

Side quest design document: structured in the style of quests found in the *Elder Scrolls* and *Witcher* series.

SIDE QUEST: A Potentially Dangerous Dinner Party

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SUMMARY

A restaurant needs your help in discovering potential food allergies for a government official's anniversary dinner.

INTRODUCTION

Upon entering the affluent district of Teocoh City, an argument can be heard through the window of a prominent restaurant.

HEAD CHEF/OWNER - ATZI

Imbecile! This will sink my business. 30 years: all for nothing. Out of my kitchen, now!

WAITER

Boss, I'm doing my best here. We all are. There's only so much we can do with what we've got.

The player is free to approach the conflict at their own convenience. Once PLAYER CHARACTER is within the NPC's proximity:

WAITER

Oh, a customer...
(mutters) Smile. Happy face.
Do you have a reservation with us?

PLAYER CHARACTER

1. (Lie) Yes, a dinner party for 6.
2. No, but I wanted to see what the argument was about.
3. Never mind. (end conversation)

ATZI

- > 1. Impossible. Look at you: you're filthy.
- > 2. I lost my temper is all.

cont: We're catering an event for Politician Zuma's 25th wedding anniversary. Fool has booked a full five course meal for his entire party. And unlucky for me, he didn't provide his guest list's food allergies. So I'm in a pickle. I'm not about to lose my business tonight over killing someone with a misplaced shrimp.

WAITER

Hey, Boss, they might be able to help us out.

PLAYER CHARACTER

1. What can I do?
2. Sounds like your problem. Not mine. (end conversation)

ATZI

-> 1. Great, someone actually helpful. Start by finding our guests' food allergies. I'd suggest checking their medical records. They should be on file at the **Capital Building**, them all being government employees. Or you could ask Politician Zuma himself, although it might be hard to **schedule a meeting with him**.

PLAYER CHARACTER

1. Why don't you do this yourself?
2. Ok. I'm on it.
3. **Capital Building?**
4. **Schedule a meeting?**
5. It's easy, just serve bland food with non-allergenic ingredients. (persuade)
6. Not interested. (end conversation)

ATZI

->1. Simple: no time. I still need to prep the basic hors d'oeuvres. And I can't risk one of my idiot staff getting arrested for stealing medical records or approaching the politician.

->2. Good, here's the list of dinner party guests. Be on your way then.

->3. Big building in the center of town. Can't miss it.

->4. Zuma's office is on the second floor of the capital building.

->5. **Success**: Maybe you're right. Ok. That's what we'll do. Make it plain and simple. Hopefully the party likes it, and it won't close our doors for good. (quest end -> see Resolution 3)

->5. **Failure**: Fat chance. I won't take the risk of serving bland food for one of the most influential people in the city.

THE PROBLEM

A governmental official, Politician Zuma, is set to hold an anniversary dinner, but the restaurant is unaware of potential food allergies the guests might have.

PLAYER SOLUTIONS

Option 1: Ask the Politician Zuma directly:

Unfortunately, his secretary won't let you into his office, so you must find another method to speak with him (i.e. wait for Zuma to enter the bathroom).

POLITICIAN ZUMA

Were you waiting for me in the bathroom? Is this an assassination attempt?

PLAYER CHARACTER

1. Remain silent.
2. No, I'm here about your dinner party tonight.
3. Screw this. (end conversation)

ZUMA

- >1. I could have you arrested for this you know, you freaky bastard. (leaves conversation)
- >2. Is something wrong? Don't tell me those scoundrels canceled my reservation for the Mayor's retirement party instead.

PLAYER CHARACTER

1. Do you or any of your guests have any food allergies?
2. (Lie) Yes, your dinner tonight is cancelled. Don't bother going.

ZUMA

- >1. Now that you mention it, my great-aunt is deathly allergic to prawns. Someone should let the restaurant know.
- >2. The mayor is in for a rude awakening if she thinks she can cancel my party. Damn her to hell. (quest end -> see Resolution 1b)

Option 2: Steal the dinner party's medical records from the Capital Building. Requires moderate **stealth** skill. All government employee medical records are held in the main receptionist's filing cabinet. The receptionist leaves every thirty minutes for a smoke break.

Option 3: Persuade the restaurant to make bland foods without risks of allergens.

RESOLUTIONS

This quest has four possible resolutions.

If followed **Option 1a:** The restaurant is able to adapt its menu to accommodate shellfish allergies. The food is praised in the newspaper.

Reward: 20% off coupon for one appetizer.

If followed **Option 1b:** Politician Zuma does not show up to his anniversary dinner, and the guests are left disgruntled, resulting in negative reviews for the restaurant.

Reward: The Mayor gives you 500 G. for sabotaging the Politician Zuma's dinner.

If followed **Option 2**: The restaurant is able to adapt its menu to accommodate shellfish allergies. The food is praised in the newspaper.

Reward: 20% off coupon for one appetizer.

If followed **Option 3**: The restaurant adapts its menu to exclude the use of any hypoallergenic ingredients. The food receives mixed reviews in the newspaper.

Reward: 10% off coupon for one appetizer.