

# We who once Ruled

**You are the last remaining vampires.**

End the game when one remains.

**Take turns clockwise.** On your turn, follow the prompt that matches the state of your mask.

**If your mask is clean or slightly red,** begin your monologue with:

*"I once ruled..."*

And describe the decadent power you once held.

One of the other vampires may respond with a challenge, saying:

*"But I envied it..."*

And they describe how they sought to usurp your power. The challenger and challenged smear red on their masks, revealing simultaneously. The others point to the reddest mask: this is the winner.

If uncertain, pass to the next turn.

The loser marks their mask with a black mark at least the size of a thumbprint (larger marks represent great shame in defeat).

If none challenge, the other vampires must respond with a tale of woe starting with:

*"But now..."*

They describe how that institution was lost to time, or taken by mortals for their own ends. Relish the loss. End the tale with:

*"...gone forever."*

**If your mask is mostly red,** say to another vampire:

*"I have come for you..."*

Describe your attempt to destroy them. Describe what you sacrifice to feed your rage.

They respond. They describe what they sacrifice to hold on to what's theirs.

The others silently point to their winner (by their own criterion). The loser must destroy their mask. The next vampire takes their turn.

**If Your mask has a black mark,** start a monologue with:

*"I never..."*

Describe your regret; what you lost or never had,

No one responds. You should smear just enough red to cover your mark. The next vampire takes their turn.

**If your mask was destroyed,** do not speak words or take turns. You still point to declare winners and losers.

Walk around, clutching your broken mask, hissing or laughing at those remaining. The next vampire takes their turn.

