Stamina 3

Social: Charisma 2, Manipulation 4, Appearance 5

Mental: Perception 3, Intelligence 2, Wits 3

Abilities:

Talents: Alertness 2, Athletics 1, Brawl 3, Dodge 2, Intimidation 3, Kenning 2, Persuasion 2

Skills: Drive 1, Etiquette 3, Leadership 3, Melee 2

Knowledges: Enigmas 2, Gremayre 2, Law 2, Linguistics 2 (French and German), Lore (Fae) 3, Politics 4

Advantages:

Backgrounds: Contacts 2, Dreamers 2, Holdings 4, Remembrance 2, Resources 4, Retinue 3, Title 5

Arts: Primal 2, Sovereign 4

Realms: Actor 2, Fae 3, Prop 2

Tempers:

Glamour 5

Willpower 4

Banality 3



LUCRETIA NÍ EILUNED

Court: Seelie [actually Unseelie and Shadow Court]

Seelie Legacy: Regent

Unseelie Legacy: Ringleader

Kith: Sidhe

Seeming: Wilder

House: Eiluned [actually Ailil]

Secret Society: Les Amoureux

Birthrights: Awe and Beauty / Noble Bearing

Frailties: Banality's Curse

Concept: Unseelie contender to the Throne of the Kingdom of Chalk

Attributes:

Physical: Strength 2, Dexterity 3, Stamina 2

Social: Charisma 4, Manipulation 5, Appearance 6

Mental: Perception 4, Intelligence 4, Wits 3

Abilities:

Talents: Dodge 2, Empathy 2, Intimidation 2, Kenning 2, Persuasion 3, Seduction 5, Streetwise 2, Subterfuge 3

Skills: Etiquette 3, Leadership 3, Performance 2

Knowledges: Enigmas 2, Gremayre 2, Investigation 3, Linguistics (French and German) 2, Lore (Fae) 4, Politics 5

Advantages:

Backgrounds: Contacts 3, Dreamers 2, Remembrance 3, Resources 3, Title 4

Arts: Chicanery 3, Soothsay 2, Sovereign 4

Realms: Actor 3, Fae 3, Nature 2

Tempers:

Glamour 5

Willpower 6

Banality 3



SIR CABHÁN AP AILIL

Court: Unseelie [Shadow Court]

Unseelie Legacy: Beast

Seelie Legacy: Regent

Kith: Sidhe

Seeming: Wilder

House: Ailil

Secret Society: Guardians of the Silver Dragon, Les Amoureux

Birthrights: Awe and Beauty / Noble Bearing

Frailties: Banality's Curse

Attributes:

Physical: Strength 3, Dexterity 4, Stamina 3

Social: Charisma 3, Manipulation 3, Appearance 5

Mental: Perception 4, Intelligence 3, Wits 4

Abilities:

Talents: Alertness 2, Athletics 2, Brawl 3, Dodge 2, Intimidation 3, Kenning 2, Streetwise 2, Subterfuge 2

Skills: Drive 2, Etiquette 3, Firearms 3, Leadership 2, Melee 3, Security 2, Stealth 2, Survival 2

Knowledges: Computer 2, Investigation 2, Law 3, Lore (Fae) 2, Politics 4

Advantages:

Backgrounds: Contacts 3, Remembrance 2, Resources 3, Title 2

Arts: Primal 3, Sovereign 2, Wayfare 3

Realms: Actor 3, Fae 3, Prop 2

Tempers:

Glamour 5

Willpower 3

Banality 3



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