

WHIMSICAL WAYS in action again!

Thirteen the killer robot ...
 Long ago at the apothecary's in the imperial home city
 • The "older sibling" who revealed the terrible family secret and gave him the heirloom key
 The intellectual highwayman whom he idealizes
 • They got drunk and did drugs together in the provincial city
 Thought they were in an ancient ruin; killed a guy they thought was a monster
 In prison at the provincial city
 • A holy robot blessed him, regarding the Great Castration, told him the ruin was near the great obelisk
 Just out of prison, having funded himself with a casual murder for hire
 Working as a liquor cupboard on a ship bound for the imperial home city, in the captain's dining cabin
 • He's looking for his highwayman friend, whom he trusts and idealizes

Obey
 Louche

Brizyc the bug person prophet ...
 Formerly a hunter, now quite wealthy and a bit fancy
 The items and the insight
 • Found a treasure that others lay claim to
 • Searching for a relic associated with the treasure, that others want to destroy
 • Prophetic insight that men can be Mothers' Kin, demands a reformation
 Met lover during a dangerous adventure
 • Lover's mother Zakti is a feared outlaw, big misunderstanding about the relationship, also, wants uncle's inheritance
 • Moved away
 Discovered a wondrous structure beneath an ordinary one, where the relic must be
 • Seeking a way into the structure
 • On the ship, dining with the captain

Telepathy
 Scold

Plop the boze with big ideas ...
 Imprisoned for theft for two years, became guard beast
 • Accused wealthy religious leader of a crime (hypocrisy)
 Uncle Gunk loaned wealth to help out
 • Met lover Eww via family
 • Lover Eww murdered Gunk, helps conceal it
 Determined not to go back to prison, lying low
 • On the ship, scrubbing decks with Eww, neither trusting the other

Seep
 Abomination

The space wizard orb with no name ...
 Wanted to build a temple for Inward Bound, which escalated into a violent conflict
 • Lover became an enemy due to misinformation, ruined reputation
 • Blamed for everything, arrested very officially by the empire
 • Still thinks the lover wasn't so bad, wants to repair the relationship
 Sold into slavery for six years in the southern province, as a house alarm
 • Learned about a crime that was committed successfully and secretly
 • Escaped to leverage the culprit to gain freedom
 Working as a ship alarm down in the hold

Float
 Spare Magic

Shaal the divine naga ...
 Pampered but sheltered in the imperial province
 Inherited debt from uncle
 • Committed a crime no one knows about
 • Received wealth for doing something great (but was actually the crime)
 • Met a famous holy person who busted her, cursed her
 Fled, traveling in style on the ship; wants to return with holy justification and get the curse lifted
 • Discovered a location not found on any map
 • Regaled the crew with fabled stories of empire and this wonderful place

Fascinate
 Miracle

"I was Feelsla and they were part of it"
 "A great castration requires a great instrument to work with"

Now that all the madness is under way ...

Ancient ruin + wondrous structure (underneath another) + place no one acknowledges = same thing

- Which is why the bug folk relic is there as an old curio along with many others, and why it is concealing access to an ancient robot factory
- Might need a bit of context as to what the "door" to it was doing as ship's cargo, but one might posit a number of such things/places scattered about
- What might happen when the portal is used as material to make an abomination is anyone's guess

NPCs currently mixed up in all this

- Zakti, bug folk feared outlaw, Brizyc's ex-mother-in-law, seeking the treasure she considers hers
 - The relic in the naga antechamber fits into the treasure; creates symbolism for Brizyc's heresy
- The imperial provincial guy Thirteen and the highwayman killed when they were "here" before, emblematic or corresponding to the naga monster
- Eww, ooze, Plop's ex-lover, now hooked-up with Captain Shenk – probably managed to extricate themselves from the situation at this point

NPCs who might get invoked or drawn in

- The orb, ex-lover to our orb, "it was all a misunderstanding" – quite likely, considering
- Seven, the intellectual robot highwayman, Thirteen's friend – quite likely, considering
- Twelve, Thirteen's robot sibling who revealed the terrible family secret and gave him the key, at least in reference
 - The key opens the ancient weirdness portal into the lower tower
- Five, the holy robot who blessed Thirteen in prison in the name of the Great Castration

NPCs who are lucky enough not to be involved at this time

- The famous holy naga who cursed Shaal (maybe eligible to be dragged in)
- The magical ooze musician whom Plop idealizes (maybe eligible to be dragged in)
- Urulu, Brizyc's ex-lover – relevant to be sure, but not actually here
- The high-ranking imperial who committed a crime, known only to the orb; knows the ooze NPC below and probably collusive with them
- The wealthy ooze religious leader whose house was guarded by Plop and the orb, accused of criminal hypocrisy by Plop

