

Gran Corazon Unmasked In The Main Event!

A Freeform LARP for 2 to 10 Players

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Materials:

- A lucha mask
- A set of Identity Cards (see the end of this document), individually cut out
- Two chairs (preferably steel folding chairs), facing one another

One player dons the lucha mask. You are Gran Corazon, a beloved luchador on the tail-end of a long, prosperous, painful career. Gran Corazon can be any gender and use any pronouns—the only thing that matters is that you are part of the proud, age-old wrestling tradition of the masked wrestler. To the fans, you are a real-life superhero: part John Cena, part Superman, complete with a secret identity. And you're one of the best there's ever been—you've dumped years of blood and sweat into the ring, and won over fans all over the world as a result, all without ever revealing your true face.

But after tonight, that all changes. The decision has been made. The finish has been booked. Tonight, you will wrestle in, and lose, a mask vs. mask match. Tonight, you will wager your very identity in a match, and lose, and unmask for the first time in the middle of the ring. Tonight, in front of a crowd of crying fans, Gran Corazon dies. And tomorrow, you are born again, with a new name and an unfamiliar face. Take the Identity card labeled "Gran Corazon," but put it aside, face down, for now, and sit in one of the chairs.

All other players take one of the remaining Identity cards (not every Identity needs represented). You are the people surrounding Gran Corazon as they prepare for their final match. You have things to say to them, that must be said tonight, because after tonight, you don't know if you'll ever see them again.

Read your Identity card, and answer the questions contained therein to yourself. When you're ready, sit in the chair facing Gran Corazon. Set the scene for your final conversation, based on the time and place described on the card. Scenes don't have to be in chronological order. Have your final conversation. Say what you need to say. When you've said all you can, when you're ready (kidding, who can be ready for this?), shake hands, say goodbye, and step aside, standing against the wall. Discard your Identity card; you are now just a face in the crowd.

When you're not in a scene, pay attention to what the other players are saying. Take note of any details about Gran Corazon's life, career, and style that are brought up that you might want to use in your scene.

When all players have spoken, play skips ahead to moments after the match has ended. Gran Corazon, the referee has handed you the microphone—for a few moments, you have free reign to say goodbye to the fans... and to Gran Corazon. Now, look at your Identity card. Thinking on what everyone has said, take a moment to answer the questions to yourself. And when you're ready, stand before the faces in the crowd, and cut your final promo. Say what you need to say--not to the people that spoke to you, but to the world at large. And when you've said all you can say, when you're ready (kidding, who can be ready for this?), look to the crowd, thank your fans for coming, and take off the lucha mask.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Lover</u></p> <p><i>You're not a wrestler. You're not a part of this world. But you're the only one who will be there tomorrow. You're in bed together, on the morning of the match.</i></p> <p>What have the two of you never gotten to do because of Gran Corazon's career? Do you think they'll be happy retiring? Have you ever watched them wrestle? What does their mask mean to you?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Rookie</u></p> <p><i>You've looked up to Gran Corazon for years. You became a wrestler because of them. And now you meet them at last, on the morning of their last match.</i></p> <p>Have you debuted yet? What do the incoming wrestlers think of Gran Corazon? How has Gran Corazon let you down? What have they taught you? What does their mask mean to you?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Replacement</u></p> <p><i>You're the up-and-coming Ace of the promotion. With Gran Corazon gone, you will be its biggest star. You find them in the gym, hours before the show.</i></p> <p>Are you ready to take center stage? Do you have the support of the fans? What can Gran Corazon still teach you? Do you think their moment has passed? What does Gran Corazon's mask mean to you?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Manager</u></p> <p><i>You've worked behind the scenes with Gran Corazon for years. Tonight, that partnership ends. You meet them in their dressing room, an hour before bell time.</i></p> <p>Did Gran Corazon consult you before accepting this match? Do you think it's the right time for Gran Corazon to retire? Do you think they're ready? What does Gran Corazon's mask mean to you?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Ex-Partner</u></p> <p><i>You tagged with Gran Corazon in the early days. And though you've long since parted ways, you've met with them just before the show. How could you NOT?</i></p> <p>When is the last time you spoke to them? Did you part on good terms? How has your career been since then? How did they help you in the early days? How did they screw you? What does their mask mean to you?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Booker</u></p> <p><i>You made this happen. You scripted the match, and the finish, and let Gran Corazon know. And now, as the early matches get underway, you're checking in.</i></p> <p>Why tonight? Do you have any doubts? Did you consult Gran Corazon before booking the match? What do you wish they did differently in their career? What does their mask mean to you?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Fan</u></p> <p><i>You've watched Gran Corazon for YEARS. And now the dirtsheets are saying this might be it. You're buying a T-shirt at intermission; it might be your last chance.</i></p> <p>When did you first see Gran Corazon wrestle? How long have you been watching wrestling? Is Gran Corazon still your favorite? Is it the right time for Gran Corazon to retire? What does their mask mean to you?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Ex-Rival</u></p> <p><i>You were a legendary villain. People loved you, even as they hated you. Then you unmasked, and it all ended. You find yourself backstage just after intermission.</i></p> <p>Do you regret unmasking? What was your feud like with Gran Corazon? What's life like now? Do you resent Gran Corazon for unmasking you? What did your mask mean to you before Gran Corazon took it away?</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Rival</u></p> <p><i>You've played the villain to Gran Corazon's hero for months in a legendary feud. Moments from now, that feud ends. You stand together, just behind the curtain.</i></p> <p>Have you unmasked anyone before? Where do you want your career to go after this? Do you resent Gran Corazon for leaving you behind? What does Gran Corazon's mask mean to you?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gran Corazon</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">What does your mask mean to you?</p>