

ROBERT KLEIN

Epitaph: Infernal Autocrat

Quote: “If these worms would get out of the way, they’d see what a true ruler can do for the good of a city.”

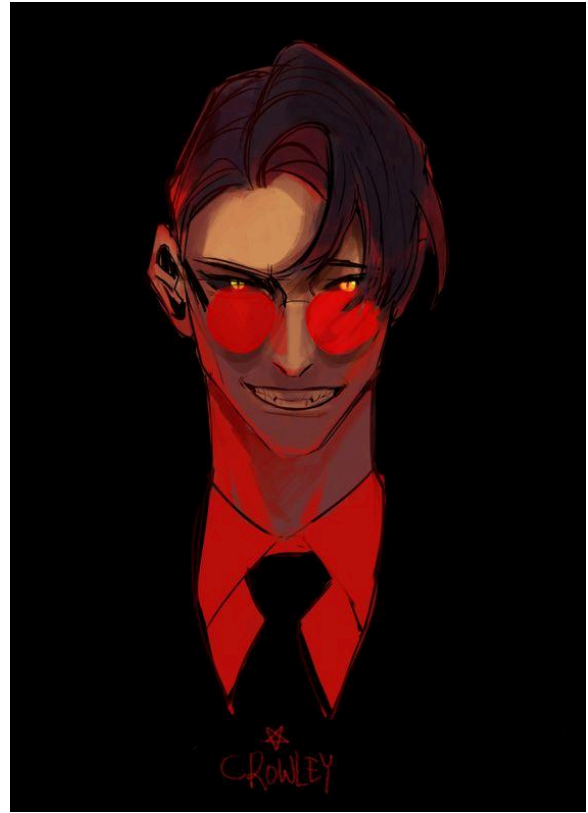
Clan: Ventrue

MORTAL DAYS: BORN TO RULE

Robert was brought up in wealth and privilege. His father was the CEO of a prominent pharmaceutical company called Green Heart and Robert was destined to take over one day. His formative and teen years were thus spent going to only the best schools and learning all he could so that one day he could take his father’s place.

Robert spent most of his young adult life at his father’s side. While his brothers were chasing girls or pursuing other fields, he learned the art of the deal and how to read a potential partner from someone who can’t be trusted. When his father grew ill and Robert’s time had come, he gladly inherited the company, ushering in a decade of prosperous dealings and new medications at slashed prices.

Robert’s greatest struggle ironically came with one of his most ambitious plans. He planned to release a revolutionary new drug called Sudaphin that many people needed, raking in profits and selling the drug at discount prices. However a shareholder by the name of Vincent had other plans for the drug. He planned to share the formula with other pharmaceutical companies in exchange for hefty profits to his own wallet. Since everyone would know the drug, Green Heart could no longer be the sole provider of Sudaphin, and thus could no longer sell it at the planned price. Robert was livid. His plan to help thousands would soon be used to line the pockets of shady CEOs and pharmaceutical kingpins who had done nothing to earn it. In the end, Robert hatched a scheme. He altered the production method to produce a flawed drug, producing one that was more poison than medication. The drug went through testing smoothly, no one noticing the bug Robert had snuck in. Green Heart



mysteriously held off on selling the drug. So, when thousands of patients took a drug that caused horrible symptoms, the backlash towards Green Heart’s rivals was incredible. Robert sat back and watched as they all suffered, meanwhile he held the golden egg that was the original formula. He bode his time, carefully cutting out Vincent before releasing the production method once more. When he did release it, he framed it as a hit new drug. After all, Green Heart had never sold the deadly poison known as Sudaphin. Instead, they released a miracle cure that helped thousands and did so at little cost to them, or so the story told.

This ordeal never made it to the papers. No one ever knew about his ploy and what he had done to keep Green Heart at the top. No one, that is, except his sire. Richard had been watching, intrigued by Robert’s actions and all he had done to keep his throne. He approached him with the offer to truly rule as one of the Clan of Kings. Robert accepted his role as one of the chosen few, and the rest followed thereafter.

KINDRED NIGHTS: THE DEVIL'S DEAL

Robert had expected his embrace to place him at the top once more. After all, he was at the cusp of humanity, a hard working CEO with plans to help thousands. However the embrace brought new surprises. The other Blue Bloods revered proper pedigree. They placed such great importance on one's grandsire and great-grandsire. So it tormented Robert to know that his sire was.. A nobody. He had no ancestry to spout at Elysium, no grandsire to prove his worth. In the eyes of the Ventrue, while he wasn't worthless, he wasn't a true King.

Robert struggled in vain against his lineage for a year. However late one evening, a woman approached him with an offer to change everything. Her name was Jezebel, and she promised him knowledge; knowledge that could give him the power he needed to rule, even among the Clan of Kings. Whereas other Ventrue doubted him for his lack of proper lineage, Jezebel admired his ambition and willingness to do anything if it meant he could achieve his aims. Once more he did what he had to, accepting the dark gifts he needed to succeed where his Sire had failed. Through a series of blasphemous rituals and hoarding of occult artifacts, Robert has begun to search for means of power in the darkest depths of the city.

Robert has hid his secret well. No one knows the lengths he's begun to travel to acquire power. He plans to investigate the occult in the city, as well as meet others like Jezebel who can increase his strength.

Robert has ambition aplenty. He firmly believes that a city led by him would be a prosperous one. From mortal stock, he was forged to rule. It's these filthy maggots who impose his aims. But that's fine. All bodies grow sick given time. If it's for the greater good of the whole, it should simply be cast out and burned in the fire.

PLOTS AND SCHEMES

- **Seize The Throne.** Robert believes that he is truly fit to rule, whether it be vampire society or the human one. Elders,

shareholders, they're all the same, they burn those beneath them, do foolish things out of greed or hunger, and only rule because it makes them feel strong. In contrast, Robert sympathizes with the lowly neonate. After all, his empire will be built on their backs. They should be rewarded for carrying the weight. Robert wants to rule. A domain? Several domains? A city? He doesn't know yet. However he knows that whatever helm he takes will prosper under his direction.

- **The Blade Beneath The Sceptre.** Power is something that Robert knows he needs. It isn't enough to have the throne. He needs to become much stronger if he plans to hold it for any throne for any long. He's been exploring the idea of increasing the potency of his blood, as well as gathering new Disciplines for himself.
- **Know The Players.** Any game is built of its players. In a competition, knowing your foes can be the difference between defeat and success. Robert aims to get to know the local Kindred very well. He isn't going to worship them or lick their boot, but knowing who to know and what they want is a valuable tool for a Kindred such as himself.
- **Placate The Sleeping Ones.** Jezebel promised Robert power in exchange for joining her. This power came in the ability to wield infernal powers to suit his needs. While he hasn't met any demons yet, he's begun hearing whispers. He aims to learn all he can about those who dwell below. After that, he aims to learn how to entreat them and have them serve his will. This is his trump card, and one he plans to wield very well. For now though, he needs information. Relics, ancient texts and even others like Jezebel are all viable methods of him gaining control of this demonic power he's been gifted.

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DOMAIN AND HAVEN

- **Family Home.** Robert lives in a moderate sized two bedroom home. He affords it with money sent to him by his brother.

MASK AND MEIN

- Robert maintains a complex and deep mask, not only to kine but also to Kindred. He's the son of Tobias Klein, a prominent businessman and entrepreneur to kine. Most Kindred who know him also know him as an up and coming Ventrue who's making a name for himself despite his weak lineage. Very few know the actual truth, that he's begun dabbling in the occult to increase his strength, potentially to the disdain of those in his Clan.

Sire: Richard

Embraced: 2015

Ambitions: Seize a throne for himself and rule justly, Garner power to defend his choice of throne, Learn about local kindred to know who he can trust, Seek out knowledge of the ones below.

Convictions: Sacrifice all to fulfill your ambitions; Never be ashamed of using others for your aims.

Touchstones: Brother who he has run GreenHeart in his stead; Vincent, Shareholder who Robert took everything from.

Humanity: 7

Generation: 13

Blood Potency: 1

Attributes: Strength 1, Dexterity 2, Stamina 2; Charisma 3, Manipulation 4, Composure 2; Intelligence 3, Wits 2, Resolve 3

Skills: Larceny 1; Etiquette (Corporate) 2, Insight 2, Intimidation 1, Leadership 1, Performance 1, Persuasion 3, Subterfuge 1; Academics (Business) 3, Awareness 1, Finance 3, Investigation 1, Medicine 2, Occult 2, Politics 2

Disciplines: Dominate (Compel, Mesmerize) 2, Presence (Awe, Lingering Kiss) 2