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Episode Summary

Episode Hook –

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Chapter One – Lisolet:

The HPs will be conveyed to Lisolet to meet with the Lord Mayor, one Frances Roderique. He will quickly describe the murders, of which there have been four. Once the HPs have no further questions, they will be dismissed with directions to the Grand House of Pleasure, where the Scarlet Madam awaits.

Chapter Two – Rose Quarter

After leaving the Mayoral Mansion, the HPs will probably want to investigate in the Rose Quarter. At The Grand House of Pleasure, they will be greeted with first-hand evidence of another murder. The Underground Merchants will claim that the murders were committed by the subterranean race nicknamed 'Ratties'. The Shrine of Venus will refer to the fallen Vestal Virgin 'Hannah'. An augury cast with this

name will indicate that Hannah lives in a dark and dank place.

Chapter Three – The Sewers

Due to the recent military excursions several rabid Ratties will attack the party while down here. Also several ghouls wandering through the sewers under Hannah's control will attack HPs on sight. Then the HP's will track them back to Hannah's lair.

Chapter Four – The Vengeful Virgin:

The HPs reach the shrine where they do battle with Hannah and her minions.

Chapter Five – The Conclusion

Episode Hook:

Markthegn Tarrant, the ruler of Grandmark, has summoned you to his private conference room, in the town of Tremayne. You had entered his service, but this is the first real call to work that he has issued. With no small amount of shame, he explains the reason for the gathering.

Before ascending the throne, you well know, he was perceived as a foolish and wasteful young man, more concerned with personal pleasures than the land. This changed once he had inherited the crown, and the serious man before you bears little resemblance to the foppish young man he was. This

he readily admits, but it is his past which haunts him now.

With chagrin, he explains that he and some of his companions (including the current mayor of Lisolet, the port town) had frequented the Rose Quarter, a section of Lisolet that is the haven of whores. The Scarlet Madame, who had not attempted to curry favors with her clientele since their rise to power, has asked for an investigation. It seems that several prostitutes have been brutally murdered, and the Madam is applying pressure to have them solved, or else she will disclose the activities of Tarrant and his companions. While the unmarried Markthegn can withstand the scandal, it would cause the collapse of sections of the government, and it could prove troublesome as he continues his program to bring temporal power back into the hands of its rulers.

He makes it very obvious that no expense is to be spared, but the normal channels may not be involved. The investigation must occur, and it must be kept very quiet.

How the HP's choose to equip themselves is, of course, their own decision. Tarrant will provide any reasonable equipment request. He will also furnish what little information he has, which is summed up above. Having done no investigation himself (it was his friend, the current Lord Mayor of Lisolet, who asked for help), he knows nothing of import.

If the HPs seem seriously out-classed (from the JM's perspective), and they have pledged themselves to his service, it would not be unreasonable

for Tarrant to provide a small amount of magickal equipment/weapons. While he has been active in seeking new items, he does not have much of tremendous power. The following were provided to the author's players when the scenario was run:

Greatsword of Light: This barely-enchanted sword will glow with a soft light, equivalent to torchlight, for a period of 1 hour once per day. The weapon is not enchanted in any other way, but it would be sufficient to harm Hanah.

Arrow of Direction (per Mythus Magick)

Sword of Skill: Despite the high-sounding name, the Sword of Skill has little enchantment. In the hands of anyone unfamiliar with swordplay, it will confer the equivalent of Combat, Hand Weapons at a STEEP of 20 (or raise the wielder's effective STEEP to 20 if it is lower), granting the sub-area of Swords, one-handed. It is otherwise unremarkable.

Once equipped, the HPs will be sent to meet with the Lord Mayor of Lisolet.

Chapter One - Lisolet:

The HPs will be conveyed to Lisolet in an appropriate manner, discreetly. As in Tremayne, the audience granted will be very private. The meeting takes place in the evening, after nightfall. The Lord Mayor, one Frances Roderique, meets with the party. He is noticeably relieved at their

presence (it means that his friend, the Markthegn, is answering his plea).

He will quickly describe the murders, of which there have been four. The information gathered so far points out some similarities: each victim was a prostitute, each victim was slain at night, and each victim looked as if she had been partially devoured. Three of the four worked for the Scarlet Madam, but given the Madam's clout in the district, that is a fair representation.

If pressed for further details, he will confide:

"I didn't really want to mention this, because the witness in question is somewhat, um, unreliable, but there was an observer of the most recent attack. The witness heard what he thought were scurrying rats, and he saw some furry forms that seemed to be about the right size." Roderique wipes his brow and sighs. "On the other hand, he was drunk at the time, which means he may have been hallucinating."

If the HPs ask about his own involvement with the Scarlet Madam:

The Lord Mayor draws himself up with a look of disdain. "That is something I will not discuss, as it is inconsequential to your purpose here." He scowls. "The Markthegn indicated that you would be discreet.

I would advise you to act it."

If the HPs ask for more equipment:

The Lord Mayor glowers. "The Markthegn should have already seen to your needs." He sighs, "But if you really need something, I'll see what I can arrange." [Note: The Lord Mayor can get most normal equipment, but he

will want it back at the end of the adventure. Should the HPs discover in the course of their investigation that they are lacking something, he will attempt to provide it. He has no access to magickal equipment.]

Once the HPs have no further questions, they will be dismissed with directions to the Grand House of Pleasure, where the Scarlet Madam awaits.

Chapter Two - The Rose Quarter:

After leaving the Mayoral Mansion, the HPs will probably want to investigate in the Rose Quarter (although not necessarily). The remainder of the adventure consists of encounters, culminating in a grand encounter and battle within the sewers. Some suggested clues are provided below, along with some suggestions for misleading clues. Which the JM chooses to use, of course, will influence the length of the adventure, and it might be a good idea to add some or change others to suit the style of the campaign better.

The Grand House of Pleasure

Provided that the HPs proceed immediately to the Grand House of Pleasure, they will be greeted with first-hand evidence of another murder. The victim was found in an alleyway near the Madam's house, and she was one of the Madam's girls. Several priestesses are gathered around the body, along with a number of other prostitutes and what appear to be a pair of private guardians. The HPs should be allowed

to take a look at the body (which appears to have been chewed upon, although the damage is such that almost no one can tell what did the damage - it is too torn), but they will quickly be ushered through the perfumed and barely lit house into a back parlor, where the Scarlet Madam waits.

The office, if that is indeed what it is, appears to be decorated more like a lady's boudoir. Perfume hangs heavy in the air, and erotic paintings cover the walls. The red-headed woman looks up from her desk (which appears to be quite comfortable, if the padding on top is any indication), and she sighs. With a gesture, she beckons you to seat yourselves on the various pieces of furniture around the room.

"It appears that whoever is behind this has struck again. Frankly, I'm getting worried. My girls depend upon a few priestesses of Venus and our guards to keep us safe, but it apparently isn't working." She looks around, sighing. "The last two victims were both girls from my House, and they were among my best." Noting your looks of apparent incomprehension, she goes on to explain.

"They're my leaders, they report directly to me, and they each watch over several girls. In essence, she was one of my lieutenants, although this isn't exactly a military organization." She shoves her papers to the side. "I've been told to help you in any way I can to solve this riddle, but it might be best if you were watching those most likely to be struck. Each of you will guard one of the remaining 'finest', since the priestesses and guards are already

spread very thin." She sighs again. "This will probably be a rough one."

A generic set of OPs are at the end, along with some suggested names (sprinkle around as needed). If the JM chooses to involve the HPs with the day-to-day (or perhaps that should be night-to-night) operations of the Grand House of Pleasure, then the JM should feel free to make up details as needed.

The following are clues which may be used here:

One prostitute witnessed the most recent attack:

"Aye, I saw it, I did! 'Twas a most fearsome beast, lookin' like a rat, but walkin' on its hind legs!" The harlot shudders (an intriguing sight for the male HPs, probably). "Horrible, with gleamin' teeth and dark fur. The eyes glowed red, they did, and blood dripped from the claws and teeth!"

[In point of fact, the prostitute in question did not actually witness the attack, it was flickering shadows after the attack, and her imagination provided the rest.]

One guard, fresh upon discovering the body:

"There was blood splattered all over the wall, and she were a right mess. I don't like t'think about what might'a done such a thing, but there were some footprints, maybe. Kinda clawed lookin, headed towards the gutter. Might'a gone into th'sewers, for all I know."

[He is telling the truth, although he did not actually follow the

footprints, and if the HPs look for them, they won't see them.]

If the party pursues the above clues, then they will likely find their way to the Underground Merchants, a small company that trades with Subterranean AErth races. The Scarlet Madam is on good terms with the UM, and she will be willing to give the HPs directions to their enclave.

[Note: When I ran it, I created a small hole behind the Grand House of Pleasure which led into the sewers, and one of the HPs managed to track the murderer to the hole. In addition, there have been more abductions than the ones known, some having been used to feed Hanah's small army of ghouls, some to be sacrificed to the Vengeful Virgin.]

The Underground Merchants

The UM Consortium is actually a family of merchants who specialize in the exotic. Although their primary customers are the underworld of Grandmark (which is centered in Lisolet, and is fairly extensive for a town of 10,000) and nearby residents of Subterranean AErth (specifically, some Stoties, Ferretfolk, and Troggs), they also have contact with Phaeree. If the clues above are described to the merchants, they will mention the subterranean race nicknamed 'Ratties' who would act in such a manner.

If the HPs accept this, and return to the Lord Mayor with such information, the following sequence of events will occur:

(1) The Lord Mayor will send a punitive force against the Ratties.

(2) The Ratties in the area will be driven off by the military.

(3a) Another prostitute (not one of the Madam's) will be slain.

(3b) [simultaneous] A group of three or four Ohdow (a neutral short-tempered race of elves, much like the Trow) will appear to the party, coldly threatening. The Ohdow should be of sufficient power to stop the HPs if they try anything, and they will explain that the Ratties do not act like that, and if they did, they would leave much less meat behind. Further, the Ratties are hunting in other territories now, and the Ohdow are not happy with the plague. (4) If the HPs have not passed the above on to the Lord Mayor, a Thunderbird ally of the Ohdow will appear in a shared dream and point out that they continue to make the mistake.

(5) The punitive expedition will be called off.

(6) The HPs will need to seek elsewhere for clues.

The Shrine of Venus

Given that some priestesses of Venus are employed at the Grand House of Pleasure, it is not unreasonable for the HPs to visit the temple, and it might even be the first stop on their agenda. Should they do so, and speak to one of the ranking Priestesses (not a difficult feat if any of the HPs are particularly attractive), an augury will be performed, and they will be left with the following wisdom:

"Seek ye the corrupted, where defiliation and expulsion are one!"

This refers, of course, to the fallen Vestal Virgin. Make a secret check against each HPs Religion K/S (if possessed) at DR "Hard". Upon success, this will trigger the memory that certain Goddesses will expel Priestesses from their clergy should they lose their virginity (in this case: Minerva, Diana, and Vestia).

Inquiries at the three temples will be met with reserve, and raised eyebrows, but none will remember any recent expulsion. However, as the HPs are leaving the temple of Vestia, they will be quietly approached by one of the initiates, who will mention that one of her fellow initiates had braved the night a month ago, and had not been heard from since. Her name in the order was Hanah, named after one of the greatest martyrs to Vestia, who died to save herself from being ravished.

Further information will not be volunteered, although another augury cast with this name will indicate that Hanah lives in a dark and dank place.

Chapter Three - The Sewers:

The HPs will eventually need to find their way into the sewers, either by tracking Hanah from another attack (details to be created as needed), or by following auguries cast. Regardless of the means of reaching the sewers, they are dank, dark, but not filled with waste (the Ratties normally scour and scavenge in the tunnels connected to some out-of-the-way places in Subterranean AErth). Due to the recent military excursions (if any), or perhaps just out of plain irritability, several

rabid Ratties will attack the party while down here (statistics per the AErth Bestiary, p. 160).

Given that Hanah has been granted a small amount of control of several ghouls, they are likely wandering through the sewers, and they will probably attack HPs on sight. Hanah directly controls four, but the being she serves controls more than a dozen. Sprinkle them around the tunnels as appropriate (statistics per Necropolis, p. 188).

The JM should select an appropriate method of tracing Hanah back to her lair. Some suggestions include:

(1) A trail of clawed prints and bloodstains on the walls leading to her complex

(2) Mysterious screeching and chanting, dripping with malice

(3) An abduction of a victim (perhaps even the Scarlet Madam!) rather

than the slaughter she normally performs, and the screaming, struggling, and sacrifice thereof

Chapter Four - The Vengeful Virgin:

Regardless of how the HPs reach the shrine, this is what they will eventually see:

Before you, in a cavern lit by glowing fungus, is a terrible scene. The walls are smeared with bloodstains, some fresh, some blackened. The stench is that of a charnel-house, sickly sweet, the smell of death. Tattered hangings line the walls, and some

discarded clothing makes a heap, apparently something akin to a bed.

Near an alcove in the opposite wall, there is a small brazier, burning with some sort of dark flame, almost black in appearance.

Against the wall, there is a statue. Well, not quite a statue, but a rough image shaped of hardened clay. It appears to be of a naked young woman, attributes accentuated. A real sword is clasped in its hands, raised, and a malevolent expression has been placed on the face. However, your attention is drawn from contemplating what sort of sick artist would have carved such a statue to a rapidly moving form, claw-like hands extended towards you!

Hanah has just noticed the party members (if she is in the process of sacrificing, add appropriate description), and she is moving to attack! Note that the HPs will need to spend a CT of observation if they want more than a rough description (a ragged, humanoid form, with claw-like hands and disfiguration).

If Hanah is having a really rough time, or some sort of additional challenge is needed, she will turn to the statue and beg, "I have served thee faithfully, oh Vengeful Virgin! Help me, thy servant, in her hour of need!" In this case, the statue comes to life (see the Vengeful Virgin in the OP section for full details), and, if needed, additional Ghouls will pour into the chamber.

With the destruction of Hanah, the attacks will stop, and everything will return to normal (well, until the next adventure, anyways).

The Black Flame: This item consists of a brazier burning with Negative Heka. It begins with 200 Heka (when the HP's reach the shrine), and it regenerates 10 Heka per hour, or 100 each time someone is sacrificed to it. There is no practical limit to the amount of Heka which can be so stored. It also grants to its owner the following powers:

Summon Rat Swarm: By expending 5 Heka per rat, Hanah can summon a rat swarm to her person, which will arrive in 1D3 CT's.

Return to Sanctum: By expending 50 Heka, Hanah can transport herself and any small items carried immediately back to her shrine, provided she is within a mile of the shrine. For every additional mile distant, it costs another 10 Heka, and the transportation of a held living being will cost an additional 50 Heka.

[Note: if the Black Flame is not destroyed, it will eventually possess/be possessed by someone else, probably a witchcrafter or other servant of the Nether-realms, and it will become a long-term thorn in the HPs collective side. In such a case, it is recommended that the JM pick a suitable Netherbeing, either a Demon, Devil, or perhaps an Evil Atlantlan deity to associate the Black Flame with.]

Chapter Five –The Conclusion:

If the HPs manage to defeat Hanah, they should be rewarded. If they are permanently in Tarrant's service, he will let them keep the equipment he gave them at the

beginning (if any), including the magickal weapons if they were given to the HPs. The HPs should be given, in addition to any AP/S or AP/X for roleplaying or other exceptional play, 2 AP/Gs for each clue successfully followed (to a maximum of 10 AP/Gs), plus another 5 upon the defeat of Hanah. The adventure is not monumental enough to warrant more than 15 AP/Gs.

The Scarlet Madam may be gained as a Special Connection as well, given that the HPs have performed a service for her. While her influence is primarily in the shadowy world that

thieves move in, it is nonetheless significant.

Tarrant will not abide needless destruction, however, and any clues which are fumbled and result in the death of any innocents will definitely bring retribution of some sort (at the least, lessening the rewards and reclaiming equipment, especially the magickal swords). In such a case, no AP's should be awarded for the clues, although they will still have earned some experience and knowledge from the adventure and might be granted from 1 to 5 AP/Gs.

OP's:

(FP's):

[Note: These are average statistics, and individuals should vary if they begin playing a significant role in the game]

Harlot:

Statistical Detail:

Mental: 60	Physical: 75	Spiritual: 60
EL: 48	WL: 56 CL: 67 RL: 7	EL: 48
MM: 30	PM: 45	SM: 30
MMCap: 12	PMCap: 17	SMCap: 12
MMPow: 9	PMPow: 14	SMPow: 9
MMSpd: 9	PMSpd: 14	SMSpd: 9
MR: 30	PN: 30	SP: 30
MRCap: 12	PNCap: 12	SPCap: 12
MRPow: 9	PNPow: 9	SPPow: 9
MRSpd: 9	PNSpd: 9	SPSpd: 9

Outstanding K/S Areas (typical):

Criminal Activities, Physical (20+D10 STEEP)
Etiquette/Social Graces (30+2D10 STEEP)

Commentary & Description: Some suggested names include: Celeste, Brandi, and others. The girls of the Scarlet Madam are generally moderately literate, charming, and skilled in the courtly manners, and are the most elegant of courtesans. She and her girls have high respect among the gentry, although the lower classes can also make use of the 'trainees'.

The Scarlet Madam's Best and Brightest:

Statistical Detail:

Mental: 75	Physical: 75	Spiritual: 75
EL: 60	WL: 56 CL: 67 RL: 7	EL: 60
MM: 40	PM: 45	SM: 40
MMCap: 16	PMCap: 11	SMCap: 16
MMPow: 12	PMPow: 10	SMPow: 12
MMSpd: 12	PMSpd: 9	SMSpd: 12
MR: 35	PN: 40	SP: 35
MRCap: 15	PNCap: 15	SPCap: 15
MRPow: 10	PNPow: 13	SPPow: 10
MRSpd: 10	PNSpd: 12	SPSpd: 10

Outstanding K/S Areas (typical):

Criminal Activities, Mental (20+D10 STEEP)
Criminal Activities, Physical (30+3D10 STEEP)
Etiquette/Social Graces (30+3D10 STEEP)
Business Administration (20+2D10 STEEP)
Charismaticism (10+3D10 STEEP)
Influence (10+4D10 STEEP)

Dancing (10+2D10 STEEP)

Commentary & Description: Some suggested names include: Celeste, Brandi, and others. The Scarlet Madam's best girls act as her lieutenants. Generally, they are better at just about everything than her normal girls, and they are her highest class call girls. Most have at least minimal skill in Herbalism (the better to stave off diseases and other illnesses), and most have cultivated friendly relationships with the priestesses of Venus.

Grand House of Pleasure Guards:

Statistical Detail:

Mental: 60	Physical: 90	Spiritual: 60
EL: 48	WL: 67 CL: 81 RL: 9	EL: 48
MM: 30	PM: 45	SM: 30
MMCap: 12	PMCap: 15	SMCap: 12
MMPow: 9	PMPow: 15	SMPow: 9
MMSpd: 9	PMSpd: 15	SMSpd: 9
MR: 30	PN: 45	SP: 30
MRCap: 12	PNCap: 15	SPCap: 12
MRPow: 9	PNPow: 15	SPPow: 9
MRSpd: 9	PNSpd: 15	SPSpd: 9

Outstanding K/S Areas (typical):

- Combat, Hand Weapons (20+3D10 STEEP)**
- Combat, HTH, Non-Lethal (20+4D10 STEEP)**
- Combat, HTH, Lethal (10+2D10 STEEP)**
- Criminal Activities, Physical (10+2D10 STEEP) (Ambushing)**

Commentary & Description: The guards of the Grand House of Pleasure are not incorruptible, but there are some things (such as fine young flesh) to which they are nearly immune. They are good enough for normal fights, and typically armored in leather with some metallic pieces, and armed with long swords and clubs. A few are exceptional fighters, and they typically become captain or one of the sergeants. The total complement at the Grand House of Pleasure numbers 20 (15 guards, 3 sergeants, and 1 captain). They rotate shifts, act as bouncers, and provide 24 hour coverage of the building. On certain occasions, they also escort the employees around for shopping and the like.

Priestess of Venus:

Statistical Detail:

Mental: 60	Physical: 60	Spiritual: 75
EL: 48	WL: 45 CL: 54 RL: 6	EL: 60
MM: 30	PM: 30	SM: 40
MMCap: 12	PMCap: 12	SMCap: 15
MMPow: 9	PMPow: 9	SMPow: 13
MMSpd: 9	PMSpd: 9	SMSpd: 12
MR: 30	PN: 30	SP: 35
MRCap: 12	PNCap: 12	SPCap: 15
MRPow: 9	PNPow: 9	SPPow: 10
MRSpd: 9	PNSpd: 9	SPSpd: 10

Outstanding K/S Areas (typical):

Priestcraft (Moonlight): (10+2D10 STEEP)
Etiquette/Social Graces (30+2D10 STEEP)
Herbalism (20+3D10 STEEP)

Commentary & Description: The Priestesses of Venus assigned to the Grand House of Pleasure total three. They are typically completing their Novitiate, and will become true Priestesses after their duties at the House are completed. While here, they serve as spiritual guides, teachers of Herbalism and other lore, and they are the mentors of many of the girls. Occasionally, one of the Scarlet Madam's girls will go on take a Vow to serve Venus and, eventually, enter her Priesthood. Such girls are almost inevitably assigned back to the Grand House of Pleasure.

(MPG's):

Hanah (Ghoul-Vampire):

Identifier: Undead

Habitat: Grandmark's Shallowshadow & Sewers

Modes and Rates of Movement (yds/BT):

Base: 140

Initiative Modifiers: Human Standard

Invulnerabilities: Non-enchanted weapons, Disease, Cold, Electricity, Fire/Heat, Poison

Susceptibilities:

Contact: Blessed symbol (7D3 PD), Blessed Water (D6+1 PD & SD)

Exposure: Sight: Blessed symbol, inflicts SD*

*Blessed Symbol Spiritual damage is equal to the Good individual's SMPow minus 10% of Hanah's SMPow and also minus 1 point per foot distance between the wielder and the subject, SD being inflicted upon the vampire thus each CT of Exposure.

Outstanding-Important K/S Areas/Sub-Areas & STEEP:

E/S Graces: 50

Deception: 60

Influence: 40

Joss (Anti-Joss) Factors: 1

Attractiveness: 1

Quirks: Nil

Average Armor Protection: 9 - see below

Natural: see below

Heka-engendered: Nil
Dodging/Avoidance: 13/--,22,15

Natural Weapons*:

Attacks	BAC	DT	Base
Claw x 2*	50	C	1D3+6
Bite	40**	P	1D3+D3/CT+^

* Unlikely to be used

** Or special -- see below.

^ Only attempted if subject victim under Lethargy Touch Power noted below.

Castings: None

Powers:

Lethargy Touch: Caressing contact inflicts a +10 Initiative penalty and a like penalty to all other actions and dice rolls, including K/S use, for 1 AT's time; and if the victim fails in a roll vs. SM TRAIT at DR "Hard," subject reclines and dozes for the whole period (1 AT)

Resistance to Heka: Heka attack must overcome 13-point R factor to affect this Preternatural Ghoul-Vampire with Casting or Power Shape Shift: To/from rat form in 1 CT's time, as frequently as desired

Endure Sunlight: Hanah can act in full sunlight, although it causes her to act as if Dazed while so acting

Heal Self, Physical Damage: 1 point/AT

Shadow Cloaking, self: Invisible in moderate or thicker shadows

Shadow Walking: Able to instantly move from one place of shadows to another

Change Appearance: 1/day, allows Hanah to change her basic appearance, including sex, race, height, etc., so something human-normal

Close Door/Window & Heka-Force Bar by Gaze: 1/day

Invisibility: 1/day

Spiritual Paralysis Gaze: 1/day

Statistical Detail:

Mental: 120

EL: 96

MM: 60

MMCap: 25

MMPow: 20

MMSpd: 15

MR: 60

MRCap: 25

MRPow: 20

MRSpd: 15

Physical: 140

WL: 105 CL: 126 RL: 14

PM: 70

PMCap: 30

PMPow: 18

PMSpd: 22

PN: 70

PNCap: 30

PNPow: 18

PNSpd: 22

Spiritual: 120

EL: 96

SM: 60

SMCap: 25

SMPow: 20

SMSpd: 15

SP: 60

SPCap: 25

SPPow: 20

SPSpd: 15

Armor Scheme:

Area	Pierce	Cut	Blunt^	Fire	Chem.	Stun	Elec.
Ultra	20	20	20	*	*	32	*

Super	15	15	15	*	*	24	*
Vital	10	10	10	*	*	16	*
Non	5	5	5	*	*	8	*
Average	15	15	15	*	*	20	*

* Invulnerable

^ Applies to Impact damage as well

Commentary & Description: Hanah was, some time ago, a Vestal Virgin, one of the handmaidens of Vestia (so to speak). While a new initiate into the order, she was raped one night while travelling through the town of Lisolet. Like all Vestal Virgins who are so defiled, she would have been cast out of the order, save only that she was mortally wounded. With rage born of dreams denied, and severe hatred, she cried out for vengeance with her last breath. A dark strength infused her, and she rose again, and ate the heart of the ruffian.

It was not enough, and she knew that the whores and trollops who frequented the Rose Quarter were to blame. She hid within the sewers and Shallowshadow, where she has erected a shrine to 'Vengeful Vestia', the 'unseen true side of the great lady' which she believes gave her strength and control over several ghouls and the rat population as the tools of vengeance.

Note that Hanah, the daughter of some well-off merchants, but orphaned, was given a Ring of Hardiness (5 additional points of armor) by her parents, and this is in addition to the natural armor above.

The Vengeful Virgin (animated statue):

Identifier: Animated statue

Habitat: The Twisted Shrine

Modes and Rates of Movement (yds/BT): Base: 120

Initiative Modifiers: Human Standard

Invulnerabilities: Non-enchanted weapons

Susceptibilities: Sunlight

Joss (Anti-Joss) Factors: 4

Attractiveness: 1

Quirks: Nil

Average Armor Protection: See Below

Dodging/Avoidance:

Natural Weapons:

Attacks	BAC	DT	Base
Sword	40	C	4D6

Castings: None

Powers: None

Statistical Detail:

Mental: 90

EL: 81

MM: 45

MMCap: 15

MMPow: 15

MMSpd: 15

MR: 45

MRCap: 15

MRPow: 15

MRSpd: 15

Physical: 150

WL: 112 CL: 135 RL: 15

PM: 75

PMCap: 35

PMPow: 25

PMSpd: 15

PN: 75

PNCap: 35

PNPow: 25

PNSpd: 15

Spiritual: 90

EL: 81

SM: 30

SMCap: 15

SMPow: 5

SMSpd: 10

SP: 60

SPCap: 20

SPPow: 20

SPSpd: 20

Armor Scheme:

Area	Pierce	Cut	Blunt	Fire	Chem.	Stun	Elec.
Ultra	80	20	80	20	80	80	40
Super	60	15	60	15	60	60	30
Vital	40	10	40	10	40	40	20
Non	20	5	20	5	20	20	10
Average 50	12	50	12	50	50	25	

* Invulnerable

Commentary & Description: The Vengeful Virgin was a statue carved by Hanah to appropriately honor this 'dark side' of Vestia. Born of her twisted mind, the statue has been able to come to life, although the force animating it is indeterminate.

Scarlet Scarring

Greatsword of Light:

This barely-enchanted sword will glow with a soft light, equivalent to torchlight, for a period of 1 hour once per day. The weapon is not enchanted in any other way, but it would be sufficient to harm Hanah.

Scarlet Scarring

Arrow of Direction

This arrow has the symbol of the compass engraved upon the shaft near the head, with the north compass point following the direction of the arrow. When the arrow is placed on a flat, relatively smooth surface, it will orient itself so that the head points north.

Scarlet Scarring

Sword of Skill

Despite the high-sounding name, the Sword of Skill has little enchantment. In the hands of anyone unfamiliar with swordplay, it will confer the equivalent of Combat, Hand Weapons at a STEEP of 20 (or raise the wielder's effective STEEP to 20 if it is lower), granting the sub-area of Swords, one-handed. It is otherwise unremarkable.

Scarlet Scarring

Hanah's Ring of Hardiness

(5 additional points of armor) by her parents, and this is in addition to the natural armor above.

Scarlet Scarring

The Black Flame:

This item consists of a brazier burning with Negative Heka. It begins with 200 Heka (when the HP's reach the shrine), and it regenerates 10 Heka per hour, or 100 each time someone is sacrificed to it. There is no practical limit to the amount of Heka which can be so stored. It also grants to its owner the following powers:

Summon Rat Swarm: By expending 5 Heka per rat, Hanah can summon a rat swarm to her person, which will arrive in 1D3 CT's.

Return to Sanctum: By expending 50 Heka, Hanah can transport herself and any small items carried immediately back to her shrine, provided she is within a mile of the shrine. For every additional mile distant, it costs another 10 Heka, and the transportation of a held living being will cost an additional 50 Heka.