## THE ROWAN AFFAIR of by Olin Kirkland

In the dilapidated Six Towers district of Duskvol, the antique **ROWAN MANOR** is one of the last of the eponymous grand residences still inhabited by its original noble family. The Rowan family rules their holdings from within the fortress, rarely venturing beyond its walls.

The young heir, **LORD MARCUS ROWAN**, paces furiously in the great hall before an assembled court. He points accusingly at his bride-to-be, the wealthy merchant's daughter **VERETTA WHITETHORN**.

"I don't believe you! If you aren't wearing that diamond necklace at the ball in one week, I will have your father's fortunes seized. Next time I see that Skovlan prince you betrayed me with, he'll be put down like the dog he is. Get out of my sight!"

The courtiers part as Veretta gathers the folds of her gown and storms out with her head held high. Within her private chambers, she covertly meets with you, her **MOST TRUSTED RETAINERS**.

"Some days ago, I ended an affair with the Skovlan prince **LARS STORMHEART**. He begged me for a token to remember me by. I refused, but he must have taken my heirloom necklace before leaving for his family's estate in Skovlan! I've arranged for your transport on board a leviathan-hunting ship tomorrow to retrieve the necklace."

## ITEMS & APPEARANCE

hat with peacock feathers — wide-brimmed floppy hat — brass buttons — laced corset — monocle frilly cuffs — baggy sleeves — colorful tunic — rough-spun cloak — chest-holster — half-plate armor sword sheath — gossamer gown — flowing silk dress — padded vest — high collar — buckled shoes slim gloves — soft leather boots — a dueling rapier — ivory-hilted pistols — a lady's handkerchief

## **SCENES & COMPLICATIONS**

During the voyage to Skovlan aboard the *DAWN REAPER*, the captain loses his mind.

- **CAPTAIN SILAS** intentionally ignites the fuel
- ❖ The crew is sacrificed to a Forgotten God

The **STORMHEART ESTATE** is guarded by loyal bodyguards and fierce mercenaries.

- ❖ An alarm goes off, alerting the defenders
- Snow makes it harder to see and hear

Upon returning to *Akoros*, you're interrogated by *Inspector Vale* under the suspicion of working with Skovlan rebels.

- ❖ Harrow holds someone at gunpoint
- Unconvinced, Harrow tries to arrest you

A *PIRATE LONGSHIP* ambushes the transport to steal the demon-blood cargo.

- ❖ An explosion causes the ship to sink
- ❖ Another longship appears from a rival clan

Lars insists he didn't steal the necklace.

- ❖ He asks you to bring a **SEALED LETTER** containing a marriage offer to Veretta.
- ❖ An assassin tries to kill Lars

While you talk with Veretta, Lord Rowan tries to detain her until the wedding.

- ❖ Marcus reveals that he stole the necklace when he discovered the affair
- Lars arrives to try and rescue Veretta