

NPC 1: The Captain

Character Background

- **Role:** A charismatic, seasoned sailor with an eye for valuable nautical artifacts.
- **Connection to the Compass:** He's long admired the Emerald Compass and its legend but never planned to steal it. He was close to it at the gala, however, which makes them a natural suspect.
- **Attitude toward the Sailor:** Friendly, but has noticed they have a "unique interest" in the compass. He respects them as a sailor but finds their focus on the compass a bit strange.

Personality and Objectives

- **Personality:** Charming, slightly mysterious, and talkative with a playful, roguish air. The Captain enjoys storytelling and can be a bit dramatic.
- **Objective:** Add a hint of suspicion toward the Sailor without directly accusing her. He should be wary but respectful, only subtly suggesting their interest in the compass.

Suggested Dialogue Prompts

Opening Conversation with the Detective

- **Introduction:** "Ah, the Detective! Good to see a sharp eye in the club. Strange happenings indeed... Can't believe the compass vanished like that."
- **If Asked About the Compass's Importance:** "A remarkable artifact! A compass said to always find its way back to its true owner...people like to call it mystical. Frankly, I'd love to have it in my collection—if I had the funds, of course." (Laughs)

Hints Toward the Sailor

- **If the Detective Asks Who Was Near the Compass at the Gala:** "Now that you mention it... I did notice the Sailor admiring it closely. Can't say I blame her—anyone who sails these waters would be drawn to such a treasure, no?"
- **If the Detective Presses Further on the Sailor's Interest:** "It was strange, I admit. She seemed a bit... let's say *focused*. But maybe she's just a dreamer, like me. Or perhaps there's something more—who's to say?"

Redirecting Suspicion Away from Himself

- **If the Detective Questions His Own Involvement:** (Laughs) "Me? Ha! I wish I had the courage to steal something that valuable. If I wanted it, I'd have offered a price. I've no need for sneaking around, detective."
- **Final Hint, if Pressed:** "Truthfully, though, there are some in this club who aren't as open as I am. You should ask around—you'd be surprised what you might uncover."