

Cleveland By Night Episode 3: Locked, Crocked & Loaded

Player(s) of the Night: Robbie, Aaron, Stefanie, Artemis
Game Date: Saturday November 23, 2024

Elysium: The Vault

11/23/24— It has been a couple of weeks since Elysium was called last. They have been busy chasing their own interests as well as their own tails. Even the new Prince Levi has reached his limit and gives in to the pressures of his station to finally select his court. Secret deals and secret alliances come to light when errands became requests and favors. Instead of Kale, Jay and John shuffling crates from one location to another between the Hunters and the Cult of Fenris pack at 3 Strikes, Kale requested something for himself this time. The hunter delivered as promised, but within the crate was a crockpot filled with a 5 Alarm concoction. Instead of taking what was given and going back to business as usual, Kale and his crew chose to see how far they pushed the envelope and request additional provisions to prepare for the potential Sabbat invasion.

The agreement made, Kale and his team moved on to the Loft's Apartments to seek out Bonaventure's daughter. Their assumptions about which apartment was hers prove to be useful as they break into Janet's Apartment and find more than Rembrandt, Dakota and Chi had their first time looking into the former Herald's home. Finding her shrine to David, and several serpent themed knickknacks, the group begins to unravel that there was more to Janet than vapid brunches and expensive handbags. Their curiosity however departs the penthouse as they continue to seek out the girl who marked Kale with her magic. Instead they find Dee Radke and David DeMure's apartments. Dee has been missing since August 6 and David has not been seen since September 14th so they break into each apartment. In Dee's apartment they are met with copious amounts of cockroaches, in an otherwise clean and orderly home. Dee's charity works remained untouched since her disappearance.

David however happened to be at home when John made is way into his apartment. John's casual commentary about his visions of David's darkest night send David into a tailspin. He begins to trash the apartment as John retreats to tell the others that he found David, but he's not in the best of spirits. Kale heads into David's apartment to talk him down, and instead turns the situation incendiary as David resorts to lighting his own apartment on fire in an attempt to achieve reunification with his deceased girlfriend.

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Kale and John restrain David and begin dragging him out of the burning apartment while Jay and Leo keep the fire at bay as they attempt to make their escape. David fights hard but to no avail when Borquita- Kale's bane, stakes David in the stairwell making him easier to transport. They flee the burning apartment building without being noticed by anyone but the oblivious doorman, of whom they gaslit as they fled to their vehicles.

Upon return to Elysium the new Scourge (Kale) and Sheriff (John) are reprimanded for roughing up David, as well as for bringing Borquita and the 'crockpot' to their safe Haven. As soon as things simmer down, the Hunter makes his delivery of requested provisions. The 'witch' rides away with the crockpot in tow as the group erupts in panic with more questions and blatant lies than straight answers.

Fissures within the Savannah-transplant coterie continue to splinter the group apart, and further from their ideals. With new blood and new opportunities among them, temptation to pursue their own endeavors is in the air. Unlikely alliances, new connections, and new views chip away at the collective resolve to remain together. Is Paul getting what he wanted? Is it coincidence? Or is someone pulling the strings? Perhaps Cleveland is as cursed as they say.

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Cleveland By Night Episode 0.5: "The D3sCent"

Player(s) of the Night: Special Event- Awarded To All Players
Game Date: Saturday November 9, 2024 (LARP SESSION)

Elysium: Studio 1313

4/1/24 (Flashback)— 128 Days before Cleveland woke to the aftermath of the August 6th storm and supernatural disappearances, Elysium was called upon David the Toreador Primogen's Domain, Studio 1313. What was to be a night of curtains, bright lights and curiosities turned catastrophic.

This night club and performance hall was open to all, of any creed or creature type, none to be turned away as all were equals at Studio 1313... The key word here being 'were', as even David himself turned away the vindicator of vermin over a cacophony of cockroaches. As David crunched the remaining cockroaches beneath his cane, his night seemingly returned to its familiar glitz and glamour, or so he thought. The damage had been done, and more disruption was to come, and not just an unusual takeover of the playlist. The stage had already been set, Stella the star of his show (and heart) fell from the heavens never to rise again, from a damaged harness for her arial act.

In an act of despair David tore out of the studio, while the Sabbat Priest and Grandmother of the deceased tore the studio apart. Upon David's return and the departure of Stella's family, the group began to investigate and accuse each other of wrong doings. With assumptions abound, impatience and dedication to disruption won as Dee ripped off the truce like a band-aid and the Anarchs brutally attacked the Camarilla cutting their court in half, while poking holes in David's resolve that his own couldn't be the cause of what happened... Could they? Who kissed your silken cheek last? There you will find your traitor. Better act fast or they will join those laid down upon your doorstep.