

“Fit Check: High Femme Aesthetic and Queer Embodiment in *A Court of Fey and Flowers*”

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- “Actual play” = recorded performances of tabletop roleplaying games
- “Affective roleplaying” = specific experience when in-game reality collides with out-of-game past histories, reinscribing them with new layers



- Queer fem(me)ininity = the exaggeration of feminine aesthetics with an eye towards hypervisibility in ways that actively resist cisheteronormative feminine scripts





**Delloso de la
Rue**
(they/them)
Portrayed by
Oscar Montoya
(he/him)



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Gwindolyn Thistle-hop (she/they)

Portrayed by
Surena Marie
(she/they)



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Binx Choppley
(she/they)
Portrayed by
Surena Marie
(she/they)



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**Captain KP
Hobb (he/him)**
Portrayed by
Brennan Lee
Mulligan
(he/him)



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Prince Andhera (he/they)

Portaryed by
Omar Najam
(he/him)



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Lady Chirp Featherfowl (she/her)

Portrayed by
Emily Axford
(she/her)



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Lord Squak
Airavis (he/him)
Portrayed by
Lou Wilson
(he/him)



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Wuvvy

(she/her)

Portrayed by
Aabria Iyengar
(she/her)



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- Player-character collapse
 - Are we invested in the player (Oscar Montoya), the character (Delloso de la Rue), or the player-as-character (Oscar-as-Rue)





Rue's hunt outfit



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Hobb: “Rue, I worry about you in the glade, there is space in my hiding spot for two if you wish to join me [...] It would be an honor to make sure that you are safe here in the dark forest at night, and also, you are extremely visible and ruining my trap.”



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Rue: “It’s quite alright, Captain. It was silly for me to play along in this game, I am the Game Master.”



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Rue: “Thank you, Captain Hobb. I don’t know what I was thinking. It’s quite alright – I am out here wearing a magnificent green outfit, I do stand out [...] I’m in your way, excuse me.”



Kadji Amin names both the white androgyny of nonbinariness and the “ubiquitous category [of nonbinariness] that [can] seemingly apply to anyone” (Amin 2022”



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Rue's Nightgown outfit and Tea outfit



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Rue's True Form and peony ballgown



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Binx: “Who you showed yourself to be was amazing, and I needed you to know that. And I don’t think you’re like the other people from the Court of Wonder, are you? [...] So, I’m trusting you because you trusted us.”



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Binx: “I’m here to find our magic, and I think you’re not like them, because they stole it [our magic]. And you’re not like them.”



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