CROWN OF FANGS

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dead siphon through them to infuse the cards, which begin glowing brighter and brighter. After only a few rounds, with a final flash of light, the cards themselves settle in a neat and tidy stack on the table and both ghosts vanish.

At this point, both Zellara and Venster have bonded with the haunted Harrow deck, which has transformed into a Harrow deck of many things. As detailed later in this book on pages 68–73, each character can declare up to four draws from the deck. Unlike the standard Harrow deck of many things, though, Zellara and Venster's lingering presence stack the deck in the PCs' favor. This allows each PC one free redraw from the deck: if the PC draws an undesirable card, he can choose to discard that card and draw again from the deck. This redraw does not reduce the total number of draws each PC decides to take, but does help a little bit to mitigate the malevolent and harmful influence of the evil cards in the deck.

Once all of the PCs who wish to have drawn from the deck, Zellara manifests one last time before them. Her expression is one of hope as she smiles at each of the PCs and gives the one who's carried her deck through the campaign a single ectoplasmic kiss before she fades from view entirely. Her final purpose served, Zellara finally moves on to her eternal rest. Her Harrow deck is now nothing more than a standard, nonmagical deck of cards. Unspent Harrow points from this adventure's initial reading remain available for the PCs, but the deck itself can never again be used to perform a similar special Harrow reading.

Ago. Domina's Study (EL 16)

This room contains a single large bookshelf filled with dozens of books and scrolls. Nearby, a single desk and chair stand. Sitting on the desk is a single large book with a black leather cover.

This room has long served the Arabasti family as a secret retreat—only a rare few knew the existence of this place. Ileosa was fond of using this chamber's remote and secure nature as both a place to meditate on the strange urges growing in her mind and a meeting room where she could meet with infernal callers. It was here that she first met with Sermignatto, where she (with the bdellavritra and Togomor's aid) bound the Fangs of Kazavon into the Crown of Fangs, and where she signed the contract to bind an erinyes to her soul. She first developed her plans to poison the king here, drafted her initial letter of contact to the Red Mantis here, and she plotted out the use of blood veil to murder many of Korvosa's undesirables at this very desk. Many of the scrolls and books here are on subjects connected to Ileosa's plans along these lines, and the PCs can

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MATERIAL PLANE, Being the FOURTH Incarnation of the THIRD Cycle of Mortality, on file in Fallen Fastness 9485784,3728:7845,9888495. This is a lawful contract between SERMIGNATTO, Lord of the Bloody Quicksands, and ILEOSA ARABASTI, honored Queen of the Mortal City of Korvosa. Their names used for this pact only. HERETOFORE shall all agents of SERMIGNATTO be consigned to the rule of ILEOSA, such that the following agents of the Nine be bound by her word: MAVROKERAS, the brothers known as YALLOPS, the erinyes VERASIA, DECABBARA, SUISHANI, EVEANIE, and all Imps and Lesser Bodies who report directly to the agents listed above. IN ADDENDUM shall the heretic ZANZINARIA be BOUIND body and mind to ILEOSA, forthwith to augment her flesh and spirit against all things vexing and unforeseen until such time as she might wither and die, whereupon such bondage shall be null and void. In recompense, shall all pending debts held betwixt these agents of the Nine and SERMIGNATTO be declared null and cancelled by SERMIGNATTO in case of ILEOSA'S successful commitment to perform the following services on a forfeit basis: 1) Support and preparation for future expansion as deemed necessary and desirable to one whose name shall be found on file in Fallen Fastness

4420, 40200:0, 88490 upon the Salt Towers of Dis, whose name is struck from this contract yet known by the undersigned to be one whose hand quides these words.

2) Pursuant to her own goals, ILEOSA pledges the fundament and development of Korvosa as open ground and fertile soil for infernal use, as recorded by the Infinitium Charters and the Voiceless Vexations of the First-Flensed.

In code 9485784, 3728. 7845, 9888495. Subject to Asmodeus's veto, honor to his name. Signed in blood and bound by soul—

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