

# THE TOURNAMENT

## 5 PLAYER CHARACTER SETS

### KONRAD

- Philippe
- Etienne

### LOUIS

- André
- Laurent

### GASTON

- Jacques
- Jeanette

### BERNARD

- Eloïse
- Staas

### WILLEM

- Blanche
- Rosa

## PHILIPPE, THE COUNT OF FLANDERS

*Strong-willed and dominating*

Wants to find a good husband for his daughter.

39. Rules his family and the county of Flanders with a firm grip and is not afraid of taking unpopular decisions. His wife is dead and **Eloïse** is his only child.

Years ago, Philippe denied his childhood friend **André** the hand of his sister **Blanche** in marriage. Instead, he married Blanche to another noble for political reasons. Blanche is now a widow and is available for marriage again. André left for the Holy Land and became a Templar Knight.

## RECENTLY

Has told Eloïse that he wants her to marry **Gaston**. Blanche has declared that she wants to marry Gaston – Eloïse could marry **Louis** instead.

Has heard that his old friend André is returning to Bruges

## QUESTIONS

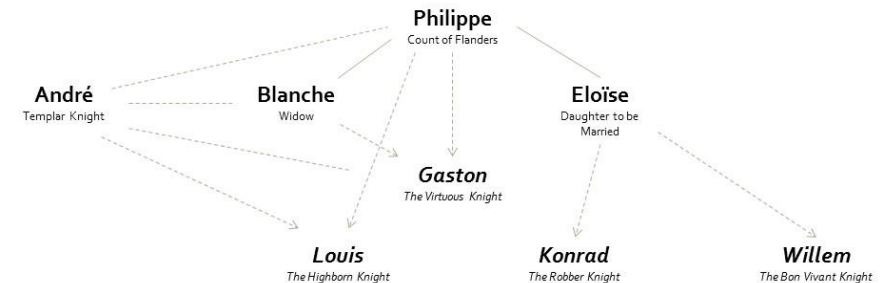
- What qualities should a good man for your daughter possess?
- Why have you not taken a new wife after Eloïse's mother died?

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- Determines ties and can change the rules of the tournament

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## ETIENNE, THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD

*Vindictive and petty*

Wants to see **Bernard** dishonored.

Lost his knightly honors in a tournament against Bernard 10 years ago. The two were once best friends. Etienne was secretly in love with a singer called **Rosa**. However, Bernard slept with her and dumped her and Etienne took it out on Bernard by killing his horse under him, a dangerous deed for which he lost his knighthood. Hates Rosa for sleeping with Bernard.

His friend **Jacques** (who later became the bishop of Liège) helped him get a position as a captain in the guard of Count Philippe.

## RECENTLY

Has heard that Bernard will come to Bruges to participate in the tournament.

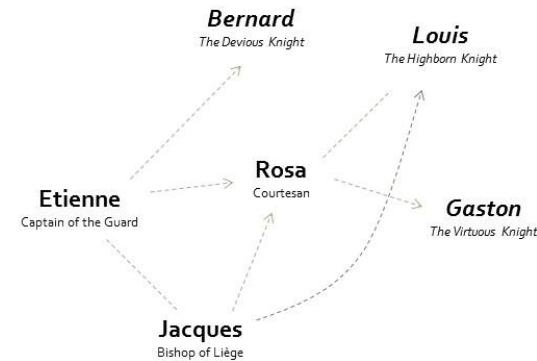
Etienne has put Rosa the courtesan's troupe in the pillory "for disturbing the market peace" to have a bargaining token.

## QUESTION

- Do you still have feelings for Rosa?

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## ANDRÉ, THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR

*Bitter and modest*

Wants knights to join the crusade.

Childhood friend with Count **Philippe** of Flanders. In love with the count's sister **Blanche** and he asked for her hand in marriage, but Philip rejected the offer and Blanche was married away to another noble. Joined the Knight Templars and has fought in the Holy Land for 15 years. Tasked by his superior to recruit knights from Europe to join the liberation of Jerusalem.

## RECENTLY

Talked with **Gaston de Lanzac** at a tournament in Brabant.

## QUESTION

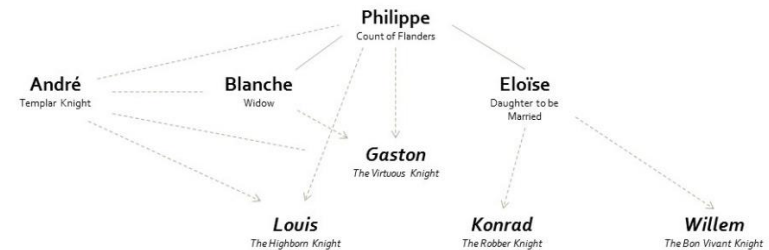
- Do you still love Blanche?

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You may pray with a knight in the chapel the night before the joust. The knight you pray with adds one die.

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## LAURENT, THE MERCHANT

*Energetic and ruthless*

Wants to pass on his empire to a worthy heir.

Dying, coughing blood. Owns a prosperous business. Bastard son of the previous Count of Flanders, the father of **Philippe**. His business empire was built on many dark deeds of the night.

Caught **Staas** red handed robbing his warehouse many years ago and offered him a job. Staas has done a lot of rough work for him, including arson. Laurent has rewarded him well and has lend him money to buy an inn.

Disappointed that his son-in-law **Willem** lacks ambition.

## RECENTLY

The knight **Bernard** has requested to see you to buy back his family lands.

Told his daughter **Jeanette** that he considers passing on the business to someone other than Willem and recommended her to cancel her marriage. Jeanette then told that she is pregnant.

## QUESTION

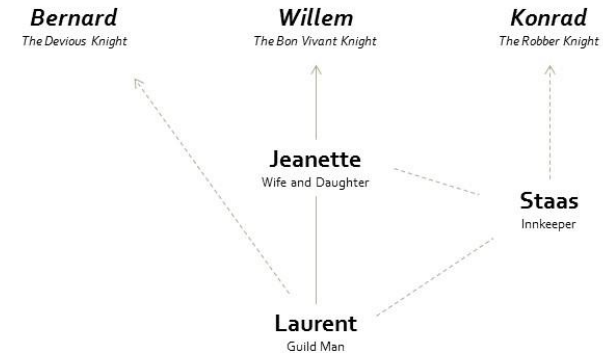
- What qualities must a worthy heir have?

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Can buy new equipment for one knight. The knight gains one additional die for the remainder of the tournament.

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## ROSA, THE COURTESAN

*Uncertain and gorgeous*

Wants a knight to find her son and to get her friends out of the pillory.

Singer, actor. Supplements her income by sleeping with rich men. Spent her first night of passion with **Bernard** many years ago but was betrayed by him in the morning. Confessed what happened to **Jacques** who is now the bishop of Liège. Left Bruges and joined a troupe of travelling actors.

It was her idea to have the troupe visit Bruges for the tournament.

## RECENTLY

Sold her body to **Louis**.

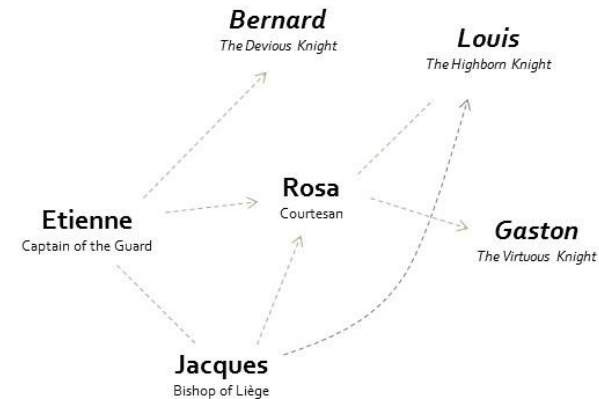
**Etienne** has put her friends from the acting troupe in the pillory (Old Claudio, ugly Alfredo, and hot-tempered Enzo).

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- Why did you return to Bruges?

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## BLANCHE, THE WIDOW

*Direct and realistic*

Wants to marry Gaston de Lanzac.

33. Sister of Philippe. Married when she was 18 with a man she did not love.

Did once love **André**, the Templar knight. André asked Count **Philippe** for her hand in marriage, but her brother rejected his offer and married her to a man she did not love. Now a widower with two daughters and a fiefdom in chaos. A marriage with a strong knight will provide a safe future for them.

They say that **Marten van Koppenberg** has money but does not like to spend them.

## RECENTLY

Blanche told her brother Philippe that she wants to marry Gaston. Philippe wanted Gaston for Eloïse and proposed **Loius de Neuville** instead. Loius has a good family but a bad reputation and has recently stabbed a man in a church during mass.

Philippe also informed Blanche that André is returning to Bruges.

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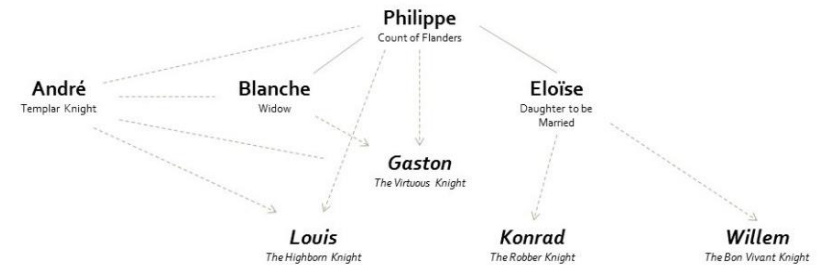
- Did you learn to love the husband your brother found for you?

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You may name one knight as your champion and let him carry your colors. The chosen knight adds one die.

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## ELOÏSE, THE COUNT'S DAUGHTER

*Romantic and unrealistic*

Wants to experience romance with a handsome knight.

16. Only child of Count **Philippe of Flanders**. To be married soon. Finds the knight his father considers for her to marry, **Gaston de Lanzac**, boring and dull. Thrives at the balls at his father's court. Dislikes her aunt **Blanche** who is a widow since her husband died one year ago.

Gets all warm and goofy inside when **Willem van Kampenhout** looks at her. Envis **Jeanette** the merchant's daughter for her handsome husband.

## RECENTLY

Witnessed **Louis de Neuville** stab a man during mass.

Started a flirt with **Konrad von Ransbach** and kissed him in secret.

Received a vial of rose water and a poem from a secret admirer.

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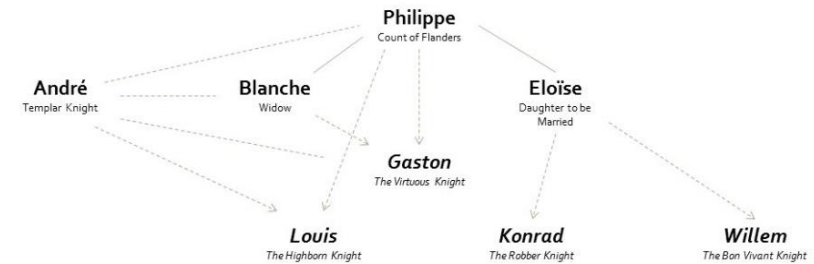
- Whom will you name to be your champion – the knight your father expects – or someone else?

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## STAAS, THE INNKEEPER

*Loyal and brutal*

Wants **Konrad** to inherit **Laurent** the merchant.

Does the dirty business of Laurent including persuasion, arson, and anything involving violence. Was caught red handed when breaking into the house of Laurent. Instead of handing him over to the justice of the count, Laurent gave him a job. Owns the Red Rooster inn, bought from money borrowed from Laurent. Laurent is now dying and Staas is concerned about a future without Laurent.

Laurent's daughter **Jeanette** is married to the knight Willem. Staas has spent a single night of love with Jeanette a couple of months ago.

## RECENTLY

Staas gave Laurent a letter from **Bernard**. Laurent asked Staas to help him find a proper heir instead of Willem.

Helped Konrad the robber knight out of trouble with a group of gamblers. They became friends and Staas considers him the perfect heir for Laurent.

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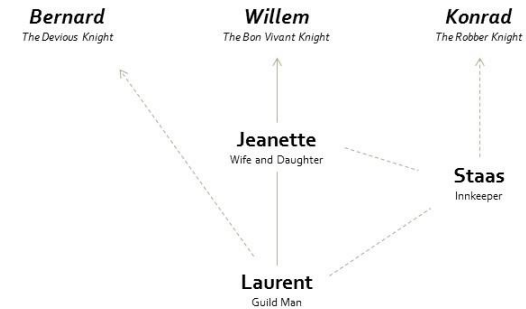
- What will your life be if the new merchant does not want your services?
- Do you regret being disloyal to Laurent by sleeping with his daughter?

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Staas can sabotage one knight per round. The chosen knight removes one die for the round. Briefly describe what Staas does to the knight or his equipment.

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## JEANETTE, THE WIFE

*Ambitious and presumptuous*

Wants her husband **Willem** to inherit her father **Laurent**.

Flair for business. The only child of the wealthy merchant Laurent. Gained nobility by marrying the handsome knight Willem. Swore to make herself deserve his noble name. Laurent thinks little of Willem.

Though they have been married for a couple of years, Willem is often away travelling and hence they have not yet had a child. Some months ago when Willem was away, Jeanette slept with her father's servant **Staas** and she is now visibly pregnant. She has not yet told Willem that she is pregnant.

## RECENTLY

Laurent is dying and he told Jeanette that he wants to find another heir for his empire. Jeanette then told her father that she is pregnant.

Sent an anonymous letter to the guild, accusing a cloth maker of heresy. The guild revoked her rights to sell on the marketplace. Someone can make a good deal by buying off the stock from the desperate cloth maker.

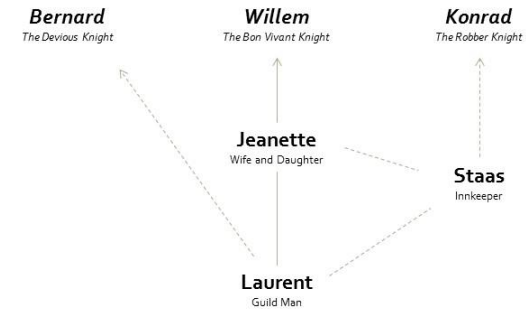
Saw **Bernard de Chaumont** browse the stalls at the marketplace and beat up his squire for being offensive to a woman.

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- Why did you spend a night of love with Staas?

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## JACQUES, THE BISHOP OF LIÉGE

*Jovial and hypocritical*

Wants a knight to help **Rosa** away from sin.

At a tournament 10 years ago, a woman came between him and his two best friends, the knights **Etienne** and **Bernard**. Rosa awoke an unpriestly desire in Jacques – but it was Bernard who won her and dumped her the next morning. Jacques broke his vow of secrecy and told Etienne what Rosa had confessed. Etienne then killed Bernard's horse on the jousting field, a deed for which Etienne lost his lands and titles. Jacques later helped him get a position as captain of the guard.

## RECENTLY

Has heard that Rosa is back in town and is now a lady of sin.

**Louis de Neuville** has killed a man in the house of God for which the rightful punishment is excommunication.

Etienne has put Rosa's friends from the acting troupe in the pillory.

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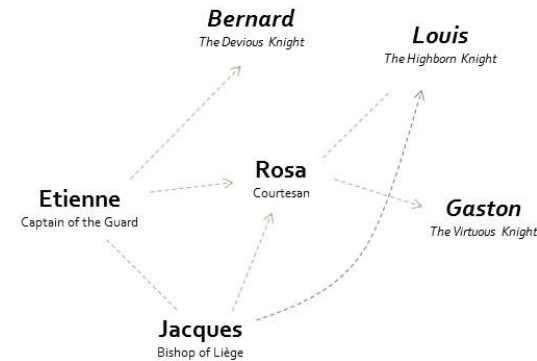
- Can you heal the wounds between your old friends Etienne and Bernard?
- Can you resist the temptation if you meet Rosa again?

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Can excommunicate a knight given a proper excuse. The knight cannot inherit lands, titles or money and will be out of the tournament. A knight would have to go on pilgrimage to regain his title.

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