

DEATH IN THE TOWER

The king is dead! At midnight last night, the king was discovered to be dead. The method: poisoning! The king was working an especially late night in his study when a guard came in to check on him to find him slumped over in his chair.

Only a few hours earlier at dinner, the king was seen by all to be in good health. He had a very loud and aggravated "conversation" with Ambassador Ascania. After the "conversation" the diplomat left the dinner, but the revelry continued. As the evening wore on those present said their goodnights and dispersed before 8.

This morning the captain of the guard has assembled those close to the situation:

The queen married 21 years to the king now finds herself husbandless, childless, and the heir to the throne.

The mayor of the capital city. Voice of the people.

The steward of the kingdom and a faithful lifelong servant of the king. Both advisor and manager.

The cook, overseer of the castle's kitchen and the one who personally prepares much of the royal couple's food.

The alchemist a recent hire in the castle and looking to prove her usefulness in the everyday application of science.

The diplomat a foreign dignitary on a mission to resolve trade and border disputes with the king.

The Jester the fool of the court, with a crafty eye and an open ear, often overlooked but always present.

And finally **the captain of the guard** who is above suspicion or is he? The captain turns to the cook: "So you would have been the last one to see the king alive last night."

The QUEEN - MARGRET

Round 1

Use: In one of his more candid moments the King had hinted that he suspected that there was a foreign spy working for him. But he didn't know who. Or at least didn't say.

Hide: Your marriage to the king was as loveless as it was childless. Despite your proven capability as a ruler, as the years went by without an heir, the King sidelined you. Perhaps the kingdom will be better off... now.

Round 2

Use: The alchemist was hanging out near the kitchen late last night and she always travels with mysterious substances. The cook doesn't seem to mind the alchemist always hanging around.

Hide:

Round 3

Use: The real reason you went to the kitchen was that the Mayor had the audacity to ask you to side against the king on behalf of the people and then tried to declare his love for you. Shocked by this you sought refuge with Catherine.

Hide:

Round 4

Use: The Steward Stephen almost certainly is not the foreign spy, but you know that he had many meetings with the king and he may be a leak. What did they meet about last night so late?

Hide:

Round 5

Reveal:

The MAYOR - WILLIAM

Round 1

Use: As the Mayor of Brevin, the kingdom's most prosperous city, you arrived yesterday to speak with the King and Queen about the relationship between the crown and your city. Tensions have somewhat grown of late.

Hide: The real purpose of your visit is far more dire. The unrest among the people in many of the cities has grown as the king's policies have greatly favored his favorite nobles over the last years. You have truly come to beseech the Queen to take the side of the people. Perhaps a little too eagerly.

Round 2

Use: After you and the Queen had finished discussing business you returned to your room. As you turned one of the corners you saw Alice stealthily close the door of her workshop, carrying a foul looking vile of liquid.

Hide: Your meeting with Queen Margaret didn't go off as planned. Finally able to declare your undying devotion to her the response was far from favorable. She must have been leading you on! The meeting ended abruptly and you left in a rush.

Round 3

Use: You remained in your quarters all evening after dinner, but you heard a scraping coming from the hallway, but when you open the door only the faint smell of smoke.

Hide:

Round 4

Use:

Hide:

Round 5

Reveal:

The STEWARD - STEPHEN

Round 1

Use: The queen seems to have more visitors of late and has openly opposed some of the king's decisions.

Hide: The King summoned you personally to his chamber that night at 10:00. You were there for some time.

Round 2

Use: Inspired by the delicious Brevin wine he was drinking the king had merely summonsed you to talk about some additions for an upcoming banquet.

Hide: The King really summonsed you because he'd discovered how you've been stealing from him for quite some time.

Round 3

Use: You knew that the King was now quite upset with Queen Margret's inability to conceive children and had commissioned the archbishop to find him a way out of his marriage.

Hide:

Round 4

Use:

Hide:

Round 5

Reveal:

The CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD - NEWKIRK

Round 1

Use: As far as you've been able to establish Catherine was the last one to hear from the king when she brought him his snack.

Hide: The King recently told you to keep a close eye on the steward but you aren't sure why.

Round 2

Use:

Hide:

Round 3

Use: Stopped the mayor from entering the king's study between 9-930. What was he there for?

Hide:

Round 4

Use:

Hide:

Round 5

Reveal:

The COOK - CATHERINE

Round 1

Use: A little before 10:00 you dropped off the king's regular late-night snack on the table outside his door. You knocked to let him know it was there and, after a faint response from inside, you went back to the kitchen. Might that have been the Steward you passed on your way back?

Hide: The Queen was with you in the kitchen while you prepared the king's snack and there may have been a few times where you had to step into the cellar... leaving her alone with the food.

Round 2

Use: At first you thought she was just eager to learn. But now the Alchemist's frequent questions about the comings and goings of the royal family seem a little fishy.

Hide:

Round 3

Use:

Hide:

Round 4

Use: You remember a batch of wine arrived for the king three days ago, but the mayor accompanied it personally on his way to a meeting with the king.

Hide:

Round 5

Reveal:

The ALCHEMIST - ALICE

Round 1

Use: At dinner, you noticed the captain of the guard was friendly with the jester. You think you've noticed them meeting from time to time.

Hide: A few months ago your brother was hanged for poaching at the king's order. You got this job for... personal reasons.

Round 2

Use: You noticed the steward has been especially interested in the expense of the science department. He doesn't seem to think it's worth the cost.

Hide:

Round 3

Use:

Hide:

Round 4

Use: The jester is much more than a fool of the court and seems to be able to go anywhere in the castle. More than once you've passed him coming from the direction of your laboratory.

Hide:

Round 5

Reveal:

The DIPLOMAT - AMBASSADOR ASCANIA

Round 1

Use: You got into a heated argument with the king at dinner. Yes, everyone saw it but no one saw that the king insulted you and your people referring to them as "spineless dog fathers."

Hide: Fortunately, there's an inside man, the Jester. He's been a helpful ally for you for some time.

Round 2

Use:

Hide:

Round 3

Use: You've learned that the king and queen didn't get along and that her days were numbered.

Hide: You learned this from the jester, who heard it from the captain of the guard, who overheard the king tell the steward something. You're not sure this is true.

Round 4

Use: You've met the jester and you've worked together, but he doesn't actually work for you.

Hide: He works for the king you both serve and he received a message that he burned when you met with him last night.

Round 5

Reveal:

The JESTER - JOSEPH

Round 1

Use: Walking down the hallway around 9:00 as you passed the queen's room you overheard her speaking loudly.. with a man.

Hide: People may think you a fool but you see more than they think. After all, as Ambassador Ascania' spy... it's what you're paid for.

Round 2

Use: At the dinner party the queen didn't seem her usual self, you hope nothing is bothering her. You've heard things recently.

Hide: You have recently received orders to assassinate the king, but they're not from Ascania.

Round 3

Use:

Hide:

Round 4

Use: Accuses the mayor

Hide:

Round 5

Reveal:

**THE REVEAL IS AHEAD, MAKE YOUR
GUESS BEFORE READING FURTHER**

The mayor brought a bottle of poisoned wine for the king a few days ago and delivered it to the king in his study during their meeting. Thinking the queen to be his ally the mayor made plans to eliminate the king leaving her as the heir and him at her side. When she refused his advances he knew he had to reclaim the bottle or he'd be powerless against the new heir to the throne but the captain of the guard stopped him. The king opened the bottle of wine and drank it while eating his late night snack.