

# VIRTUAL DATE NIGHT

DALLAS MUSEUM OF ART

## A SCARY LOVE, LUST, LEAVE

**Each round, choose one of three scary\* people from our collection to love, lust, or leave.**

**Love:** Good for the long-term. Bring them home to mom and raise a family 'til death do you part.

**Lust:** This is your hit-it-and-quit-it option. It's great while it lasts, but forever isn't necessary.

**Leave:** The one you can't stand the sight of. Kick them to the curb—you deserve better!

\* We're highlighting selected aspects of their traits and life for this game, but there is always more to the story!

# ROUND ONE



## Polynices

He's the son of Oedipus (that guy who wanted to kill his dad and bed his mom). Because Polynices and his brother argued so much about who would take over Thebes when dad dies, Oedipus prayed to Zeus to curse them both to die by the other's hand, so the future was not very bright for this guy. FYI, he was “technically” married to the king of Argos’s daughter, who was given to him as a prize for winning a battle. As you do in ancient Greece.



## Jean-Nicolas Billaud-Varenne

Though not one of the most well known figures from the French Revolution, Jean-Nicolas was instrumental in the Reign of Terror. He is considered one of the most violent anti-Royalists of the 18th century. He gave passionate speeches about kicking out all the foreigners living in France and employing the death penalty for unsuccessful French generals fighting for the country.

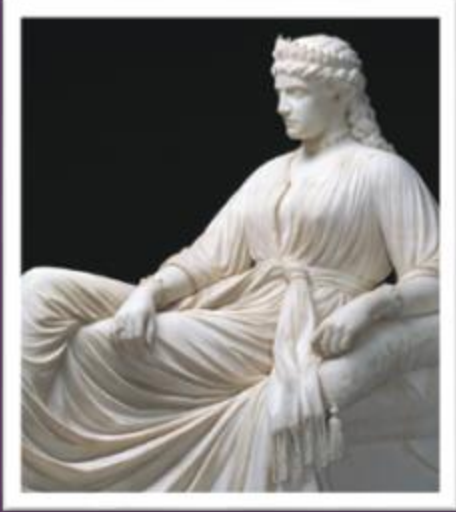


## Edward Hyde

Edward was the governor of New Jersey and New York when they were mere colonies. Known to take bribes and to use the public treasury as his own personal piggy bank, he was best known for dressing in women’s clothing. He claimed it was because he “represented the Queen in America,” but his true passion was lurking behind trees in hoop skirts to make other guys think he was a woman. He would then tell all his friends about which guys fell for it.

## ROUND TWO

### Semiramis



Semiramis was a beautiful demi-god from Assyria. For her wedding present, she asked her second husband to give her ruling power for just five days, to see how fun it would be. When he finally gave in, she had him executed and seized the crown for herself. She is also credited with the invention of the chastity belt and was the first person to castrate a young man into eunuch-hood.

### Niobe



Niobe, the queen of Thebes, was constantly bragging to the goddess Latona about how much money and power she had, and especially how great her baby-making abilities were. You see, Niobe had 14 kids, and Latona only had two. Latona finally snapped and ordered her two kids to kill all 14 of Niobe's children. Who's got more kids now? Niobe had a total meltdown and turned into stone, and her marble figure continued to cry for eternity.

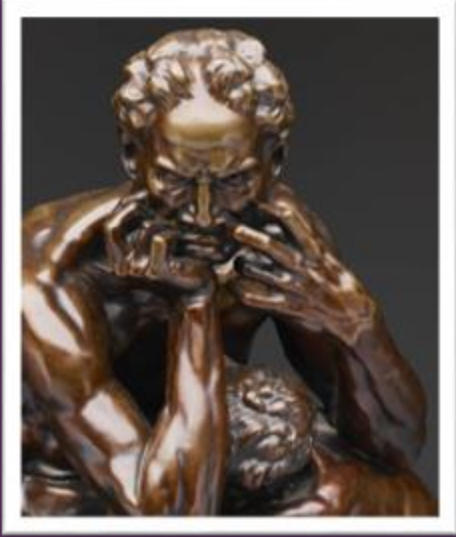
### Grand Duchess Bianca Capello de Medici



Bianca was an Italian noblewoman who at age 15 fell in love with a young clerk. She didn't have a good relationship with her husband's family as they were poor and wouldn't allow her to live a life of leisure. After catching the eye of Grand Prince Francesco, son and heir apparent of the grand duke, her husband was mysteriously murdered, and she became the grand prince's mistress and future second wife.

# ROUND THREE

## Ugolino



Count Ugolino della Gherardesca was a tyrannical 13th-century nobleman from Italy who was frequently accused of treason. He was so hated that Dante featured him in his *Divine Comedy*, placing him in the lowest circle of the Inferno, which is reserved for betrayers of kin, country, and benefactors. Ugolino was condemned to starve—with only other prisoners and his own sons available to eat. He became known as the Cannibal Count and is often depicted gnawing his own hands or contemplating devouring his sons.

## Emma-O



Emma-O is a Japanese Buddhist version of Yama, the Hindu god of death. Imagined as the king of hell and judge of the dead, he oversees the souls of men, while his sister judges the souls of women. He assigns people to one of 16 regions of fire or ice until their next rebirth, unless they are saved by the prayers of the living. Don't let his snarling face deceive you; he is known to show benevolence and grant those with positive karma a favorable reincarnation.

## Zeus



The strongest god in ancient Greece, Zeus ruled over all the other gods on Mount Olympus. If you want strength in a partner, look no further than Zeus—but beware! He was infamous for his infidelity and unpredictable temper, often throwing thunderbolts at people. He was also not above abducting his consorts through trickery as shown in this painting, *The Abduction of Europa*, in which Zeus is seen disguised as a bull to lure Europa away.

## ROUND FOUR

### Vajravarahi



While you might be seduced by Vajravarahi's nude figure, don't let her feminine beauty distract you from her fearsome side. Vajravarahi is one of the wrathful deities of Tantric Buddhism. She is shown with a ferocious expression and wearing grotesque accessories, including a long necklace of 51 severed heads and a crown of five skulls. In one hand she holds a knife, and in the other a human skull cap filled with the scrambled brains of worldly thoughts.

### Alexander the Great



Alexander the Great led one of the most successful military campaigns in history and established the largest empire in the ancient world, stretching from Greece to western Asia. All the glory seemed to go to his head as he unabashedly founded and named several cities after himself. A man on a mission, he was said to stop at no costs; that is, until his troops decided not to put up with him anymore.

### Helios



Each morning, Helios brought sunlight to the earth as he rode his horse-drawn chariot across the sky. Though he fathered many children, he did not have the best parental instincts. When his son Phaethon asked to take his chariot for a joyride, Helios obliged. Phaethon lost control of the fiery chariot, leading Zeus to strike him down with a thunderbolt to save the world from going up in flames.

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