

Descent into the Underworld

Let's all stand up and spread evenly around the space. We need to fill the whole of it. Let's close our eyes for a second and think back to the *Silence* we received from another player. Let's picture it sliding deep inside our chest, let's make it part of us. Now it's the *Silence* of our character, their own burden to bear. Let's open our eyes and look around. Everyone else in the room has that weight in their chest. Everyone is hiding something.

Let's begin moving around the space, trying to fill every gap. Be careful not to walk in a circle or follow each other around. Let's keep our chin up and try to look our peers in the eye. Let's try to meet their gaze when we cross paths. To feel the rhythm of their walk. As we try to move at the same pace, let's keep watching the people we cross. How are they moving? Do they have their own way to walk? Is there something distinctive about the way they swing their arms or nod their head? What are their faces saying?

Now let's slowly begin sliding into the character we're about to play. Little by little, we start acting like them. How does the God I'm playing move? Is their walk faster or slower than mine? Does it change how I hold my body, my back, my arms? How do I look at everyone else through their eyes?

Let's never stop moving around, filling the space evenly, watching the people we cross. How have they changed to wear the mask of their God? How have their eyes changed? Are we still moving together as a group, or has our rhythm broken up?

With no rush, when each of us feels ready, they are free to leave Tartarus and move to Olympus. There we'll put on the mask of our characters once and for all. Let's make the transition natural, there's no need to wait for someone else, or for me to stop reading the last words of our *Descent into the Underworld*.

Once everyone has left Tartarus and finally entered Olympus, the game will begin. We'll be in the Pantheon Club.

Game phases

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| 30 minutes: Olympus | 5 minutes: Tartarus |
| 5 minutes: Tartarus | 10 minutes: Olympus |
| 20 minutes: Olympus | 5 minutes: Judgement of Zeus |