

Murder at the Masquerade

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Music starts lights up slowly

Edith, Calliope, Ophelia, and Delilah, center stage

Philip, Ilius, Perseus, Tidus, outskirts of stage*

Men step towards their partners.

***Bow to each other. ***

Ladies take the man's hand and start dancing.

Perseus (*pouting*): "Lia, why did you drag me to this dreadful place? You know I hate crowds."

Ophelia: "Come on Perse, you used to love dancing. Plus you hear all the gossip at these events. I overheard some people saying that Anastasia and Icarus broke up."

Perseus: " Really? Last time I saw them they seemed like they were doing good. I wonder what happened."

Ophelia: " I bet Ana broke up with him for cheating on her. Icarus and Delilah have been seen together a lot recently."

Perseus: " Do you think Icarus and Delilah are having an affair? Delilah wouldn't do that to Tidus would she?"

Ophelia:" Of course she would. She only married Tidus for his money."

Dancers spin and switch places.spin counterclockwise.

Delilah and Tidus in front. Talking while dancing.

Delilah:" Did the deal follow through? This has to happen tonight, Tidus, or we won't get paid."

Tidus: " Everything went according to plan. It's going to happen tonight, don't worry about it.

Delilah: "As long as *Anastasia* doesn't get in the way. She's always putting her nose where it doesn't belong.

Everyone on stage is still dancing.

Fighting sounds backstage.

Loud thump.

***Anastasia running backstage.Short pause. Scream really loud.**

dancing stops

***Perseus and Ilius looks at each other. Both exit backstage (SL)**

***They come back on stage, carrying Icarus who has a knife in his chest.**

They lay him on the ground near Ophelia.*

***Anastasia running in behind them towards Ophelia.**

Anastasia(*distraughtly*):" Who did this, Lia?"

***Ana Looks up and sees Delilah and Tidus. Ana tackles Delilah and starts punching her.**

Ophelia and Edith run over to them and tries to pull the girls apart.

Anastasia(*crying screaming*): YOU DID THIS, YOU LITTLE B———

***Delilah flips them over and punches her before she could finish her sentence.**

Ophelia pulls Delilah off of her.

Anastasia stands up and tries to run for Delilah but Philip grabs her.

Delilah and Tidus run out the door*

Philip(*Hugging Ana from behind*):" Calm down, Ana."

Philip lets go of her. She falls on her knees. Calliope, Ilius, and Edith walk over to Anastasia. Calliope and Edith get on their knees beside Ana

Calliope:" Did you see who did this, Ana.? We heard you scream, did they try to hurt you too?"

Anastasia(*wiping her eyes*):" It was one of the guys that worked for Delilah and Tidus, and no he ran off when he saw me."

Ophelia: "Do you know the name of the guy who did it?"

Anastasia(*sniffing*): "It was-----."

A white pillar falls on top of Anastasia putting her close to death .

***A guy with a stab wound falls backstage. His hand falls through the curtain.**

He's almost dead. Anastasia gasps and falls over.

No one notices Ana but Lia. Everyone but Ophelia goes backstage. Ophelia tries to move the pillar off of Anastasia but fails. Ophelia starts crying. Ana gasping for air. Lia cries harder. Ana dies.*

Ophelia(*sniffing*): I'm so sorry, my love, ***deep inhale and shaky exhale*** I-I should've told you this before, b-but I was scared. I never imagined this would happen. Ana, I L-love you, (←*whispered*)

***she puts her hand over her eyes and closes her eyes.**

Ophelia(*Voice cracks*): "Goodbye, Ana.

The others drag the guy who was backstage on stage in the center. He who is still alive.

Perseus: Ilius take this guy's mask off.

Ilius removes the mask from the half-dead man revealing his real identity.* *All characters gasp and say in unison.

All: Persephone!?

Lights Out