

1

WICK

The Blessed Hand



He wants to be inside: past the doors that were shut on him, at the table, in the window. His first line: "I rose."

HIS FLAW: PRIDE.

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2

FATHER FULCRAN

The orphanage priest · The World



Kind to Wick's face. Asks, never tells. Holds the door for every head who goes below, and keeps the charity's accounts.

THE LEDGER IS IN HIS HAND.

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3

SISTER IDE

The schoolroom sister



She carries on teaching when the dead lord walks in. As a girl she saw a clear light fill with a face, and has doubted her own miracle ever since.

SHE SITS ON THE ASSIZE BENCH.

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4

THE MARQUIS ANDREVEL

The Belfry Lord · The last offering



A founding bought a marquise and a signet. He read, and refused the seat. The houses put a price on their own failed offering.

WANTED: THE THING IN THE BELFRY. PAID BY THE VAULT WARDENS.

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5

THE EARL MARSHAL

The Tower · Earl



The Soldier's Feast. The muster marched by the seven turns from the well to the beacon, and the beacon put out.
Asks: "Finish it as one soldier to another."

GIVES: THE ARMED DEAD.

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6

THE DUCHESS OF MARROWMERE

The Empress · Duchess



The Mother's Feast. The year's infants carried up the Foundling Stair and turned in at the wheel; the pelican feeds her young from her breast.
Asks: "Let my children see it done."

GIVES: THE TIDE.

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7

THE MARCHIONESS SHAXBY

The High Priestess · Marchioness



The Hush. A day of no word; the vespers bell, two strokes and a rest; the coach goes east.

GIVES: SILENCE.

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8

THE LORD PRESIDENT

The Magician · Builders' Guild



The Foundation. A stone laid and marked at every new house of the city, by the guild's hand.
Asks: "Let me see it paid for."

GIVES: THE UNBUILDING.

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9

THE PRINCE OF COIN

The Wheel · Prince



The Odds. The board hung in the exchange, what is past above and what is to come below.
Asks: "Take the bet."

GIVES: FORESIGHT.

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10

THE KING

The Sun · King



The Feast. The tables laid in a triangle, the King at the apex, the guest's chair at the base.
Asks: "To the hand that crowns me."

GIVES: TRANSMUTATION.

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11

THE LORD MARSHAL

A lieutenant of the Tower



He holds the parade ground. Neither he nor the Hangman is in the secret.

HE MAY COME BACK FOR WICK.

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12

THE HANGMAN

A lieutenant of the Tower



The Downs' gibbets are his. They empty if he dies and fill if he lives.

HE IS NOT IN THE SECRET.

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13

SOOTH

An Anchorite · the Gallows Downs



He has been right about everything for ninety years. Nobody has thanked him once.

HE SITS IN THE STOCKS BY CHOICE.

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14

SIR AYMER VANE

The Horseless Knight



An old knight in dented plate, with a saddle on his back and a bridle in his hand. He walks the King's road looking for his lord's grave.

HE GREET'S WICK AS A LORD.

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15

ABEL SPURLING

The Gravedigger



An old man with a spade, digging a man-sized grave every day where no one has died. He is waiting to be paid.

"I PUT YOU IN."

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16

RENDLE

The gang master



One of the three hands his childhood passed through: the roll, the coach, the cellar. He carries the bill of sale.

"ONE MALE INFANT, OFF THE COACH, A SHILLING AND A BOTTLE."

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