A thick fog hangs gloomily in Nightmarket, shrouding the district’s street lamps in cloudy gray.  
Lejia (arcane, resolute) of the Cat’s Tail Coven moves swiftly, her robes drifting over the cobbled streets.

“As you know, the Coven stays informed of the goings-on in Nightmarket. Our library contains, among other things, very old, occult texts. Some of them are dangerous, particularly to those untrained in the occult arts. A week ago, one of our books went missing. It’s unclear who or what stole it, but we need it returned as soon as possible.”

Lejia slips you a scrap of paper with an address in Silkshore.

“The book we’re looking for is a first edition of A Guide to Celestial Summoning Vol. 3—and I advise you not to ask around for it openly, since it’s banned within Imperial+ borders. We interrogated a fence, who pointed us to an inn in Silkshore.”

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| Approach & Obstacles |
| **Approach:** The Red Mask Inn squeezed between rowhouses on a dilapidated sidestreet in Silkshore. Above its tall iron doors is a weathered sign depicting two red theater masks.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Foyer & Dining Room:** Rustic beams form a lattice high over wooden tables.  ❖ **Redd** greets guests  ❖ Stew simmers over a fire  ❖ Guests chat quietly | **Bedrooms:** Upstairs is a long hallway with eight guest rooms and one private room.  ❖ Only guests are allowed up  ❖ A locked private room  ❖ **Nara** does room service | **Cellar:** An old cellar roughly carved out and plastered. A flickering gas lamp illuminates.  ❖ Casks of a viscous liquid  ❖ A machine of unknown origin  ❖ Body parts in jars |   *“With any luck, nobody has read the book. There are passages within that should go… unspoken.”* |

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| Scenes & Complications |
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**Lord Rowan** *(perceptive, shrewd) is a shrewd businessman.*

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| ****Traits**** |
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