



## THE GOSSAMER

The Gossamer night club in Harper Keys combines magic and artifice to produce a spectacular experience. Color-shifting crystals decorate the dance floors, alcohol flows generously, and live music is performed by local celebrities. Its real charm, however, lies in an innovative enchantment that allows spirits and humanoids to see and hear each other. The club's spirit guests are carefully curated (even more so than its heavily screened performing musicians), and the Gossamer considers them a part of the staff. The spirits enjoy exclusive access to a rich source of essence, and in exchange they are expected to keep energy high and ensure everyone has a good time. In less than a year, the night club established itself as Harper Keys' most popular spot, and business is booming.

Despite its success, the night club has received much criticism. The influence of the spirits encourages people to party nonstop and to explore a wide array of intoxicants, many of which are illegal. This has led to several cases of collapse, overdose, and, on one occasion, death. Even though the investigation concluded it was an unfortunate accident, many still hold the club accountable.

## TREVOR QUARRY

The owner of the club is a dark-skinned human man with a mane of purple hair. Trevor is always dressed in the finest garments, usually favoring purple, green, and gold. He presents himself as a patron of the arts, proudly providing musicians a stage every night (though actually getting invited to play is challenging). He is often seen holding a glass of wine and overlooking the club from his private top chamber.

Trevor looks younger than his experience would suggest. He graduated from Brumewatch Academy as an artificer and used his skills to hunt dangerous spirits for the Veil Knives. A few years in this line of work changed his perspective, however; now he views humanoids as the true source of evil and spirits as often misunderstood entities without a voice. According to him, Gossamer's success proves his claims, and he doesn't intend to go spirit hunting anytime soon.





## FAERIE FIRE

Gossamer's most iconic persona is a rainbow-colored spirit of wonder with avian features. Faerie Fire never performs solo, but they often join other performers in breath-taking duets. When they aren't performing, they welcome guests into the club, attracted by the sense of wonder they experience upon entering. Faerie Fire never stays still for long; even holding their attention for a minute is a great feat. During the short time they devote to each guest, Faerie Fire will compliment them profusely, making them more susceptible to the spirits's attempts to get them onto the dance floor.

Faerie Fire is part of the Court Lyrical, a collection of wonder spirits in Selovast. They consider the Gossamer to be one of their greatest achievements. The court attributes its success solely to Faerie Fire, who approached Trevor in his time of need and helped him develop the idea. Now the court wishes to create more establishments that mimic the Gossamer's success. Faerie Fire is known to scoff at the idea and vainly comment that it is hardly original, but they suppose lesser spirits must follow the greater's ideas.

As of late, Faerie Fire had shown signs of unsettling behavior. First, they managed to materialize within the club, proving they are far stronger than the average spirit. Second, they were witnessed bullying new spirits that manifested inside the club (after which, several conveniently disappeared). Lastly, they urge people to go beyond their physical limits, reveling in the wonder these thrill seekers inspire in themselves and others. This causes several injuries and a lot of bad press every month. Despite all of that, Faerie Fire is loved by the club-goers, and Trevor will always be on the spirit's side.

## STORY SEED: HATE MAIL

When a place like the Gossamer becomes popular so rapidly, it gets all kinds of attention. Recently, Trevor Quarry received a series of letters that promised retribution if the Gossamer did not "change its unethical ways". He dismissed them at first, but a couple of days ago his apartment was broken into and a new letter was left, promising that the Gossamer would burn. The local enforcement organization known as The Fist are on the case, but Trevor doesn't count on them to find the person responsible. He wants to hire a group to conduct their own investigation and find the identity of the burglar. If they manage to complete the task, he will reward them with 200 gp.

Even though Trevor denies having enemies, other members of the staff will recall several cases where people got injured, and one count of death that

reached local news. Following up on the news article (see below), the characters could reach out to the parents of the deceased. The old couple dislike the Gossamer, and will argue that it has earned this misfortune. Despite that, they are not the perpetrators of the break-in. A portrait at their home features the couple along with their two sons. They eagerly speak of their older son, **Velimir**, who is still alive and has been studying at Brumewatch Academy for three months. However, this is a lie that Velimir told his parents. Instead of paying the school's hefty tuition, he has been using the money to plot his revenge. The final step in his plot is to plant and detonate explosives in the Gossamer, which he will attempt on the evening after the party confronts his parents. Knowing how he looks will allow the characters to spot him in the club and prevent him from executing his plan.

## The Selovast Herald

### DEATH AT THE GOSSAMER: WHO'S TO BLAME?

Two months following the unfortunate death of Chestibor Lumin, the court has finally reached a conclusion. The Lumin family will be compensated by Trevor Quarry, the Gossamer club's owner. Faina Lumin, mother of the deceased, claims that Mr. Quarry got off easily, but does not intend to pursue justice further.

The death of young Chestibor (19) shocked the guests of the Gossamer who witnessed his three-story fall over the ledge of the upper dance floor. The court has deemed the ledge to be on par with safety guidelines, and that it was "very unlikely that he tripped over it." Chestibor's friends who were with him that night recall that he was acting unlike himself, suspecting that he was under the influence of narcotics. These allegations are aligned with the Gossamer's history (e.g., the case of Barbena Hoverstone's overdose from three months ago), but there is no proof this was the case with young Chestibor.

In response to these accusations, Trevor replied: "This is slander of the club and the deceased. I am genuinely sorry for the family's loss in this terrible accident, and I assure you no drugs were sold at our club that night or any other. Regardless, to reassure the public, we will be taking increased safety measures to assure no drug dealers enter the Gossamer and will continue to kick out guests that abuse substances."

Judging by the queue outside, the popularity of the night club has only increased since the reopening six weeks ago.