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Game Dates: Dec. 20, 2025

Elysium: Studio 1313

Then the night came and hunters and garou came from all over to watch this once in a lifetime spectacle. Heck even some Sabbat wormed their way in to watch. The Arena was fortified by multiple creature types and gifts, and surrounded by a moat of holy water **blessed** by the most powerful Faith Hunters in town. John had resolved to let his punishment stand even if that meant death at Rembrandt's hand. Rembrandt however wanted to shock the crowd with their lack of humanity by boiling John unalive in his own skin in hopes that maybe he would reach them when his words had not. John screamed but held himself firm to Rembrandt's palm until his body gave out and he lay a burnt mess on the floor. Rembrandt challenged the crowd that if they wanted to finish John they could and provided a sword he conjured. Jay hesitated to use the weapon he had magically imbued into his flesh as he knew that pulling a stunt like that now given the Archon's warning that anyone who breaks the rules of Taylor's arena would meet the same fate as those who lose within it's walls, instead took the sword and yelled a few obscenities at John for all of the fallout John's failures had brought onto his doorstep before tossing it down next to his head. He demanded John be banished from the city before Taylor stepped up and reminded him of his place in the city and that he doesn't get to make that **decision**.

Next was Kross vs Theo. Theo as usual was belligerent and trying to talk his way out of things. Taylor stood in as Kross's second while Kross **prayed** outside with Shepherd that he would be able to keep his control and not frenzy on Theo. He didn't want to kill Theo, just remove his tongue so he could **no longer tell lies**- his lies were something he had been doing since before the Casino incident and the trickle down effects had brought them to tonight. Being of Kale's blood he knew control would be hard to maintain. Taylor negotiated until she finally wore Theo down to accepting not meeting final death and just being de-fanged, disarmed, disgraced and dismissed from Cleveland. Removing an arm instead of a tongue, but it was something and Theo was annoying and she was fighting the urge to demand to fight him herself in Kross's stead. In hindsight she wished she had, as Kross while he did knock Theo out with one shot, he still removed his tongue and tossed it into the holy water below causing Taylor to come in and bludgeon him with one strike sending him right into Torpor and a box for **breaking the agreement**.

Taylor drove off with Theo's body, and Kross's body in boxes while the rest went to Elysium and discussed what had occurred that night. It was then John being in a Cult came to light and the group was in uproar on how to handle that. They began coordinating on how they would research the situation and end the cult, or at least John's involvement with it. Additionally it came out that multiple people within the group who had investigated the cult situation had been compromised by the Cult John joined and the group began working out next steps on

what they could do to finish that situation once and for all, while welcoming a number of new faces into the city- some of which were spewing **Sabbat rhetoric** and stories as if it were Camarilla acceptable behavior, and some of the supposedly staunch Cam members listened on and chatted as if that were normal, calling their real allegiances into question for those overhearing their words.

As the group was deep in thought and discussion that is when the past came back to haunt the group, particularly the Savannah coterie, and most in particular John as Juliana was outside talking with Dorian. Oliver- the last remaining ghoul of the Red Olympus Tzimisce they once called friend - that had long since fled Cleveland, came in armed and ready to go. His silent and disciplined aim directly pointed at John, one of the few who had been on the 'Bad Time 3' for the incident that landed him in an international jail in Canada. The attack ended the unlives of the Sheriff/Scourge Jay and Alexander who was a financial supporter of the fairly consistent Elysium building – Studio 1313. He had snuck in by staking Gideon who fell from the roof into an alley, and using powers to get passed the cameras. Oliver and most of the group in the building somehow surviving, much to fate's awareness that they should not have. They interrogated and tormented Oliver to get answers only to find that he too had joined the Cult and had been turned, now a Thin-Blooded. This lead the group to realizing Red Olympus was back, and having to make a difficult decision to share the punishment of Oliver with the Garou as Gina, one of Jay's closest friends had demanded his head leaving everyone in a stalemate over who would get vengeance. Curtis's brother, the second of the Cleveland Caern's primary pack and sept, spoke sense into the group that **none should take this vengeance** personally and instead let him meet the sun, and while it might take longer due to his diluted lineage, that they could take additional precautions to make sure the job was done.

Not everyone was in agreement with this, but the bloodlust of Gina and a handful of kindred, the leadership relented to keep this from becoming a bloodbath even if they didn't get all the answers they needed or wanted from Oliver. This chain of events would spurn forth a memorial for Jay and Alexander that would also have visitors from all backgrounds and groups, began **forging unlikely alliances**, caused new levels of **mistrust**, and has sparked a fire that won't be easily quenched.