

## **THE PAINTED CIRCUS**

This location suits **curious** girls and companions who  
*desire personal expression • admire strong women • want found family*

### — Figures —

<b>The Ringmistress</b>
<i>Being shot from a cannon</i>
<i>Offering tempting food and drink</i>
<i>Caressing a tamed animal</i>
<b>The Acts</b>
<i>Mystifying the audience</i>
<i>Drawing you into a performance</i>
<i>Finding a purpose</i>

### — Troubles —

<b>Someone is poaching the Ringmistress' acts</b>
PAIRS WELL WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Adventurer's Tomb</i></li> <li>• <i>The Throne of the Crowing King</i></li> </ul>
<b>The Ringmistress' act has fallen to a curse</b>
PAIRS WELL WITH THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Slumbering City</i></li> <li>• <i>The Fairy Ring</i></li> </ul>

### — Props —

Glimmering red and white striped tents
Hundreds of balloons in every hue
The mingling of sweat with buttered popcorn, and perfume with grease paint

### — Questions —

Who runs the circus?
What acts are displayed on their posters?
Who attends the circus?
What tempts the Girl to join the circus?

### — How to use this location —

The Painted Circus can represent so many things in so many games, being a place of adventure, found family, and strong women. Consider weaving in this location if the Girl has a teacher, parent, or other adult in her life that inspires her, or she wants to be an adventurer, artist, or performer when she grows up. The Painted Circus is also a place of found family, so for girls and companions seeking a home, family, or understanding, they may find hope here.

The Ringmistress can be a commanding source of conflict, or a well-meaning character in need of help. She may be chagrined by another antagonist capturing or poaching her acts for their own ends. She may have fallen foul of a Fairy Queen contract, and her acts are now all in the deepest slumber. Either way, she has a place and a home for those who consent to join her family, and welcomes all oddities and outcasts with open arms.