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Letters from Dais



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Hello delegates,

Welcome to TechMUN IX! My name is East Kaufhold, and I will be your chair in this exciting ADHOC committee. I am a senior in the Law and Society major here at Brooklyn Tech, and this is my third year on the school’s Model UN team. Joining Model UN has been integral to my high school experience, as it was the first activity I joined that sparked my interest in history and the law. I can thank this team for lifelong friends and meaningful experiences full of debate. Outside of MUN, I enjoy

rock climbing and reading in my free time, as well as conducting historical research and helping out with local campaigns. This committee is inspired by one of my favorite pieces of media, but it also critically reflects the interesting dynamics of our modern world with a funny and satirical twist. I am certain that every single one of you will excel!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email. I look forward to chairing this committee, and I will see you all soon.

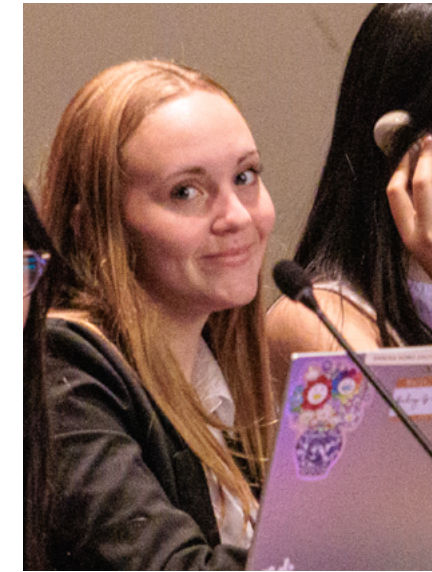
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Hi and welcome, delegates!

My name is Susannah Dugdale, and I'm excited to be the rapporteur for this committee.

I am a sophomore at Brooklyn Tech, and this is my second year on the Tech MUN team. I joined Model UN because I was interested in international relations, and I have learned so much. Model UN has taught me the importance not only of strong public speaking and leadership skills but also of building connections. This has offered me a new perspective on the global issues in the present day, one that looks at the relationships behind them. One thing I love about Model UN is the opportunities it gives you to meet and learn from people from all around the world. Apart from Model UN, I also love to run track, play volleyball, and play violin.

I also love meeting new people and cultures through backpacking and traveling. I'm looking forward to meeting you all at TechMUNC!



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Hi delegates,

Welcome to Brooklyn TechMUNC! My name is Amelia Korbas, and I am more than happy to be your head of backrooms for the White Lotus crisis committee.

I am a sophomore at Brooklyn Tech, and this is my second year being a member of the Tech Model UN team. I joined Model UN because I really loved public speaking and was interested in foreign relations. MUN has taught me so much, and I am so grateful that I decided to become a part of this team since my first year of high school. It not only taught me how to formulate arguments and improve my public speaking skills, but it also gave me so many friendships.

Outside of MUN, I am also a part of DECA and enjoy listening to music and traveling. I can't wait to meet all of you and see what you will come up with!



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Intro- duction



Lightfoot Travel

Welcome to Paradise!

At the world-renowned White Lotus hotel, luxury is the norm. With elaborate restaurants, one-of-a-kind nightly performances, perfect spa treatments, and the intricate architecture of every suite, catered to the values of the country it resides in, this is where the best of the best stay. It is a prime site for relaxation where you forget all your troubles the minute you step inside. 5-star services and powerful, wealthy friends await. Many would call it the perfect getaway. Yet beneath the intense scenery of sweeping

sweet jasmine, salty sea air, and rich olive groves, a mysterious and unwelcoming sensation overcomes. The White Lotus has a couple of cracks in its history, from the mysterious death of the Hawai'i location's resort manager, to bodies found on a yacht off the coast of France, and finally a couple drowned deep in Thailand's jungles. Their guests refuse to comment on these events to our news outlets, leaving everyone in the dark. How long can you reside in this tranquility before realizing the catastrophes trailing your path?

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Topic History



Section I The Hotel

The White Lotus is a chain of 5-star hotels and resorts spanning every corner of the world, from the coasts of the Mediterranean to the dense forestry of Southeast Asia. It is the ideal destination for the wealthy and powerful, with a mission of providing comfortable luxury with an immersion into the foreign culture. Locals are hired to perform traditional dances at lavish banquet dinners, experts offer yoga and Southeast Asian spa treatment in calming rooms with waterfalls rushing in the distance, and soothing lounge chairs with complementary cocktails line European beaches. There is something for everyone here. It supposedly a paradise– but at what cost?

In the past few years, gossip and worrying news channels have faltered this slowly-revealed facade of lush paradise. The once wonderful, charismatic staff of White Lotus Hawai'i slowly declined in reviews,

prompting angry guests and secretive meetings to occur. Was a subpar, non-Honeymoon suite given on purpose to the newly married couple, or was it a clerical error? Some speculate that the staff had ulterior motives– maybe they were finally fed up with the out-of-touch guests within their resort. It can become tiring, serving people for days on end who don't seem to know how to utter a single *thank you*, or even offer an appreciative moment of eye contact. On the other hand, there is tension between the familial dysfunctions and their utter lack of parental guidance, along with the struggles of young “activists” seeking revenge for the people whose indigenous land is where this resort resides. While most guests don't bat an eye, blind to the perpetual exploitations of native communities, some struggle to grapple with this form of neocolonialism. With this cast of erratic guests, it cannot be certain who was the perpetrator of the grand finale of that eventful vacation season: an unfortunate knife in a man's chest. One unfortunate tragedy at the White Lotus is only a bizarre outlier... right?

One year later: we are transported to the blue-and-white beaches of Sicily, Italy. In the country of Our first group of guests are a young, polycule-like friend group of two married– but not so faithful– couples. Then, there is Tanya, a middle-aged woman and a regular of the White Lotus resorts. Tanya and her assistant, Portia, became increasingly involved in the lives of British expats living in



Sicily, who eventually invited them to party at a remote mansion in Palermo. This party was put into place by a con-man from Tanya's past, meaning revenge. The chaotic night dissolved into morning, revealing Tanya's lifeless body. After further investigation, Tanya was not the only one with that fate.

Moving away from the beaches, we now find ourselves in the nature of rural Thailand. This White Lotus resort is surrounded by tropical greenery, Buddhist temples, and secluded wellness retreats, attracting wealthy guests searching for peace, spirituality, and escape. But, as we have learned, paradise rarely stays peaceful for long.

Among these guests is the Ratliff family, whose seemingly perfect vacation quickly falls apart when Timothy learns that his business is under federal investigation. Terrified, Timothy spirals into paranoia and eventually considers poisoning his entire family. Meanwhile, Rick, a troubled man who arrives in Thailand with his girlfriend Chelsea while secretly searching for answers about his mother's death, becomes consumed by his investigation into Jim Hollinger, a wealthy older man connected to the resort. Rick eventually discovers dark secrets about Jim, making him realize his not-so-perfect family is slowly falling apart, seeking revenge. Rick,

Jim and Chelsea are all found dead within the next 24 hours.

Elsewhere, three longtime friends discover that their glamorous girls' trip cannot hide the insecurities and resentment beneath their friendship. Finally, Belinda, the spa employee from Hawai'i, returns to the White Lotus hoping to expand her wellness business, only to discover that Greg, Tanya's husband from Sicily, is hiding under a new identity, away from the murderer he really is. Belinda uses the information to negotiate millions from him, securing her financial future but abandoning the moral principles that once defined her.



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