

Swamp Witch

You are responsible for light facilitation and timekeeping.

You care about these young people and want to ensure a good love match so you can eventually steal and eat their baby. Should there be unhappiness in the royal bedchamber, there will surely also be unhappiness throughout the newly-combined kingdom.

Also—and don't share this unless you want to—Prince Winthrop knows your horrifying secret and is blackmailing you.

Black Mountain

Princess Tiffany grew up understanding her special place in the Black Mountain hierarchy—as its most beautiful daughter. There ain't no party like a royalist party, because royalist parties have the finest champagne. Tiffany is famous for the Festival of One Thousand Ponies, which is very intense.

Prince Winthrop spends his hours in the library, and quotes liberally from his books whenever he is asked a question. He has few friends, possibly because he derives pleasure from cruel practical jokes and watching others take the fall. His loyalty to Black Mountain is undying—he'd do anything for his homeland, even marry.

Smallwood

Prince Chadwick is popular with the bright things of court and has earned a reputation as a rakehell. He prefers to pass his time riding horses, hunting, and lifting large barrels of mead. He doesn't care who he marries so long as he doesn't have to curtail his habits or get his hands dirty with the actual business of ruling.

Princess Aster is widely disliked because she's good at everything and tries too hard. Currently, she's in love with Wyoh, leader of the rebels on Black Mountain. She has a plan for...everything, including how to make the new nation a democracy. She raises champion falcons and horses, and wins the royal flower competition every year.

Why You Are Meeting

You are here to choose the ideal marriage match to merge two fractious kingdoms into one.

Disagreement

Never say "no". If you disagree with someone, look directly into your crystal ball, agree with them, and take a sip of your drink.

The Question

• Which couple will get married?

Legal Pairings

- 1. Tiffany—Chadwick
- 2. Chadwick—Winthrop
- 3. Aster—Tiffany
- 4. Winthrop—Aster

The Bargaining Chips

- Who will be the monarch and who will be their royal consort?
- Where will the capital be, Black Mountain or Smallwood?
- Whose cultural delicacies will get served at the wedding?
- Whose general will head the new standing army?
- Whose method of executing swamp witches will be adopted?

Voting

You may conduct your vote however you wish, using the bargaining chips to seek amity. The timekeeper must note when five, ten and fifteen minutes have passed - and the penalty for each:

- After five minutes, your wizardly domains will be taken away forever.
- After ten minutes, the rebels will attack both kingdoms.
- After fifteen minutes, demons will arrive to torment you and unless you make a last-second agreement you have failed.

The game ends with a jubilant or rueful toast after you have made an agreement or after fifteen minutes, whichever comes first.