

# Session 43: Faith and Incompetence

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## Summary

The party arrived at the Rose Theater, a dilapidated open-air amphitheater with Roman coliseum-like architecture. Large portions of the building were collapsing, and columns lined the entrance where they could peer inside. As they approached, they heard a disturbing crunching noise and the phantom sounds of an audience emanating from the upper tiers. Just inside the entrance, they discovered a monstrosity sized caterpillar with luminescent spines and glowing purple-green skin, loudly chewing on a large piece of delirium.

Yazzy attempted to calm the creature by playing an old tune on her lute, but the caterpillar remained completely unaffected by the music. Oiroa tried to discern the creature's thoughts but found its mind too primitive to read. When Oiroa threw a pebble at it, the stone simply clinked off a wall without drawing any reaction. A second caterpillar then emerged and began fighting over the same piece of delirium with the first, both crunching on it together like lovers sharing a meal.

The party engaged the caterpillars in combat. Ned struck one with magical fire, causing it to flinch and curl up sadly before resuming its feast. Tark finished it off with necrotic energy, and the surviving caterpillar happily claimed the delirium from its dead companion's mouth. Yazzy released a cloud of poison from her mouth, and the phantom audience noise swelled in applause as if cheering her performance. After the second caterpillar was killed, Yazzy cut it open and discovered its body was full of valuable delirium dust mixed with ichorous black blood. She used magic to clean and separate the dust, collecting two batches for use as spell components.

The party split up to explore the theater's interior. Xakarium ventured into a claustrophobic labyrinth beneath the structure, finding dripping silvery gossamer strands, delirium streaks on the walls, and crisscrossing silk lines hanging in the air. The space carried a cocktail of sweet, decaying, and mucousy smells. Oiroa ascended a staircase to the upper tier auditorium and saw jet-black brambles with neon iridescent flowers covering the seats. Below, a stage area featured a pool of dark, blackish-purple water, and the audience noise seemed to emanate from the bushes themselves. Ned tested one of the silk strands with fire and found it glowed and spread slowly before extinguishing, rather than igniting rapidly.

When the party regrouped in the upper tier, Yazy investigated the brambles and sensed they possessed sentience and a strong will, with poisonous spores. Ned examined them further and realized they were delirium-spawned plants where the flowers were a transformed version of delirium itself. He observed root systems extending into the water and discussed with the party how these plants could potentially serve as a source of spell amplification. The group debated the risks and benefits of harvesting or destroying the brambles.

Xakarium approached a collapsed section of the bleachers to get a better view, and the ground suddenly cracked beneath him like ice. He plummeted forty-five feet through the collapsed floor, crashing onto the stage below with a thunderous clang of plate armor hitting cement. On the stage, a lone figure dressed in tattered silks and velvet paused his whispered monologue mid-sentence. This was Valerius Thorn, a celebrated tragedian wearing a porcelain mask covering the lower half of his face. He turned his head in a bird-like manner and stood abruptly with jerky, marionette-like movements, flinging down a lace handkerchief he had been clutching.

Valerius's voice transformed into a booming, thunderous tone that sounded as if he were inches from everyone's face. The black brambles rippled in reaction, and the audience noise morphed into weeping violins, the scent of roses, children crying, and voices saying "you interrupted the show." Valerius delivered an enraged monologue about the interruption, his mask shifting to a tragedy expression as he berated the party for shattering his performance at its climax. He regained his composure and called for "places, everyone," declaring that the critics deserved a tragedy they would never forget. Yazy recognized him as the region's most celebrated actor, nicknamed "Valerius the Bloody Thorn" for his difficult personality.

Tark flew down to assist Xakarium and observed tightly wrapped, pulsating cocoons nestled in the walls of a collapsed corner room. Ned activated his magical amulet, which granted him enhanced perception of magic and delirium. Through this vision, he saw magical auras around his companions and Valerius's mask, and identified the footlight as a modified magical flame. Most horrifyingly, he discovered outlines of bodies and body parts within the brambles, realizing that humanoids had been transformed into these plants when the meteor hit. He shared this grim discovery with the party, explaining that each bramble contained the remains of a person who had been in the audience.

As Xakarium moved on the stage, he snapped some bramble twigs, further interrupting Valerius's resumed monologue. The actor reacted with fury, and the brambles behind Xakarium violently animated. Zombie-like remnants of corpses pulled themselves up from their seats, their vines detaching as they stood to confront the intruder. Yazy unleashed a wave of thunderous force that damaged an animated bramble and pushed it into the delirium water, while also striking nearby enemies with lightning. The boom was audible for hundreds of feet, and the phantom audience erupted in disapproval. More creatures emerged from the water, including grotesque lob frogs with pouches of egg-like delirium projectiles.

The battle intensified as animated brambles lashed out with thorny vines, whipping the party and attempting to grapple them. The lob frogs hurled acid-filled eggs that stuck to targets and melted into their shapes. Yazy floated into the air and shattered Valerius with a burst of sound, obliterating his costume and leaving him naked and annoyed on stage. Xakarium, restrained by

vines, struck Valerius with a massive bolt of thunder energy, and the actor took double damage, revealing his vulnerability to thunder. Oiroa called down divine fire that bloodied Valerius and scorched the lob frogs.

Tark activated his magical sword Ignatius and flew over the water, where a swarm of loathsome gagflies burst from the surface and attacked him with acid. He skewered Valerius from stem to stern, splitting the actor's body like a sliced hot dog. The radiant energy made Valerius sizzle and burn, and he collapsed to the floor smelling like fried bologna. Despite his death, the theater's defenses continued to attack with legendary fury. Aquatic brambles grasped at the party, and the lob frogs hurled more eggs. Xakarium, under the influence of spores, was compelled to attack Oiroa and struck her with a devastating critical blow, prompting Tark to shout "Compromised!" from across the room.

Ned unleashed a massive explosion of fire that incinerated multiple lob frogs, aquatic brambles, regular brambles, and the gagfly swarm, clearing large areas of enemies. Yazzy cast a hypnotic pattern of swirling, dazzling colors that charmed and incapacitated numerous remaining brambles and even Xakarium himself. She flew higher to escape the chaos, declaring "Peace, yo" as she ascended. The party continued to fight off the remaining creatures, with Tark attacking the bloodied lob frog and gagfly swarm. As the session ended, Ned prepared to unleash another devastating explosion of fire on the remaining enemies, determined to clear the theater of its corrupted inhabitants.

## Memorable Moments

"Xakarium falls 45 feet through a collapsed section of the theater floor, crashing onto the stage in full plate armor with a thunderous clang, interrupting Valerius's dramatic monologue mid-performance."

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Xakarium was trying to get a better view of the stage when the ground gave way beneath him like cracking ice

"Who dares? Do you have even the faintest inkling, the most microscopic, gutter-borne shadow of a notion of what you have just done? I was at the precipice! The seventh petal of the rose was about to fall! My monologue was a glass spire reaching for the very throat of the gods!"

— Valerius Thorn

Enraged theatrical outburst after Xakarium's crash interrupted his performance, his voice booming and mask shifting to a tragedy expression

"Ned activates his magical amulet and discovers the horrifying truth: the audience was full when the meteor hit, and each bramble contains the remains of a person transformed by delirium."

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Using thermal vision to perceive magic and delirium, revealing the grim fate of the theater's former patrons

"Compromised!"

— Tark

Shouted from across the room after witnessing Xakarium, under the influence of spores, critically hit Oiroa with his lightning-infused sword

"Tark skewers Valerius from stem to stern with his magical sword Ignatius, splitting the actor's body like a sliced hot dog that sizzles and burns, smelling like fried bologna."

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The killing blow against the temperamental actor, delivered with radiant damage after the party discovered his vulnerability to thunder

## Scenes

### Arrival at the Rose Theater

The party arrives at the dilapidated Rose Theater, an open-air amphitheater with collapsing sections, and encounters strange, delirium-eating caterpillars inside the entrance.

- The party approaches the Rose Theater, noting its Roman coliseum-like architecture with circular design (one flat side) and crumbling state with collapsed sections.
- A crunching noise is heard from inside the theater's entrance, accompanied by sounds of an audience from the upper tiers.
- A monstrosly sized caterpillar with luminescent spines and glowing purple-green skin is spotted chewing loudly on a large piece of delirium just inside the entrance.

- Yazzy attempts to play an old tune on her lute to calm the caterpillar, but it remains completely unaffected by the music.
- Oiroa casts Detect Thoughts, confirming the caterpillar has no discernible thoughts due to its intelligence being lower than three.
- Oiroa throws a pebble at the caterpillar, which misses and clinks off a wall, drawing no reaction from the creature.
- A second caterpillar emerges and begins fighting over the same piece of delirium with the first, both crunching on it together like Lady and the Tramp.

## Combat with Delirium Caterpillars

The party engages the two delirium-eating caterpillars in combat, discovering they leave behind valuable delirium dust when killed.

- Ned casts Firebolt at one caterpillar, causing it to flinch and visibly take damage, but it quickly resumes eating delirium after a brief moment of sadness.
- Tark uses Toll the Dead on the injured caterpillar, dealing necrotic damage and killing it instantly.
- The surviving caterpillar happily takes the delirium from the dead one's mouth and continues eating contentedly.
- Ned casts Firebolt at the second caterpillar, injuring it significantly.
- Yazzy opens her mouth and releases a poison cloud at the caterpillar, causing the phantom audience noise to swell in applause.
- Oiroa uses Toll the Dead on the second caterpillar, which reacts in pain, finishes its last gulp of delirium, then darts toward Yazzy but fails to bite her.
- Ned casts another Firebolt, killing the second caterpillar.
- Yazzy cuts open the dead caterpillar, causing ichorous black blood to spray out, but she dodges the contamination and discovers delirium dust inside mixed with the ichor.
- Yazzy uses Prestidigitation to clean the delirium dust, separating it from the black ichor, and collects it in a bag.
- Tark carefully slices open the second caterpillar from a distance, causing it to burst with more ichorous blood and delirium dust.
- Yazzy cleans and collects the second batch of delirium dust, storing both batches for later use as spell components.

## Exploration of the Theater's Interior

The party splits up to explore different areas of the theater, discovering strange silk strands, delirium-infused

## brambles, and pulsating cocoons.

- Xakarium scouts ahead into a claustrophobic labyrinth beneath the theater, observing dripping silvery gossamer strands, delirium streaks on walls and vines, and crisscrossing silk lines hanging in the air.
- Xakarium notes a cocktail of sweet, decaying, and mucousy smells, along with the scent of burning caterpillar.
- Oiroa ascends a staircase to peek into the upper tier auditorium, seeing jet-black brambles with neon iridescent flowers covering the seats.
- Oiroa observes a stage area below with dark, blackish-purple water and hears the audience noise coming from the bushes themselves.
- Oiroa reports findings to the party, describing the black vegetation with twinkly lights and delirium water in the center.
- Ned tests a silk strand with fire, finding it glows with flame and spreads slowly before going out, rather than igniting rapidly.
- The party moves up the stairs together to the upper tier, where they can see the full auditorium covered in brambles.
- Yazyzy investigates a bramble, learning it possesses sentience and a strong will, with poisonous spores.
- Ned further investigates the brambles, identifying them as delirium-spawned plants where the flowers are a 'flowered version of delirium' and observing root systems extending into the water.
- The party discusses the potential uses and dangers of the delirium-infused plants, considering them as a source of spell amplification.

## Xakarium's Fall and Valerius's Outburst

Xakarium accidentally falls through a collapsed section of the theater onto the stage, interrupting the monologue of Valerius Thorn, a celebrated but temperamental actor.

- Xakarium approaches a collapsed section of the bleachers to get a better view, and the ground cracks beneath him like ice.
- Xakarium falls 45 feet through the collapsed floor, crashing onto the stage below with a loud clang of plate armor hitting cement.
- A lone figure on the stage, Valerius, dressed in tattered silks and velvet with a porcelain mask covering the lower half of his face, pauses his whispered monologue mid-sentence.
- Valerius turns his head in a bird-like manner and stands abruptly with jerky, marionette-like movements, flinging down a lace handkerchief.
- Valerius's voice transforms into a booming, thunderous tone that sounds as if he's six inches from everyone's face, demanding 'Who dares?'

- The black brambles ripple in reaction, and the audience noise morphs into weeping violins, rose flowers, kids crying, and sounds of an old girlfriend saying 'you interrupted the show.'
- Valerius delivers an enraged monologue about the interruption, his porcelain mask shifting to a tragedy expression, berating the party for shattering his performance 'at the precipice.'
- Valerius regains composure, calls for 'placements, everyone,' and declares 'The critics are here, and they deserve a tragedy they shall never forget. Or I'm not Valerius.'
- Yazy recognizes the name Valerius Thorn as a celebrated tragedian and most famous actor of the region, known for magical voice enhancement and nicknamed 'Valerius the Bloody Thorn' for his difficult personality.
- Tark flies down to the stage level to assist Xakarium, observing tightly wrapped, pulsating cocoons nestled in the walls of a collapsed corner room.

## Ned's Magical Vision and Discovery

Ned activates his magical amulet to gain enhanced perception, revealing the true nature of the theater's inhabitants and the extent of delirium contamination.

- Ned activates his amulet by taking a big sniff, experiencing an ozone-like scent that grants him thermal-vision-like perception of magic and delirium.
- Ned sees different magical auras around each party member corresponding to their type of magic, and notices Valerius's mask (not Valerius himself) has a magical aura.
- Ned identifies the footlight illuminating Valerius as a modified Continual Flame spell.
- Ned's enhanced vision reveals outlines of bodies and body parts within the brambles, realizing humanoids were affected by delirium and transformed into these plants.
- Ned identifies the source of the decay smell as the bodies at the bottoms of the brambles.
- Ned observes definite delirium contamination in the pool of water on stage, with bright spots indicating concentrated delirium or delirium-infused items.
- Ned shares his findings with nearby party members, explaining that the audience was full when the meteor hit and each bramble contains the remains of a person.
- Ned examines a pulsating cocoon up close, using Arcana to learn it's a living, aware entity with a protective crystalline shell that prevents forced movement or teleportation.
- Ned discovers the cocoons are immune to being charmed, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, prone, and restrained, and can conjure deeper haze around themselves.

## The Theater Awakens

Xakarium's continued disturbances awaken the theater's defenses, causing zombie-like figures to rise from the brambles and initiating combat.

- Xakarium, while moving on the stage, snaps bramble twigs, further interrupting Valerius's resumed monologue.
- Valerius reacts with fury, rubbing his forehead and complaining about 'this metal monstrosity again interrupting my show.'
- The brambles behind Xakarium react violently, and zombie-like remnants of corpses underneath begin pulling themselves up from their seats.
- The vines detach from the seats as the corpse-bramble hybrid stands up, belligerently confronting Xakarium for the interruption.
- Yazzy casts Thunderwave, creating a 15-foot cube of thunderous force that damages an animated bramble and pushes it back into the delirium water.
- Yazzy's Stormy Magic triggers, dealing lightning damage to creatures within 10 feet of her.
- The Thunderwave's boom is audible out to 300 feet, and the crowd noise erupts into a roar of approval.
- One animated bramble fails its save and is pushed into the water, while others take varying amounts of thunder and lightning damage.
- Oiroa attacks an animated bramble with her weapon and shield.
- Tark obliterates one animated bramble with his sword and reduces another to just a bush shape with no visible flesh.
- Ned casts Fly and ascends 50 feet into the air above the stage area to gain a tactical advantage.

## Escalating Battle and Emerging Threats

The combat intensifies as more creatures emerge from the water and brambles, including lob frogs and gagflies, while the party unleashes powerful spells.

- Animated brambles lash out with thorny vines, whipping the party and dealing piercing damage to everyone except Ned who is airborne.
- The party members attempt escape checks to avoid being grappled and restrained by the vines, with only Xakarium failing.
- A grotesque lob frog with a pouch of egg-like delirium emerges from the water and lobs eggs at the party.
- The lob frog's eggs hit multiple party members, dealing acid damage and sticking to them, melting into their shapes.
- Three lob frogs total are now visible in the water.

- Yazzy floats 30 feet up and casts Shatter on Valerius, dealing thunder damage and obliterating his costume, leaving him naked and annoyed on stage.
- Xakarium, restrained by vines, casts an upcast Thunderbolt at Valerius, dealing massive thunder damage.
- Valerius appears to take double damage from the thunder attack, revealing his vulnerability to thunder damage.
- Yazzy's earlier Shatter spell also dealt thunder damage, meaning Valerius took additional damage from that as well.
- Oiroa casts Flamestrike, hitting Valerius and two lob frogs with fire and radiant damage, bloodying Valerius.
- Tark activates Ignatius (his magical sword), flies over the water while being attacked by a swarm of loathsome gagflies that emerge from the surface.
- The gagfly swarm spits acid at Tark, dealing damage even though he saved against it.
- Tark skewers Valerius from stem to stern with Ignatius, splitting the actor's body like a sliced hot dog and dealing radiant damage that makes him sizzle and burn.
- Valerius collapses to the floor, dead, his body smelling like fried bologna.

## Aftermath and Continued Assault

Despite Valerius's death, the theater's defenses continue to attack, with aquatic brambles and remaining creatures assaulting the party.

- After Valerius's death, the aquatic brambles and creatures get legendary/lair-like reactions, attacking the party.
- Aquatic brambles attempt to grab party members, with both Oiroa and Xakarium being targeted by multiple brambles.
- Some party members are hit by the grasping vines and take additional piercing damage.
- The lob frogs react by throwing more eggs at the party, dealing acid damage to those hit.
- Xakarium, under the influence of spores from earlier, is compelled to move toward the closest non-affected creature and make a melee attack.
- The vines hoist and pass Xakarium across the stage toward Oiroa, the closest unaffected party member.
- Xakarium critically hits Oiroa with his magical sword, dealing slashing and lightning damage totaling 26 points.
- Tark yells 'Compromise!' from across the room upon seeing Xakarium attack Oiroa.
- Oiroa is forced to make a constitution save against the infectious spores from Xakarium's attack and fails.
- Tark attacks the bloodied lob frog with his sword, dealing massive damage and sending it back into the water, nearly dead.
- Ned casts Fireball, creating a massive 20-foot radius explosion centered on the pool.

- The Fireball incinerates multiple lob frogs, aquatic brambles, regular brambles, and the loathsome gagfly swarm.
- Two of the three lob frogs die, one is bloodied; the gagfly swarm is bloodied; multiple aquatic and regular brambles are destroyed.
- Tark takes half damage from the Fireball due to his successful save.

## Turning the Tide

Yazzy uses Hypnotic Pattern to incapacitate many remaining enemies, while the party continues to fight off the theater's defenses and spore-induced compulsions.

- Yazzy casts Hypnotic Pattern, creating a 30-foot cube of swirling, dazzling colors to incapacitate enemies.
- The Hypnotic Pattern affects numerous Dark Growth brambles and Xakarium, charming them and reducing their speed to zero.
- Most of the affected brambles fail their wisdom saves and become incapacitated, standing motionless.
- Xakarium also fails his save and is affected by the Hypnotic Pattern, becoming incapacitated.
- Yazzy uses the remainder of her movement to fly 30 feet up, declaring 'Peace, yo' as she escapes.
- A Dark Growth bramble outside the Hypnotic Pattern area attempts to attack Oiroa, who is compelled by spores to attack the nearest non-affected person.
- Oiroa is propelled by vines toward Tark but her attack is ineffective, dealing no damage due to Tark's resistance and rounding down.
- Tark flies over the water to attack the remaining bloodied lob frog.
- Oiroa is swarmed by the loathsome gagflies emerging from the water, taking acid damage.
- Tark attacks the loathsome gagfly swarm, dealing significant damage but not killing it.
- Ned prepares to cast another Fireball, drawing a 20-foot radius circle to target remaining enemies.
- The session ends with Ned about to unleash another Fireball on the remaining creatures.

## NPCs

### Valerius Thorn

A celebrated tragedian and stage actor, nicknamed 'Valerius the Bloody Thorn' for his sharp, difficult personality. Found kneeling center stage in tattered silks and velvet, clutching a mold-blackened lace handkerchief. Wears a porcelain mask covering the lower half of his face that shifts to a tragedy expression when enraged. Uses magical voice enhancement to deliver booming, thunderous performances. Becomes furious when interrupted during his monologue, with jerky, marionette-like movements. Vulnerable to thunder damage, taking double damage from such attacks. Was killed by Tark's sword Ignatius, his body split and sizzling like fried bologna.

## Delirium Caterpillar

Monstrously sized caterpillars with undulating bodies, sharp luminescent spines, and skin of throbbing purples and greens with eerie bioluminescent glow. Crunch loudly on large pieces of delirium. Have very low intelligence (below 3) and are unaffected by Detect Thoughts. When killed, their bodies burst with ichorous black blood mixed with delirium dust. Leave behind a trail of silky gossamer as they move.

## Dark Growth Brambles

Jet-black brambles with neon-colored iridescent flowers covering the theater seats. Sentient creatures with strong will rather than simple plants, with poisonous spores. Revealed to be delirium-spawned plants formed from the remains of humanoids who were in the audience when the meteor hit. Can animate and attack with thorny vines that whip and grapple targets. React collectively as if connected in a hive mind. Some aquatic versions emerge from the water on stage.

## Lob Frog

Grotesque, ugly-looking frog-like creatures with large pouches of egg-like delirium projectiles. Emerge from the dark water on the stage. Lob acid-filled eggs that stick to targets and melt into their shapes, dealing ongoing acid damage. Vulnerable to fire damage.

## Loathsome Gagfly

A swarm of large, aggressive flies that burst from the surface of the water when disturbed. Spit acid at targets and attempt to stab with proboscises. More resilient than the lob frogs with higher hit points. Vulnerable to fire damage.

## Pulsating Cocoons

Tightly wrapped, bulbous cocoons with crystalline shells fastened to walls in collapsed sections. Living, aware entities with face-like patterns that seem to gasp and moan in silence. Emit thin mist from their surfaces. Immune to being charmed, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, prone, and restrained. Cannot be forced to move or teleported without choosing to. Can conjure deeper haze around themselves.

# Locations

## Rose Theater

A dilapidated, open-air amphitheater with Roman coliseum-like architecture, featuring a circular design with one flat side. Large portions of the building are collapsing, with columns lining the entrance. The upper tiers contain auditorium seating now overgrown with jet-black brambles and neon iridescent flowers. The stage area features a pool of dark, blackish-purple water contaminated with delirium. A claustrophobic labyrinth exists beneath the theater with silvery gossamer strands, delirium streaks, and crisscrossing silk lines. The air carries a cocktail of sweet, decaying, and mucousy smells. Phantom audience noises emanate from the brambles themselves. Tightly wrapped, pulsating cocoons are nestled in the walls of collapsed sections.

# Items

## Delirium Dust

Fine powder found inside the bodies of delirium caterpillars after they are killed, mixed with ichorous black blood. Can be cleaned with Prestidigitation to separate it from the ichor, making it suitable for use as spell components. The party collected two batches from the caterpillars.

## Ned's Amulet

A magical amulet that when activated by sniffing produces an ozone-like scent and grants thermal-vision-like perception of magic and delirium for 10 minutes. Reveals magical auras around spellcasters corresponding to their magic type, detects delirium contamination, and can see through objects to perceive magical sources. Also provides heightened senses and arcane radar. Shuttters and glows when magic gets very close without needing activation.

## Valerius's Porcelain Mask

A porcelain mask covering the lower half of Valerius Thorn's face. Magically enhances his voice to booming, thunderous levels. Shifts appearance to resemble a ceramic tragedy mask when he becomes enraged. The source of his magical power, though he himself is vulnerable to thunder damage.

## Ignatius

Tark's magical sword that can be activated to deal radiant damage. Used to skewer Valerius Thorn, splitting his body and causing it to sizzle and burn with radiant energy.

## Lace Handkerchief

A tattered, mold-blackened lace handkerchief clutched by Valerius as if holding someone's hand during his monologue. He brings it to his nose as if smelling a flower, then flings it down dramatically when enraged.

## Spells

### Detect Thoughts

Cast by Oiroa to attempt to discern the thoughts of the delirium caterpillar. Ineffective due to the creature's intelligence being lower than three, which makes it unaffected by the spell.

### Firebolt

Cast by Ned multiple times to attack delirium caterpillars and other enemies. Causes visible damage and flinching but doesn't immediately stop caterpillars from eating delirium. Used successfully to kill the second caterpillar.

### Toll the Dead

Cast by Tark and Oiroa to deal necrotic damage to caterpillars and other enemies. Deals increased damage if the target is already injured. Successfully killed the first caterpillar.

### Poison Cloud

An ability used by Yazzy where she opens her mouth and releases a cloud of poison. When used on a caterpillar, it caused the phantom audience noise to swell in applause.

## Prestidigitation

Cast by Yazzy to clean delirium dust contaminated with ichorous caterpillar blood, separating the valuable dust from the ichor to make it suitable for storage and use as spell components.

## Fly

Cast by Ned on himself, allowing him to ascend 50 feet into the air above the stage to gain tactical advantage and avoid ground-based threats during combat.

## Thunderwave

Cast by Yazzy, creating a 15-foot cube of thunderous force that damages and pushes creatures back 10 feet on failed saves. Audible out to 300 feet. Triggered Yazzy's Stormy Magic, dealing additional lightning damage to creatures within 10 feet. Caused the phantom audience to erupt in approval.

## Shatter

Cast by Yazzy on Valerius, creating a loud burst of sound that deals thunder damage. Obliterated Valerius's costume, leaving him naked and annoyed. Also added psychic blade damage to the attack.

## Thunderbolt

An upcast thunder damage spell cast by Xakarium while restrained. Dealt massive thunder damage to Valerius, who took double damage due to his vulnerability to thunder. Used Destructive Wrath to maximize the damage dice.

## Flamestrike

Cast by Oiroa, calling down a column of divine fire that deals fire and radiant damage in a cylinder. Hit Valerius and two lob frogs, bloodying Valerius.

# Fireball

Cast by Ned multiple times, creating a 20-foot radius explosion of fire. Incinerated multiple lob frogs, aquatic brambles, regular brambles, and the loathsome gagfly swarm. Highly effective against the theater's defenses, clearing large areas of enemies.

# Hypnotic Pattern

Cast by Yazzy, creating a 30-foot cube of swirling, dazzling colors that charms and incapacitates creatures who fail a wisdom save, reducing their speed to zero. Successfully incapacitated numerous Dark Growth brambles and Xakarium.

# Continual Flame

A spell modified to function as a footlight, illuminating Valerius on the stage. Detected by Ned's magical vision as having a magical aura.

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