

Madame Celestine LaVeau - Fact Sheet

Based on:

Marie Laveau, "Voodoo Queen of New Orleans"

Short bio of Laveau:

Believed to be born in New Orleans. A free woman of color as well as a Quadroon (African, Indian, French and Spanish), she became the most famous and powerful Voodoo Queen in the world, so powerful that she acclaimed herself the Pope of Voodoo. She was respected and feared by thousands including the Catholic Church. A devout Catholic, going to mass each day, she got permission to hold rituals behind St. Louis Cathedral. Starting out as a hairdresser and later as a selfless nurse, Marie Laveau became the first commercial Voodoo Queen. She had fifteen children by her second husband, one of which (Marie Philomene Laveau Glapion) walked in her footsteps and became almost as powerful as her mother.

Other information about your character:

You're being invited to a housewarming party in a house that has been abandoned for years...and it has such an evil reputation that even hobos refuse to sleep within its walls. Given your background, you obviously believe in the supernatural. However, you also feel that there isn't a ghost alive (so to speak) which can outwit you. You're sure that your own powers will protect you, and that it might even be possible to capture this ghost and harness its powers.

You have a love-hate relationship with another party guest: Aleister Crowley, self-styled "Mystic, Magician, and Prophet." You admire his power and his dedication to the dark forces, but you also consider him blind to the true workings of the supernatural. You are a master of the unseen, and can tap into the dark powers of the universe. He is an amateur and dilettante, dabbling on the fringes of those powers without recognizing their true nature.

The psychic turbulence of the house might be of interest to both of you; since it's a "focus" of arcane energies, you could turn it into a center of occult power. Indeed, you have been looking for a truly haunted location to establish a Dark Palace of voodoo.

You also know another of the guests slightly: Clarence Marrow, a lawyer. At the beginning of his career, he was defending a young man for murder in New Orleans. The boy's father paid you to cast a spell which would free his son. Even though the judge was the toughest in the county, the evidence was overwhelming, and Marrow botched the defense, the boy was still acquitted, thanks to your spell.

You know many ways to tell fortunes, from tea leaves to palm reading to casting bones. You have been given information about a couple of the other guests; you might reveal that information to the gathering by telling their fortune.

Helpful links:

<http://152.175.34.145/> - Search for "Voodoo"

<http://www.artsci.lsu.edu/phil/faculty/payne/Projects/LaRel/EDick/MLaveau01.html>

<http://lonestar.texas.net/~r3winter/tarotfaq.html>

<http://www2.dgsys.com/~bunning/top.html>

<http://beasguide.com/webguide/horoscope/plus/d0403Tea.html>

<http://www.panditji.com/palmistry/>