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After arriving at Slaverpoint, Tivitch took off for a few hours to meet Whipsneer, the leader of the city, about the cargo on the ship. The party stayed behind and made sure to shackle Lucieth to the main mast below decks while he went through his were at the full moon.

A friend of Tivitch's, named Kassim, had a lot of experience in Slaverpoint. When the party told him that he was looking for information about Livia, he went searching. He came back and told the party that he had a contact in Nakiri's Brothel. Seems that a tiefling and a notorious assassin named Kittorina were appearing in and out of a room within the brothel each day during the week between 1 and 3pm. Kassim wasn't able to find out more details.

Disguised, Merle and Lykos—followed by Bolinda—went to the brothel and began poking around in search of a tiefling girl. They found, but not the right one. Dissatisfied, they left. Bolinda noticed some smarmy-looking guy following Merle and Lykos. They managed to shake him using the teleportation helmet. Later, Bolinda saw the same guy hanging about the docks and tried to pick his pocket but missed. He ran off.

In a moment of inspiration, Squirk tried to use her messaging spell to speak with Livia. She called out and identified herself and asked if Livia was there and okay. She got a chilling response from Livia, who replied "Who is this? Get out of my mind!" Ruh Roh! The Misfits could only speculate that something had happened to Livia's memory.

Squirk also contacted Phappiri, who said she was so sick with the disease that she had to stop casting spells. Phappiri also said that other wizards in the city were getting sick but that mom and dad were working hard on a cure.

Later that night, Bolinda went back outside and did some sneaking. She found that same guy hanging around and got the jump on him. He said that he was looking for Squirk. She took him back to the ship, where the party took him belowdecks for a chit chat.

The man introduced himself as Thorkin Vazz, a local priest of Qa'Suul, a devil god from the lower planes of Korthaganos. Thorkin knew of Mr. Flynn and Zym, the imp who had resided in Squirk's mind for a time. He said that Thorkin had volunteered his body as a vessel to hold him until the body expired, in a week or two.

Thorkin explained that his master (Qa'Suul) has discovered that there are deities in the upper heavens that seem to be fostering dissent with the other gods and using mortals on Irith to turn others against magic for some reason. Qa'Suul wasn't quite sure what their motives were, but he feared that if it continued, the conflict could upset the balance between the upper heavens, Irith and other worlds on the prime plane, and the lower realms, costing many lives.

Qa'Suul had learned from Zym that Squirk and her friends had stumbled onto some of the elements of the conflict and wanted her and the party to learn more so Qa'Suul could stay informed and possibly stop the conflict. Qa'Suul needed mortals to do this, for he and his kind walking around on Irith could cause too much attention. The party agreed to help as long as they got a little help in return.

Thorkin said that the gods Qa'Suul believe are causing problems in the heavens and Irith are: Avizor, Qurophys, Thirion, Su Reh, Ianlia, Breahal, Vor, Ya-Nu, and Gharan-Dis.

At some point during this conversation, Byrnhildr noticed a small floating sphere nearby. Squirk recognized it as a scrying sensor and dispelled it. But the party knew at that point that Gray Eye and/or Kittorina probably knew they were in town.

Thorkin went praying to his god to help the party out as a show of good faith. He came back and advised that Livia's memory was in the castle in a vessel of some kind. That night, Kittorina visited Tivitch's cabin and interrupted some hot  $\frac{1}{2}$  or ugly bumpin'. She told Tivitch that if he and the party didn't leave by midday, they would all be killed and the boat sunk.

The party hatched a plan to take off out of Slaverpoint for 2 days and then teleport back. Once back in town, Noctis and Bolinda did some reconnaissance and found the assassin, Livia, and Nakiri inside the brothel. Nakiri seemed to be teaching Livia how to be "womanly" in the ways of showing off her attractiveness while catching a man's attention.

Outside of town, Lucieth got frustrated with the other taking their time pissing around with what to do and tore off into town. The others followed and came across Lucieth at the brothel. He had pulled up short. We ended with the group deciding to retreat to plan for what they might do next.