



ASHES



In the ashes of
the incident, our
Conspirators
consolidate
their power.

Everyone answers:

*What new ambition
do you feel emboldened
to pursue?*

*Something is harder
for you now the
Knife is gone.*

What is it?

How do you adapt?

*You celebrate your
victory over the Knife.*

*Who do you
carouse with?*

*What secret do you
keep from them?*

*You consider
your legacy.*

*Who do you intend
to be your successor?*

*What flaws must
you correct first?*

*Someone with power
over you talks about
the Knife fondly.*

Who?

*Do you endure, or act
to undermine them?*

*One of your vices
gets you in trouble.*

What did you do?

*How do you bury the
resulting scandal?*

*Someone threatens
to ruin what you
have gained.*

*What are they
planning?*

*How do you
stop them?*

*A grieving friend
begs you to help them
rescue the Knife.*

Who?

*How do you abuse
their trust to
ensure they fail?*

*You finally secure
something you coveted.*

*Why doesn't it
satisfy you?*

*What new desire
do you distract
yourself with?*

*You develop a
kinship with another
Conspirator.*

Who?

*What venture do
you start together?*

*You are jealous of
another Conspirator.*

Who?

*What rumours do you
spread about them?*



**Answer as
the Knife.**

*What is the most
harrowing part of
your isolation?*

*What trace of nature
brings you solace?*



Answer as the Knife.

*You are marked out
for special punishment.*

*How did you attract
the ire of your captors?*

*What dream do you
retreat to during
their abuses?*



**Answer as
the Knife.**

*Someone else is
trapped with you.*

Who?

*What do they begin
to teach you?*



VINES



As their stars rise,
our Conspirators
relocate to the
centre of power.

Everyone answers:

*How does your
influence grow
with your move?*

*You use your position
to exploit somebody.*

*What do you take
from them?*

*Why can't they
stop you?*

*You borrow
heavily to pursue
a risky venture.*

Why does it fail?

*Which of your
looming creditors do
you fear the most?*

*A dignitary from
an isolated culture
makes a striking
debut into society.*

*What opportunity
do you see in them?*

*Someone powerful
is deposed.*

*How does their
removal change
your society?*

*What opportunity
does this provide you?*

*You witness a
transgression by a
high-ranking official.*

What do you see?

*What price do
you demand for
your silence?*

*You have a scandalous
connection to a
Conspirator's spouse.*

*What are you
doing together?*

*Who knows
your secret?*

*You remove someone
who threatens or
blocks your goals.*

What is their fate?

*What loose thread
do you leave?*

*Someone you left
behind arrives at
your new home.*

*What do they
want from you?*

*How do you get
them to leave?*

*You require the help
of a Conspirator with
a delicate matter.*

Why?

*Are you open with
them, or do you hold
something back?*

Political unrest is rife.

*What are people
protesting about?*

*How do you exploit
their anger?*



Answer as the Knife.

Years pass.

*What valuable skills
have you honed
in captivity?*

*How will they define
your new identity?*



Answer as the Knife.

Years pass.

*You determine a path
to return to society.*

*What opening
will give you the
opportunity to escape?*



**Answer as
the Knife.**

Years pass.

You have become rich.

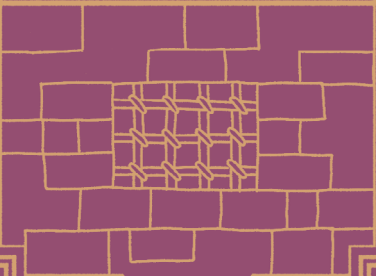
*How did you obtain
this secret fortune?*

*What doors in
society will it open?*



SNARES

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**The Knife has
returned to society.**

Answer together:

*What grand event
announces the
Knife's arrival?*

*Why could you never
recognise them?*

*The Knife speaks
with you briefly.*

*They are pleasant
and sincere.*

*What invitation
do you offer them
before you leave?*

*The Knife speaks
with you briefly.*

*They are swaggering
and insufferable.*

*What challenge do
they bait you with
as they leave?*

*You are hosting
a prestigious
seasonal event.*

*What detail are
you obsessed with?*

*What calamity does
this fixation obscure?*

*The Knife hints at a
lucrative opportunity
in passing.*

What is it?

*How do you plan to
seize it for yourself?*

*The Knife rescues
someone important
to you from peril.*

Who?

*How do you display
your gratitude?*

*Someone else you left
for dead returns.*

*Their vengeance is one
of simple violence.*

*What do they wreak
before you stop them?*

*Someone from your
past demands what
they are owed.*

*Do you give them
what they want, or
move against them?*

*You are caught in
a violent protest.*

*Who leads the
furious rabble?*

*How do you secure
safe passage?*

*Someone you
are responsible
for is in love.*

Who is their beloved?

*Why do you
disapprove of them
so intensely?*

*You betray one of
your Conspirators.*

*What do you take
from them?*

*Why are they
powerless to stop you?*



Answer as the Knife.

*Someone brings you
genuine happiness.*

Who?

*Do you live a lie with
them, or tell the truth
and drive them away?*



Answer as the Knife.

*Your facade breaks,
just for a moment.*

*What caused this
lapse of control?*

*Who glimpsed
your true self?*



Answer as the Knife.

*You make a costly,
showy acquisition.*

What is it?

*Why does it make
you the envy of
all high society?*



KNIVES

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**The Knife's plot
sharpens to a point.**

Everyone answers:

*What do you most
fear to lose?*

**When each
Conspirator has
flipped their card,
the game is over.**

*One of your long-
buried sins is
publicly exposed.*

*How did the Knife
unearth this scandal?*

*What consequences
do you face?*

*An old friend
betrays one of your
darkest secrets.*

*Who do they
share it with?*

*What did the
Knife promise
them in return?*

*One of your schemes is
revealed to be a trap.*

*What did you think
you would gain?*

*How does the Knife
twist that back on you?*

*You sequester yourself
from society, dealing
through proxies
and messages.*

*Where do you
hide away?*

*How does your
isolation make you
more vulnerable?*

*You are abandoned
by someone you love.*

*What was the
final straw?*

*What were the
last words they
said to you?*

*You arrange to have
someone quietly killed.*

*How does the Knife
foil your scheme?*

*Who do they have
murdered instead?*

*The Knife cuts you
off from your ill-
gotten wealth.*

*Who helps the Knife
bankrupt you?*

*Why will nobody else
now offer you a loan?*

*You make plans to flee
to a remote region.*

Where will you travel?

*How, at the last
minute, does the Knife
prevent your escape?*

*You stare at a
cherished token of
your reputation.*

How did you win it?

*Why does it no longer
bring you pride?*

*Someone powerful
tires of your excuses.*

*How do they arrange
your certain death?*

*How long do
you have?*



Answer as the Knife.

*A striving youth
reminds you of your
carefree years.*

*Who threatens
their happiness?*

*Do you intercede,
or turn away?*



Answer as the Knife.

*Someone innocent
stumbles upon part of
your intricate plan.*

*Do you give up this
scheme, or silence
them forever?*



Answer as the Knife.

*As your plans
crescendo, you feel
the weight of a future
without purpose.*

*What scares you
most about outliving
your revenge?*

CONSPIRATOR



The Knife is
coming for you.

In Act IV, when
your part in
their revenge
is complete,
flip this card.

Choose one:

- ◆ *What are the Knife's last words to you?*
- ◆ *Who do you blame for your downfall?*

Your Conspirator's story is concluded.

You may ask questions of others, but do not draw more cards.