Maria and Draco

"The West and East were waging war. Draco, the West's great hero, thinks of his love, Maria. Is she safe? Is she waiting? The forces of the West fell, and Maria's castle was taken. Prince Ralse, of the East, took her hand by force. But she never stopped yearning for Draco..."

- Excerpt from opera "Maria and Draco"

Maria and Draco is a pre-prepared adventure for Omega Fantasy that can be completed in a single session. The players can use the character sheets at the end of this document or use them as examples to create their own Level 3 characters. In this adventure, the party is tasked with preventing the kidnapping of a famous opera singer, a plot that is inspired by Final Fantasy VI.

Impresario's Part

"This is simply horrid! I want the performance to be a success! But I don't want Maria to be abducted...!"

- Impresario



While resting at the wealthy city of Jidoor, the adventurers meet the owner of the town's opera house, he calls himself "Impresario". He is an older, well-dressed man who is in constant worry about the upcoming opera called "Maria and Draco". Impresario is desperately looking for security guards for tomorrow's opera performance. He offers 1000 Gil to the party for handling the job, which they accept, despite not being paid up front. At the morning of the opera, they meet Impresario at the opera house. As they enter, he is running around frantically and upon noticing the party, he immediately hands them the following letter:

Dearest Maria,

I have decided to take you as my wife, so I'll be coming to kidnap you.

The Wandering Gambler

After he has calmed down, Impresario explains that the "Wandering Gambler" is a man named Setzer Gabbiani, who has caused trouble to him in the past. He further describes Setzer as "a gambling vagabond who finds freedom from society's narrow views of morality aboard his airship" in a sarcastic tone. Impresario also explains that Maria is the star of the show, so her safety is of utmost importance. He proposes the following plan to keep her safe: one of the party members should play the role of Maria and act as a decoy. He expects Setzer to make his move at the end of the first and try to abduct Maria onto his airship, but if he kidnaps the decoy, they can confront him instead. He suggests that the decoy should carry a rope, so he or she can pull up the rest of party onto the airship if necessary. The party may suggest other ideas as well, but Impresario will not accept any plan that might put the real Maria in danger. If the party accepts his plans, they have to choose one of their own to play Maria's part in the opera, henceforth that character will be referred to as "Maria".

Maria's Part

"W...wait! I'm a GENERAL, not some opera floozy!" - Celes

Impresario will show them Maria's room, where "Maria" can get dressed and practice for her part. "Maria" has to look as similar to the original as possible, who is a short, blond haired women in a long white dress. Accordingly, the party might have to buy a new dress and wig or get creative in other ways, they can convince Impresario to cover additional costs. They are free to explore the town to shop or make other preparations until the evening. "Maria" should practice the following script for her part in the first scene:

* Maria enters the stage. *

Oh my hero, so far away now. Will I ever see your smile?

Love goes away, like night into day. It's just a fading dream...

Our love is brighter than the sun. For eternity, for me there can be, only you, my chosen one...

* Maria picks up the flowers, climbs the stairs to the balcony high atop the castle, then raises the flowers to the stars. *

We must part now. My life goes on. But my heart won't give you up.

During the opera, "Maria" first appears at the end of the first scene, where she has to perform the above mentioned part. You as the GM have to rate "Maria's" performance on a scale from 1 to 10. We recommend you to use the following criteria to award points, but you can of course use different ones:



- 1 point for each line that the player correctly recites, so up to 4 points.
- 1 bonus point, if the player makes an attempt to actually sing the lines.
- Up to 3 points depending on how much effort the party has spent on making "Maria" actually look like Maria.
- 1 point if the player remembers to pick up the flowers, walk up the stairs and raise the flowers up.
- The player makes a DC 8 to determine whether his or her character manages to present themselves as gracefully as the real Maria. If the check succeeds, award another 2 points. The DC can be lower if "Maria" has any performance related experience.

You should keep the rating secret at this point, but you can to already give a hint by narrating the reaction of the audience.

As Maria's part is playing out on the stage, Impresario and the party are watching from their lodge seats. Suddenly, Impresario notices something on the catwalk: someone, or rather something, is trying to push an anvil down onto the stage! The party recognizes that it is the strange octopus named Ultros who is behind the plan. The adventurers have met Ultros before and have beaten him, so he wants to take revenge by sabotaging the opera. Impresario starts to panic and begs the party to stop Ultros's plan. He points them to a room on the right hand side of the lodge and tells them to pull the rightmost lever. After they move out of their seats, each party member has to make a DC 6 check to decide whether they disturb the audience. If at least one of them fails, deduct one point from the performance. Once in the room, the party notices four levers on the wall. The rightmost lever opens a pathway to the catwalk, the other ones have the following effects and pulling either one deducts a point from Maria's performance:

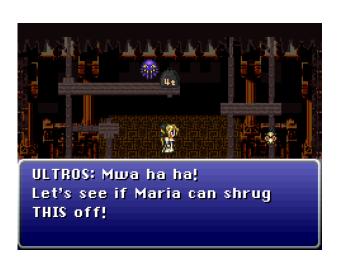
- Lever 1 makes a sound like a barking dog.
- Lever 2 turns off the lights in the opera hall
- Lever 3 opens up a trap door below the player who pulled the lever, which lets him or her slide directly onto the stage.

Once the party enters the catwalk, they see that Ultros is just about to drop the anvil on "Maria". As they move closer, the fragile planks of the catwalk fail to support their combined weight and both the party and Ultros fall down onto the stage. "Maria" has to make a DC 7 check and if she fails, she falls unconscious, otherwise she can participate in the ensuing battle. The ones who fell, including Ultros, take 1d damage, but they can immediately get up to start the fight!

Ultros's Part?

"Silence! You are in the presence of octopus royalty! A lowborn thug like you could never defeat me!"

- Ultros





Setzer's Part

"Nothing to lose but my life..."

- Setzer



After the party defeats Ultros, they hear a voice loudly exclaiming: "What a performance...". Suddenly, a man descends onto the stage using a device similar to a grappling hook. The man is of course none other than Setzer. He quickly grabs "Maria" and activates the device once more to pull himself back up to the lodge with "Maria" in his arms. From there he escapes to his airship, which is waiting right above the rooftop of the opera house. The party tries to follow him but they have to take a longer route to reach the the roof. As they arrive at the rooftop, Setzer is just getting ready to take off with the airship. He locks "Maria" in his cabin and gets on deck to start the engine. If "Maria" fell unconscious before she will now wake up and realize that Setzer has abducted her. If everything went according to plan up to this point, she should have a rope with her. She can let it out of one of the windows in this room and the party can reach from the roof. Optionally, you can ask each player to perform a DC 7 check to decide whether they are able to successfully grab and climb the rope. After gaining some distance on the opera house, Setzer returns to the cabin. Upon taking a closer look at "Maria" and noticing the rest of the party, he understands that he has been tricked and becomes angry. The course of this confrontation depends on the decisions the party makes. Below are some general ideas on roleplaying as Setzer, but you can, or might have to, improvise some aspects of this section:

• The party tries to solve the conflict peacefully. Setzer is generally open to this as he realizes that he is outnumbered. He can be convinced to let the party go and to stay away from the opera house in the future. He is also open to joining the party, if they offer him the prospect of exciting future adventures. Setzer is much easier to convince if the arrangement involves gambling of any sort, which he loves. If the party tries to trick him, e.g. with a rigged coin toss, he will show even more respect. However, he does not accept any deal that involves him being restrained or handed over to the authorities.

■ The party tries to kill or restrain Setzer forcefully. For this case, Setzer's combat statistics are listed below. Despite being outnumbered, he does not give up easily and does not hesitate to use dirty tricks to get the upper hand. If the party manages to defeat Setzer, they can decide whether they want to let him live or restrain him to deliver to the authorities. Either way, they will need to maneuver and land the airship. The player that takes control of the airship has to perform a check with a DC that can vary between 6 and 8, depending on the character's proficiency in handling vehicles. If he or she fails the check, the ship crashes near Jidoor and gets destroyed. All passengers on board survive, but everyone suffers 1d damage.

Setzer			L	evel 3
	HP:	40	MP:	80
	STR:	2	DEF:	1
	MAG:	0	RES:	1
	AGI:	4	Size:	М
Cards: 2d DMG, 3u Range Drops: 300 Gil				
Immune: 🙆 🚳				
Slots				©
MP: 8 Target: ? Time: 0r Range: ?				
Roll 1d. One of the following effects occurs depending				
on the result: On a 1 or 2, the area within 3u of you				
is filled with smoke until the start of your next turn.				
Everyone inside it, suffers Blind, but gains Blink. On				
a 3 or 4, you teleport to a location of your choice				
within 3u. On a 5 or 6, an explosion deals 2d fire				
damage to all enemies within 2u.				
Gil Toss				©
MP: 4 Target: 2	u Tir	ne: Or	Ran	ge: 5u
You throw 100 Gil to deal 1d damage to all enemies				
in the target area.				
Fixed Dice				
Whenever you roll for a check or to determine dam-				
age, you can re-roll one die that has the result 1.				

After dealing with Setzer, the party can return to the opera house to collect their reward. Impresario considers their contract fulfilled if they have managed to drive away Setzer. However, their reward depends on the rating of Maria's performance:

- 1-3 points: despite driving away Setzer, the opera performance was a disaster, leaving the audience deeply unsatisfied. Impresario blames the party for being sloppy and halves his originally offered reward to 500 Gil
- 4-6 points: despite some hick ups, the performance went well overall. Impresario is satisfied and hands the party 1000 Gil as agreed upon.
- 7-10 points: the party managed to amaze the audience with an outstanding performance. Impresario is thrilled and doubles the originally agreed reward to 2000 Gil.

In addition, every party member gains a Level Up!





Level: 3

Gil: 150

Name: Celes Chere

Age: 18

Gender: fem. Hair: blonde Height: 1.72m Weight: 58 kg



Status Effects:

Story:

Born with the rare power to use Magic, she was used by the empire as a military weapon since she was child. After realizing that the empire is evil, she has fled and joined a rebellion group.

"I'm a soldier, not some love-starved twit!"

Personality: independent, cold

 \bigcirc Health: 35 | 35

% Mana: 31 | 31

Strength: 1 Talents:

Defense: 2
Opera Floozy

Magic: 1

努 Agility: 3

Evasion DC: 9 Movement: 4u Job: Red Mage

Archetype:

Abilities:

Cure, Poison

Fira, Blizzara, Thundara

Passive:

Reaction:

Limit Break: Blizzara

Weapon: Myhtril Sword (Lv. 2)

Effect: -

Effect: DEF +1, RES +1

Accessory:

Effect:

Accessory:

Effect:

Inventory:

1x Ether





Level: 3

Gil: 200

Name: Locke Cole

Age: 25

Gender: male Hair: brown Height: 1.76m Weight: 67 kg



Story:

After a past trauma, he has joined a rebellion group called the "Returners". Using his skills as a "treasure hunter", he works as a spy and saboteur against the empire.

"Hey! Call me a treasure hunter, or Personality: cheerful, kind I'll rip your lungs out!"

♥ Health: 35 | 35

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Strength: 2 Talents:

Defense: 2 Thief's Caution

№ Mana:

緊 Agility: 4 Status Effec Evasion DC: 8

Movement: 5u

Job: Thief

Archetype:

Abilities:

Steal Gil, Flee, Steal Item

Status Effects: Passive: Reaction:

Limit Break: Flee

Inventory:

Weapon: Myhtril Knife (Lv. 2)

Effect: -

1x Remedy

 \Re Armor: Mythril Vest (Lv. 1) Effect: DEF +1, RES +1

Accessory:

Effect:

Accessory:

Effect:





Level: 3

Gil: 250

Name: Edgar Figaro

Age: 27

Gender: male Hair: blonde Height: 1.83m Weight: 77kg



Story:

Became king at a young age when his father died and his brother ran away from home. Supports a rebellion group, through which he was reunited with his brother by chance.

Personality: charming, responsible

"If something were to happen to me, all the world's women would grieve!"

 \bigcirc Health: 34 | 34

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Strength: 3 Talents:

Defense: 2 Cid's Apprentice

№ Mana:

ও Resistance: 2

緊 Agility: 3 Status Eff

Evasion DC: 10

Movement: 3u

Job: Marksman

Archetype:

Abilities:

Big Shot, Lay Trap, Libra

Status Effects: Passive:

Reaction:

Limit Break: Big Shot

 $\label{eq:Weapon: Auto-Crossbow (Lv. 2)}$

Effect: -

Effect: DEF +1, RES +1

Accessory:

Effect:

Accessory:

Effect:

Inventory:

1x Phoenix Down





Level: 3

Gil: 150

Sabin Figaro Name:

Age: 26

Gender: male Hair: blonde Height: 1.90m Weight: 106 kg



Story:

Despite being the heir to a kingdom, he left his home at a young age after his fathers death to become a monk. By chance, he was reunited with his twin brother Edgar, when he joined a rebellion

group.

Personality: confident, brash

"Uh... Why's everyone singing?"

♥ Health: 42 42

> 25 25

№ Mana:

Strength: 2 Talents:

© Defense: 2 King's Shield

R Magic: 0

緊 Agility: 4 Status Effects:

Evasion DC: 8

Movement: 5u

Archetype:

Abilities:

Job: Monk

Boost, Chakra, Kick

Passive:

Reaction:

Limit Break: Kick

Weapon: Myhtril Claw (Lv. 2)

Effect: -

1x Potion

Inventory:

Effect: DEF +1, RES +1

Accessory:

Effect:

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Effect: