

CANNY JACK

You've heard the name "Canny Jack." It's associated with the Mistik Krewe, the mafia-esque criminal organization that runs the Cappadocian Isles. You aren't sure, but you think Canny Jack may be one of the members of the organization, although it'd be really strange for him to be in Candor, if that's the case.

The Krewe, like the Mafia, is a mixed blessing for Cappadocians. On the one hand, it's a criminal organization completely outside the law, and thus capable of outrageous abuses. On the other hand, sometimes it IS the law, maintaining peace and supporting individuals' rights against interlopers who don't understand the island way. A lot of island natives belong to the Krewe in some lowly capacity, and those who don't always know someone who has some kind of Krewe contact.

The Krewe is led by "Comus Rex," also known more prosaically as James Deslarmes, a slender and handsome Hansi Cappadocian who lives in a huge mansion on the main island and has estates on all the rest. His organization is subdivided into lesser krewes, each run by a captain. Deslarmes is heavily guarded, not only by gun-toting thugs but also, the old men and women whisper, by ancient spirits. As a rational man of science, you aren't susceptible to superstition, but you've heard plenty of stories of Deslarmes' powers and know that a lot of islanders believe in them. But you've never seen the man, and your contacts with the Krewe have been minimal.