

SPOUSE

War has taken away so many of your loved ones. Not even time can mend your wounds.

IV was the first person you saw in the mornings, in the bed you shared. Until he left for the war. You waited for him for a long time, then the letter came and you learned that his pillow would always be cold. You threw away all his belongings. The destruction gave you strength, as if he'd cheated on you and you were the one leaving him now. Then you found these old knick-knacks forgotten on a shelf...

III made you wonder what would've happened, had you met him before the love of your life. Maybe the gaping hole inside your chest today would have his shape instead. But the past is in the past. Now hearing people talk about him only reminds you that years are going by and never coming back.

II was your love's best friend, the one you had to contend his time with on some nights. Of the many promises he made, you will never forget the last: That he'd bring him home safe, should it kill him. You're unsurprised he didn't keep it. His frivolity had always been unnerving.

I had opened up with in you. He was your favourite in the company. Quiet, balanced, no nonsense and no bravado.

Reception

► *Play to find answers to the questions written on your Placecard.*

► *Since there are no Names, the Extended family sheet should help you make sense of relationships. You can look at it whenever you need to.*

► *Give the Veteran a Memento and its Signal only when another Relative encourages you to do so.*

► *Remember to always give Signals in increasing numerical order, from I up to IV.*

► *Reject as lies the Messages from the Veteran when they come with a Memento.*

► *Accept as intimate truths the Messages from the Veteran with no Memento attached.*

Transmission

► *Choose a single Relative to pair up with for the current phase.*

► *Use this moment to vent instead of focusing on comforting the others.*

Epilogue

► *Once the Veteran speaks the Name, keep quiet and follow his lead.*

► *Line up with the other Relatives. You will get to bid the Fallen farewell through gestures alone.*