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Cordelia Montrose was the most celebrated bride-to-be in Long Beach society. Her wedding to Sebastian Crane was planned for late 1925.

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Three people died in October 1925: Alice Whitmore, Sebastian Crane, and Cordelia Montrose. The deaths were shrouded in secrecy and quickly covered up.

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The Montrose family changed their public narrative after 1925. Several family members moved away. There was a deliberate effort to distance

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The mansion on Kennebec Avenue has been in the Montrose family for generations. It contains original furniture and belongings from the 1920s era.

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Dr. Thaddeus Crane was the town physician in Long Beach in 1925. He was respected and trusted by the community.

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The Crane family changed their surname from Crane to Sinclair in the 1960s. The official reason given was for business and privacy purposes.

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Three deaths in October 1925 were officially attributed to accident, homicide, and natural causes. All three were pronounced by the same

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The Crane family has a dark history. Something significant happened to the family around 1925 that they have kept secret for nearly 100 years.

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Silas Blackwell was the mortician in 1925. The autopsy records are still at the mortuary.

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The Montrose family fortune is substantial and has been managed through trusts dating back to the 19th century.

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Sebastian Crane and Cordelia Montrose signed a pre-nuptial agreement on August 15, 1925. They were engaged.

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Large payments were made from the Montrose estate in October 1925 to cover 'discretionary expenses' and legal matters.<sup>1</sup>

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Professor Hartley was a celebrated predecessor who was an accomplished botanist and naturalist. He was highly respected in academic circles.

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The previous Professor Hartley was known for his willingness to consult on botanical matters for various businesses and entrepreneurs during the

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*Professor Hartley — Collection & Photo*  
The predecessor Professor Hartley was a charming, ambitious man who believed in practical applications of botanical knowledge and didn't concern himself too much with the ethics of his clients' intentions.

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Elias Monroe was a talented dressmaker who created wedding gowns for prominent Long Beach families.

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Cordelia Montrose's wedding dress was created with meticulous care but remained unworn. She never became a bride.

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The wedding dress contains a lock of Cordelia's hair—likely from her final dress fitting before she died.

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Cordelia Montrose disappeared for months in early 1925, then returned changed and withdrawn. Even her best friend Alice hadn't seen her.

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Elias Monroe kept notes on a rose bread recipe that Cordelia gave him—she wanted the recipe passed to Eleanor Sullivan. This suggests a deep family connection between Cordelia and Eleanor.

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Cordelia's personal diary is in the possession of the Heiress. The Dressmaker knows this and believes the diary is essential to understanding what truly

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The mansion on Kennebec Avenue contains many rooms that have been sealed or unused for decades.

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There is an abandoned garage on the Montrose property that appears to have been deliberately sealed in 1925.

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There was a celebrated psychic medium in the 1920s who was known throughout Long Beach society for genuine abilities and accurate readings.

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Alice Whitmore was trained by and worked closely with that predecessor psychic medium. Alice was considered one of the most gifted students.

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The predecessor medium's journals and notes are kept in the family archives. They contain records of readings and spiritual consultations from

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The Romano family controlled significant business operations in Long Beach, particularly at the harbor.

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Frankie Romano was known as a shrewd businessman with connections to illegal smuggling operations during Prohibition.

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Several valuable artifacts in the mansion are actually Romano family imports—pieces smuggled through their operation.

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The Sullivan family bakery was destroyed in a fire in the 1980s-1990s. The fire was never properly investigated.

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Eleanor Sullivan is part of the Sullivan family but there are hints that she may have a connection to the Montrose family.

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Cordelia Montrose disappeared from Long Beach for three months in early 1925 (May-August). Family records show she was sent on an 'extended European tour,' but no passenger records exist for this journey.

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After her mysterious disappearance, Cordelia returned visibly changed—thinner, sadder, with a haunted expression. She was distant and reclusive for weeks, avoiding her usual social circles.

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From Dr. Thaddeus's medical notes: 'October 10, 1925 - I have made a terrible mistake. I cannot undo what has been done. Sebastian is dying and it is my