

DARK PLEDGES

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WITNESS

Dana Williams, a savvy business major sophomore whose boyfriend Trevor was a member of the Alpha Delta Sigma fraternity on the campus of North Star University. Dana is a young black woman with a very professional style and a penchant for heels. Her strength is *true love* (for Trevor), her personality trait is *dedicated*.

OTHER CHARACTERS

- ⊙ *Zachary Prescott*, a senior and the current head of the Alpha Delta Sigma. His family has historical and financial ties that run deep into the university, and he's an entitled jerk. The Prescotts are the reason money rules this school. He's white with perfect blond hair and wears perfect vests.
- ⊙ *Victoria Ward*, the Dean of students who's been in this position for too long. She cares a great deal more about the financial stability of her job than the safety of the students, and is easily bought. She's an older black woman with carefully kept gray hair.
- ⊙ *Azazel*, the cool tattooed hipster literature major. They seem older than this place, and know an unusual amount about demonology. They're chilling to be around. Of middle eastern descent, identifies as non-binary gender.
- ⊙ *Andrew Schmidt*, a farm boy freshman who's trying to make sense of all of this. He joined Alpha Delta Sigma for the prestige, but now he's not so sure about all this fraternity stuff. A midwestern white guy with a few second hand pieces of clothing.

*Triangular footprints
confirm our unspoken
conclusions. They are here.*

LOCATION AND ERA

North Star is a Midwestern university town amidst sprawling cornfields, cattle farms and some remains of rust belt industry. It's the home of *North Star University*.

OTHER LOCATIONS

- ⊙ *Campus Chapel*, a run-down utilitarian place of worship on campus, decorated with white sculptures and simple stained glass.
- ⊙ *Alpha Delta Sigma* fraternity house, a labyrinthine stone Victorian, leather couches, hidden rooms, and interconnected passages to the rest of the university.
- ⊙ *The Old Barn* that lies in the cornfields nearby North Star University. Littered with old farm machinery and overgrown with weeds.
- ⊙ *Blackwell Hall*, the mixed gender dorms. Built in 80s, these things haven't really been updated for years, but it's only two people to a room.

SPECIAL CARDS

- ⊙ Inhuman Creature
- ⊙ Sorcery
- ⊙ Visions
- ⊙ Strange Writings
- ⊙ Victims

*Should we proceed or desist? This place is
indescribably malevolent.*

*The penguins are enormous,
eyeless, and albino. Must
have evolved down here.*

DARK PLEDGES: SAMPLE CLUES

- ⊙ Dana's dead Alpha Delta Sigma boyfriend Trevor, his heart removed from his chest and a gold coin in his mouth (the first *Narrator* must use this *Clue*).
- ⊙ A black and white photo in the Alpha Delta Sigma fraternity of thirteen of its founding fathers. They all look disturbingly similar, like they could be brothers.
- ⊙ The statues in the chapel cry blood at midnight.
- ⊙ The fraternity leaders will sometimes give what an unreasonable command to another frat boy always containing the key phrase "bro up". The frat boys respond "yea bro" and follow their command mindlessly.
- ⊙ A dark ritual written in Latin, with an illustration of a bird headed demon, a gold coin in its mouth, perched on top of the Alpha Delta Sigma fraternity.
- ⊙ Dark sigils carved into the doors of the dorm rooms.
- ⊙ Animals won't go near the Alpha Delta Sigma house and birds fall silent in its vicinity.
- ⊙ Rumors that this isn't the first time young men have gone disappearing from campus.
- ⊙ Signet rings that bear the mark of Saturn where a brotherly Latin motto would typically be.
- ⊙ Extraordinarily large flocks of blackbirds swarming the cornfields, turning the sky dark.
- ⊙ Zachary Prescott's dad died recently of mysterious causes.
- ⊙ A hidden room beneath the barn covered in sigils.
- ⊙ A pile of pennies in the first row of the cornfield, sitting in a dish in front of a sculpture that depicts a bird headed man.

*They are reminiscent
of those in the murals.
Cannot be coincidence.*

*But something has
disturbed them.*