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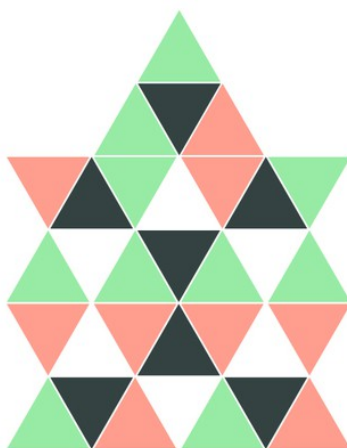
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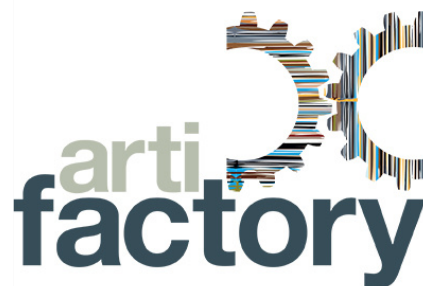
The Program helps to train European citizens and citizens of the cooperating countries to better face challenges at work and promotes educational innovation



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The Heritage4Growth project aims to engage 60 VET teachers in RO/NL/GR/IT/CZ/TR in the gamification of heritage and cultivate curiosity and creativity and innovate the learning design.



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31 VET teachers may participate the C1 Training co-organized by ARTIFACTORY in the Unesco listed Medieval City of Rhodes. All field exercises including the Game Play will take place outdoors at 16 selected heritage locations, from day to day 4. 5 Training Workshops will occur indoors. Upon completion participants will be skilled in designing the project games.

Event Information

GRAND MASTER CHALLENGE. THE GAME

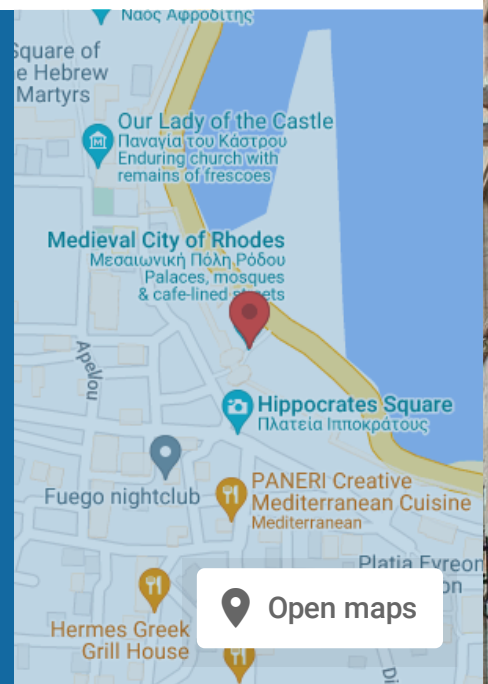
In 1306 European Knights have started to build their home in Rhodes. How did they get there? And why? What were their achievements? Where are they now? These and many other questions will be answered in October 23-28 2022 in Rhodes, Greece. Be there!

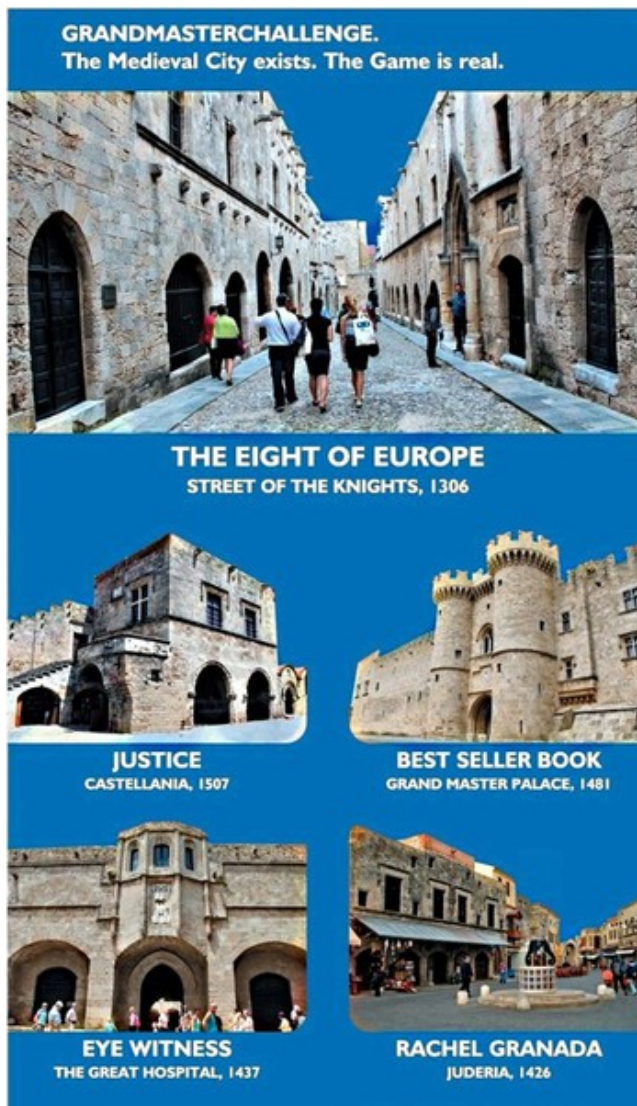
When?

Mon, Oct 3, 2022, 10:00 AM

Where?

Medieval City of Rhodes, Solomou Alchadef, Rhodes, Greece





Grand Master Challenge. Game and Election

Start your adventure by playing the Game as a simple Knight, meet your adversaries or your supporters, gain the title of the Grand Admiral, the Grand Chancellor or the Grand Hospitaller. Your ultimate goal is to be elected Grand Master in Rhodes. Leave your comfort zone, make your move and live this unforgettable experience together with your fellow knights in the Mediterranean, the key to three continents!



Grand Master Antoni Fluvia

A political refugee, the Spanish Antoni Fluvia (+1437) gave us the Great Hospital of the Knights in Rhodes, the prototype of any modern hospital business and



Grand Master Pierre d'Aubusson

The inspired French engineer Pierre d'Aubusson (1420-1453) emerged as victor of Sultan Mehmet II in the siege of Rhodes in 1481 and saved



Grand Master Fabrizio del Carretto

Under the Italian Fabrizio del Carretto (1455-1421)

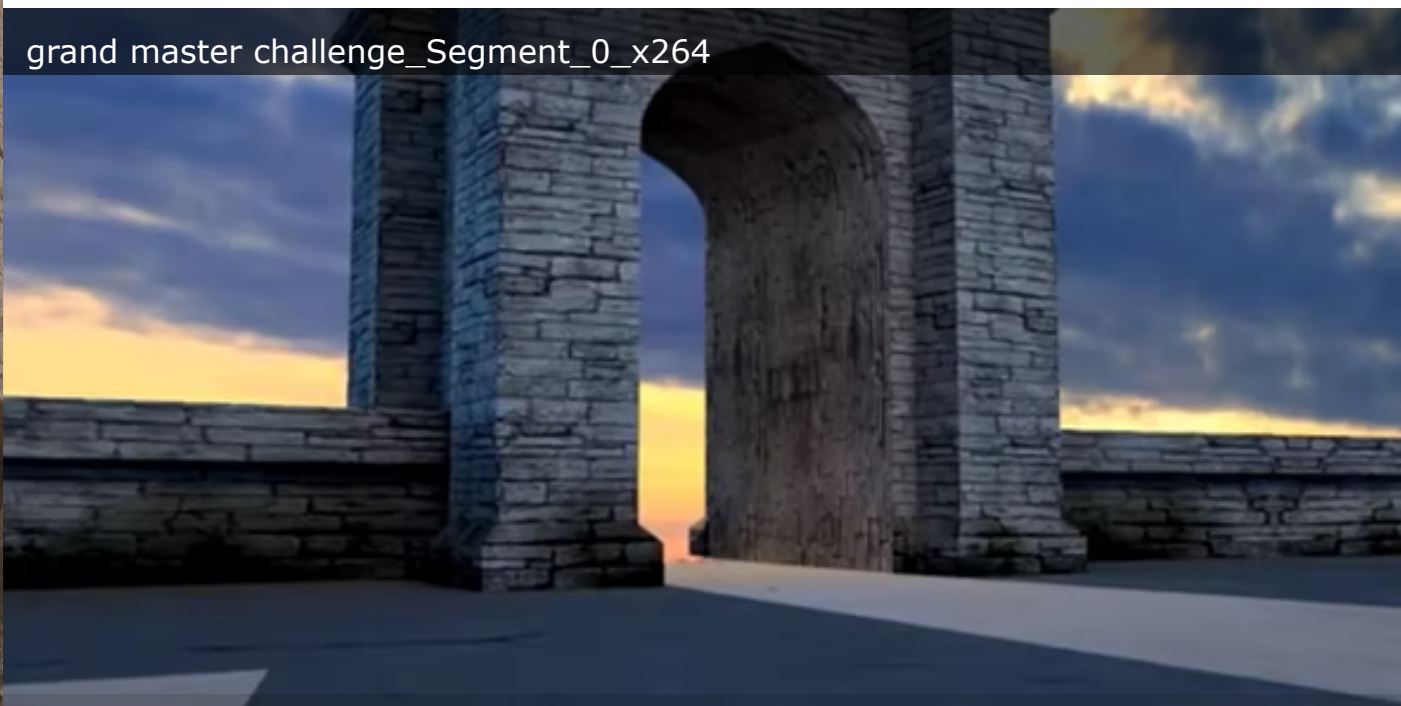


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Rhodes becomes impregnable fortress. The Knights capture from the Sultan of Egypt the biggest ship in the Mediterranean with 4 decks

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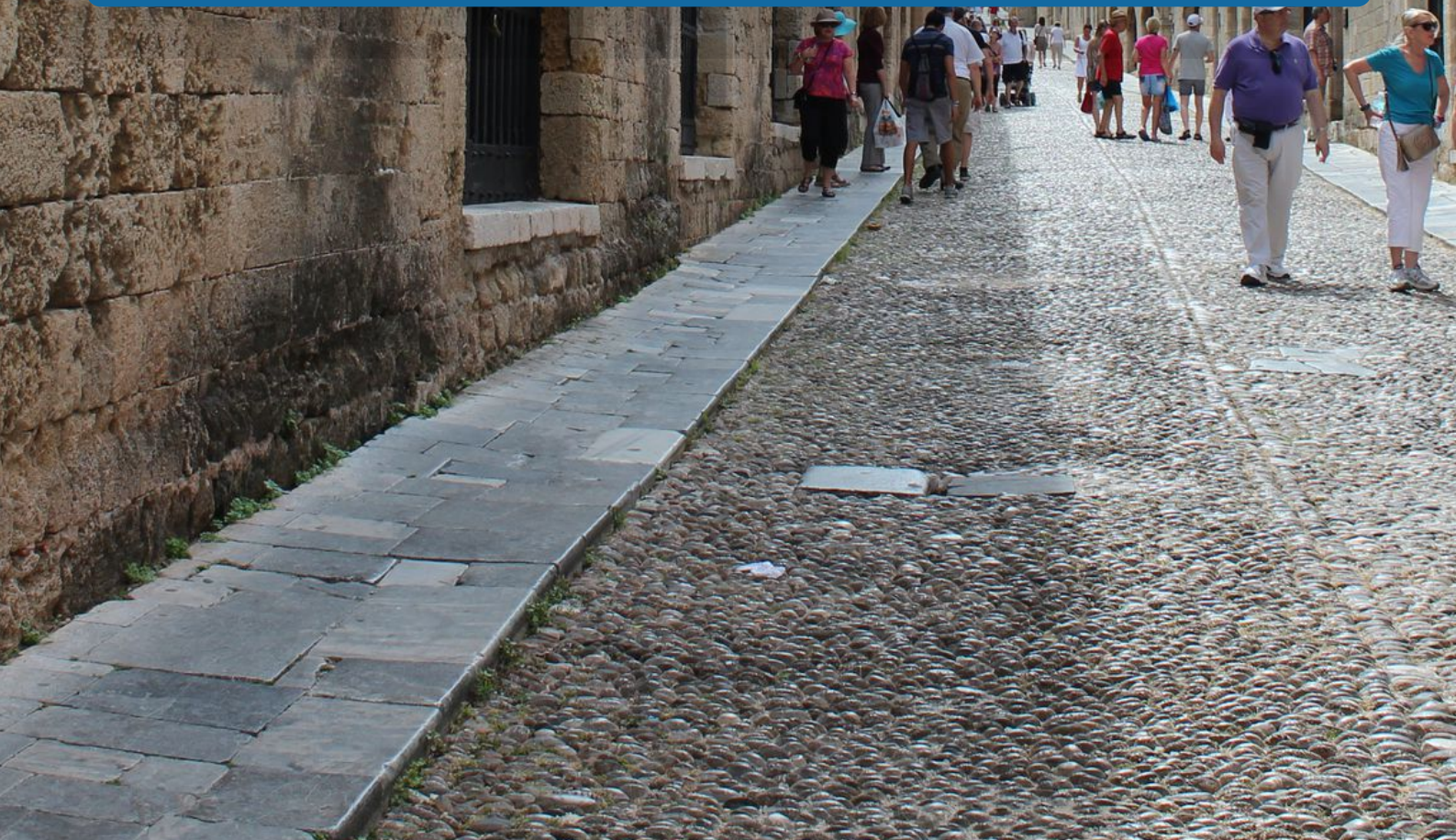


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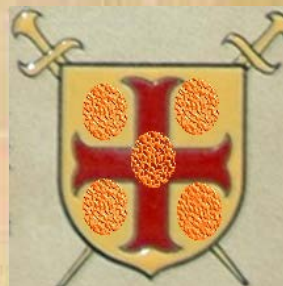


A nephew of Grand Master Aubusson, Jean enters the Order in 1480, at the age of 20. Jean is a genius in military engineering and his uncle, already a Grand Master, assigns him to take care of the fortifications.

Jean shall lay a tricky plan for the defense of the Porta Marina, so that the enemy cannot deploy there any army at all. Jean gets to work as soon as he arrived in Rhodes.

He does not share his secret plan, but with Grand Master Aubusson. One day, at the Inn of Aubergne, he meets a stranger...

Jean d'Aubusson
Inn of Aubergne





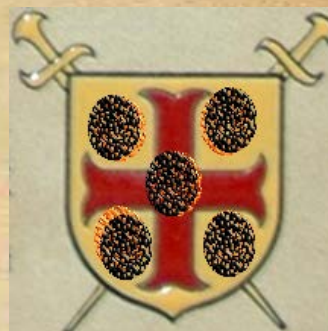
Son of Guy de Blanchefort, Grand Prior of Aubergne, he comes to Rhodes as a simple knight to demonstrate his bravery and intelligence.

Covered as a wine merchant Robert is assigned by the Grand Master a secret mission, to safely escort the Ottoman Prince Cem from Rhodes to Nice in France. His mission is full of unexpected adventures, dangerous peoples and spies.

All hopes of the Knights Hospitallers to save Prince Cem from the murderous intention of his brother, Sultan Bayezid, lay on the shoulders of the young knight.

Robert is entrusted with a sum of 40.000 golden florins to sail for Nice. Can he trust anyone else with the secret mission? And will he be able to complete his mission? The spies of Sultan Bayezid are everywhere...

Robert de Blanchefort
Inn of Aubergne





After the death of his beloved wife, and having inherited his nobility title to his first-born son, Jean-Marie decides to serve the Knights Hospitallers. He keeps a substantial part of his fortune to assist the Knights and embarks a galley in Marseille, which will bring him to Rhodes.

But the galley crashed on the shores of Sicily and Jean-Marie barely escaped death. Not being able to prove his noble origin he arrives in Rhodes, trying to meet Grand Master d'Aubusson. However, the latter is busy with siege preparations and does not have time for dubious stories.

How can Jean-Marie approach the Grand Master? How can he approach the Knights at the Inn of Aubergne? He shall devise a plan, as there is no other way to prove his identity..

Jean-Marie de Rossignol
Inn of Aubergne





Knight de Gouffry is not the typical Order brother. He prefers wine and women instead of praying and fastening. But, he is brave and very skilled in military matters.

. When Grand Master de Gozon calls for knights from all over Europe to come to assist him in killing the monster eating people in Rhodes, Knight de Gouffry, thinks that he found his mission in life.

He embarks a Venetian galley and arrives in Manfredonia. From there a Hospitaller galley brings him to Rhodes. There he is confronted with the fear of the local populace, who do not dare to leave their homes.

Knight de Gouffry is strategizing a plan how to kill the voracious monster. May our Lord help him.

Dieudonné de Gouffry
Inn of Aubergne





Born in Bourgignone he never desired to become a monk, but as a second son, he did had a choice. In 1503 he was sworn into the Order of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John.

His first mission was to provide for secure passage to the newly elected Grand Master Amboise along his voyage to Rhodes.

But Jean-Philibert is in love with the Chamberlain's daughter Marguerite and wants to marry her. He does not want to stay a knight and a monk.

For now he sails with the Grand Master for Nice. Then he will think what to do.

Is Jean-Philibert a risk for the Hospitallers? Will he try to escape and betray his oath, or will he forget Marguerite and help the Grand Master with his military skills?

Jean Philibert de la Loire
Inn of Aubergne





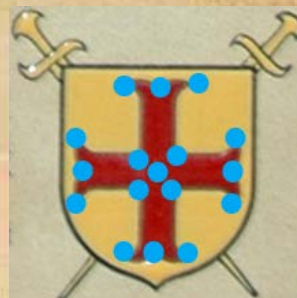
He is one of the knights, who comes with Grand Master Foulques de Villaret to conquest Rhodes in 1306.

His mission is to fortify the Collachio, which divides the city into a commercial and an administrative center.

He uses slave labor to achieve his goals and he is very strict and merciless.

Does Knight de Marechal have the right qualities to become the next Grand Master in Rhodes?

Honoré de Marechal
Inn of Aubergne





Knight d'Aussais is an ambitious nature. Not very wealthy he has succeeded to be knightened for having saved the life of a young nobleman, who got drunk in a tavern and killed an innocent man there.

The father of the young noble, a marquis from Occitain, enabled d'Aussais to enter the prestigious Order of the Knights of St. John.

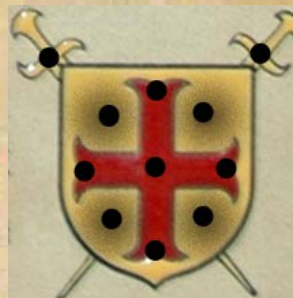
He is not religious at all, but the Knights Hospitallers are a promising career path.

Jean-Cristoph is very skilled in merchant matters and negotiations. He works for profit seeing nothing bad in getting richer. He views Rhodes as a step in his life path.

Is Jean-Christoph a risk for the Hospitallers?

Shall he become the next Grand Master in Rhodes? A series of complex tasks await for him, if so.

Jean-Christoph d'Aussais
Inn of Aubergne





Born in Haute-Garonne in Occitanie, knight Henri de Nogaret comes from one of the noblest houses of the kingdom of France. His father is Guillaume de Nogaret, keeper of the seal of King Philipp.

Like father like son, Henri is very skilled in jurisprudence. He comes to Rhodes with Grand Master Helion de Villeneuve.

King Philipp of IV of France seized all the powers of the powerful Knights Templars and consolidated the regal power in France. Much of this share went to the Hospitaller Order and de Nogaret is asked to assist Grand Master de Villeneuve to manage the wealth.

After the deposition of Foulques de Villaret, de Villeneuve is the first Grand Master elected by the Chapter General, according to his virtues. Henri has the task to protect the Grand Master from the supporters of de Villeneuve, if any.

It seems that Henri de Nogaret will climb up the stairs in the Hospitaller hierarchy, but is he up to the task?

Henri de Nogaret
Inn of Aubergne





Amédée is a religious type. Sworn to the French Pope John XXII, he shares his beatific vision opposing the the Franciscan understanding of the poverty of Christ and his apostles.

Amédée came to Rhodes invited by his cousin Ernest de Nogaret to help him consolidate the Hospitaller power of the island.

Amédée is a loyal Catholic, but prefers being close to his compatriots. Thus he invites French bankers and merchants to settle in Rhodes.

In the mean time the anti-Franciscan polity of the Pope led William of Ockham to write against unlimited papal power. Will Amédée de Joinville support the Pope winn the battle against the Italians and become a Grand Master in Rhodes?

Amédée de Joinville

Inn of Aubergne





In 1320, with 80 ships, the Turkish admiral attacked Rhodes. He was repulsed by the Grand Preceptor with 4 Knights galleys, 20 light ships and 6 Venetian galleys.

The Turks lost most of their ships along with 10,000 men who had landed on an islet near Rhodes.

Gilles de Rochefoucault was part of the Hospitaller combat force.

His strategic mind in the battle made evident that he can become the next Grand Master in Rhodes.

However, Gilles is not favored by the Italian Knights, and without their support he cannot climb the Hospitaller hierarchy.

Gilles needs now support of the other langues. Will he succeed in attracting them?

Gilles de Rochefoucault

Inn of Aubergne





Alfonso Fernandez de Ijar started his journey in Navarra and from there to Venice, where he boarded the merchant vessel "Sant'Anna". He arrived in Rhodes on the 15th of June 1461.

It is a very strange feeling to be away from Christian lands and close to the lands of the infidels and the Barbary coast.

The Venetian captain, Marcantonio Zecchini, told Alfonso that had a relative impaled by Sultan Mehmet in 1452. The unfortunate was crew on the galley, which disobeyed the Sultan's order not to approach the Golden Horn. The galley was captured and all men impaled and thrown to the fish.

Alfonso knows that also Mehmet's reigning grandson, Sultan Selim, is not merciful.

Despite the atrocities, he heard of, Alfonso is not discouraged. On the contrary, he is willing more then ever to serve his Order.

Alfonso Fernandez de Ijar

Inn of Spain





Daniel, a noble knight from Galicia, was sent to Rhodes by the Grand Prior of Aragon, to assist Grand Master Pierre de Corneillan to resist the intentions of Pope Innocent VI, who plans to move the seat of the Order from Rhodes.

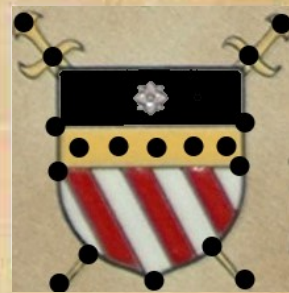
Innocent desires to relocate the Order closer to Palestine and the Mamluk territories. He does not seem to understand the value of Rhodes as a controlling commercial and military basis.

Daniel is intelligent as a fox and shall collect all data and evidence required to convince the Holy Father of the usability of Rhodes for the Order and the Holy Seat.

However, after 18 months as Grand Master in Rhodes, De Corneillan died. Will Daniel serve his successor, or will he scribe for the post of the Grand Master himself?

Daniel Hibanez y Blancanese

Inn of Spain





Pedro de Atares y Villanova is already in Rhodes, when Grand Master Rogin de Pins is elected.

Pedro have proven his enigneering capacities and Grand Master de Pins assigns him the task to build the first Hospital of the Knights in Rhodes.

During the works, Pedro unveils many difficulties in the construction with stolen materials and funds.

His mission is to find the culpable and free himself from all suspicions.

This is the only way to climb the stairs of the Palace of the Grand Master's in Rhodes.

Pedro de Atares y Villanova

Inn of Spain





Contrary to his namesake, San Francisco de Assissi, Francisco Ramirez y Aibat is keen to enjoy the pleasures of this world.

Wine, women, servants, luxury is pleasing this monk, but the cost is high and he is constantly looking for money.

When asked by his compatriot, Pedro de Atares y Villanova to uncover the thefts committed during the construction of the First Hospital, Francisco prefers to chase women and cash bribes.

He thinks it is the only way to enjoy life, and why not, become a Grand Master. And that Pedro Atares is the suspect, this suits him right!

Francisco Ramirez y Aibat

Inn of Spain





Don Jose Luis Colon de Carbahal came to Rhodes in 1503 to help Grand Master Amboise build the tower of Petroumi in Asia Minor, opposite of the island of Kos.

Petroumi is a Hospitaller stripe of land at the edge of the Muslim territory with ferocious enemies, full of spies and pirates.

A difficult task for any knight, even if he is battle-proven.

Will the braveheart Jose Louis complete his mission, despite having been handicapped in a previous battle? May be his ingenious strategic mind will manage the situation. And then, who knows, he might become the next Grand Master in Rhodes.

Don Jose Luis Colon de Carbahal

Inn of Spain





Felipe has studied medicine in Paris and will help Master de Pins run the First Hospital. Felipe knows the rule governing the Hospital: "Service to the sick is the supreme command".

He knows that each patient receives a separate bed with its own balcony for fresh air and privy. There is a lavatory by each bed. Doctors check patients twice a day. Every patient has a servant. The care and medicine are free of charge, bribery is forbidden. Doctors prescribe special diets for patients, served on silver dishes and cutlery to ensure hygiene as silver has disinfecting qualities.

One day Felipe hears the rumor that a French Knight, intends to become Grand Hospitaller. But may be he cannot become one, if he is caught getting a bribe. Will Felipe compete honestly with his opponent or will he st him up? And if he does, will he become a Grand Master?

Felipe de Veragua y Vega

Inn of Spain





Juan is related to Grand Master Heredia and this makes things easier. In 1346, with the king of Aragon's support, before becoming Grand Master, his uncle gained the priory of Aragon.

Heredia made himself and his family including all illegitimate children enormously wealthy at the expense of the Order.

His power and influence was greatly circumscribed by the Grand Master Raymond Berengar, but in 1371 he entered the favour of Pope Urban V and was elevated as the master's lieutenant in Western Europe.

In 1376, Heredia conducted the fleet bearing Pope Gregory XI back to Rome, presaging the end of the Avignon Papacy. The next year, on September 24, Gregory formally appointed Heredia grand master, following the death of Robert of Juilly on July 27.

Will Juan profit from his uncle's power to become the next Grand Master?

Juan de Heredia y Fuente

Inn of Spain





The Knight Cristobal is a monk by combination. In April 1383, the Roman Pope Urban VI appointed Riccardo Caracciolo, prior of Capua, anti-master in opposition to the reigning Grand Master Heredia.

Caracciolo had the support of some Italian priories, of the England and other Urbanist regions, but to consolidate his power he needs to attract the Aragonese Knights in Rhodes.

Cristobal does not like this plan at all and decides to take action.

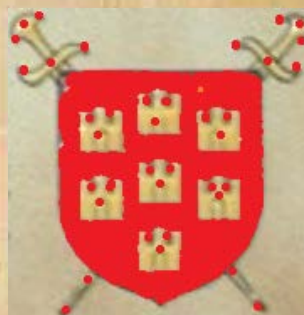
He arranges a conspiracy meeting, but not at the Inn of Spain, where conspirators can be caught.

The ideal choice is the noble Hospice of St. Catherine, where all the pious and noble pilgrims gather to rest. It is a vibrant place full of people, so that one stays unobserved.

If he succeeds he can surely become the next Grand Master in Rhodes.

Cristóbal Rodruguez y Perales

Inn of Spain





Dieudonné as many of the French Knights has studied medicine.

His dream is to run the First Hospital starting as a simple knight serving the sick. Indeed he does that upon his arrival in Rhodes.

However, the Grand Apothecary, a knight from England, responsible for the procurement of drugs, does not like Dieudonné's fervor. In fact he does not like the French Knights at all, as many of his ancestors have lost their lives in the battlefields in France.

He decides to set him up in a fraud with drugs, punishable with the own life. Dieudonné needs now to prove his innocence and to probe what is going on the the Hospital.

Is there another way to save his life and become the next Grand Master in Rhodes?

Dieudonné de Milly

Inn of France





Jacques de Boullion is a great warrior..
He came to Rhodes to fight against the Turks.

Upon his arrival he was sent to Sir John Whiteman, the English Turcopolier of the Order and responsible for the horses and their equipment as a personal assistant.

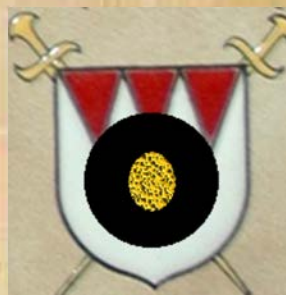
Jacques starts to inspect every detail in the Arsenal and is confronted with a bad picture: the equipment is old and neglected, the horses run down, but with few exceptions.

What shall he do? Report of the situation to to Sir John Whiteman, or is the English Turcopolier of the Order part of this?

Jacques mission is getting complicated and he needs to clear the situation if he aims to become the next Grand Master of the illustrious Order of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John in Rhodes.

Jacques de Bouillion

Inn of France





Grand Master Robert de Juilly is good and conscientious administrator who held his provincial chapters with the required regularity.

Noticed by the King of France Charles V, he participated in several of the king's councils and in 1370 he was general of the aids in the city, viscounty and diocese of Paris.

He learned of his election to the head of his Order as Grand Master no later than June 8, 1374. In January 1375, he embarked at Brindisi for Rhodes, with his trusted knight Armand de Perigor.

Two years later Grand Master de Juilly dies and Armand is isolated as the Aragonese Hospitaller Heredia wins the election.

What shall Armand do? Leave Rhodes for his home down St. Denis, or try to get in the way of Heredia?

If he decides for the latter option, then he needs to be supported. By whom and how?

Armand de Perigor

Inn of France





The Grand Master is elected for life. The Order is governed by its Grand Master and the Council and mints its own money.

The reason for there being so many French grand masters was that the Inns of France, Auvergne and Provence support each other and thus outnumber the other nationalities. French is the spoken language, although Latin is used in official documents.

The members of the Order are grouped according to regions known as 'Langues'. The eight Langues were Provence, Auvergne, France, Italy, Aragon, Castile with Portugal, England with Scotland and Ireland), and Germany. Each Langue included the Priors, Bailiwicks and Commanderies.

Knight de Montmorency comes from an illustrious house from France. When Grand Master Heredia died, he was replaced by Ricardo Caracciolo from Naples. However Caracciolo does not set foot on Rhodes. Claude does not see any reason to support any other Inns but the French. Will Claude betray Caracciolo or will he honour his Hospitaller oath? For Claude starts a moral battle.

Claude de Monmerency

Inn of France





Jean-Christoph from Berry in France came to Rhodes, when Fra Pedro Raimondo Zacosta is the Grand Master.

Rhodes handles pepper, caviar, perfumes, fabrics, carpets, olive oil, wines, sugar, soap and slaves.

Zacosta's idea is that all foreign merchants shall pay 2% on all imported goods if they want the harbor chain to come down and their ship enters the Commercial Port of Rhodes.

Zacosta collects this money for the defense of Rhodes and needs a hand to help him imposing the tax.

Jean Christoph is ready for this mission, but it proves not an easy one. Foreign Merchants are terribly shocked and try to bribe everyone at the Port Authority. Jean-Christoph knows, that if he completes his mission, he will become the next Grand Master in Rhodes.

Jean-Christoph de Berry
Inn of France





Périchon is the eye and the ear of Grand Master de Naillac. After the defeat of the Hospitallers and the massacre of the Christian forces by Sultan Bayezid Pildirim in Nicopolis, Philibert de Naillac managed to reorganize the Order of the Hospital. The economics of the Order have been severely tested by Juan Fernández de Heredia, Grand Master from 1377 to 1396.

Naillac charged the treasurer of the Order, Jean de Patru, to go to Italy, to the great priories of Lombardy, Venice, Pisa and Rome in order to collect money.

Périchon, assigned to escort Jean de Patru, understands the difficulty of the mission and decides to keep a codified diary. However, one day his diary disappears.

Périchon finds himself in an unknown territory surrounded by enemies. What can he do?

Périchon de Paulhac

Inn of France





In 1309 the Hospitallers moved their headquarters to Rhodes. Despite the huge benefits to the Order from the suppression of the Knights Templars, whose assets were assigned to the Hospitallers by the Pope in 1312, Grand Master's Villaret campaigns for territorial expansion ran the Order heavily into debt.

The French Knight Geoffroy de Pagnac makes allegations of the Grand Master's tyrannical, behaviour, although none of these allegations are proven. On the contrary Knights from the Inn of Italy, claim that Villaret was treated unjustly. In 1317, the Order attempted a coup against Villaret.

A group of knights led went to assassinate the Grand Master at his residence, but his chamberlain aided his escape. Has Knight de Pagnac joined the conspirators?

Geoffroy de Pagnac

Inn of France





Aloisio Orsini, is an Italian knight faithful to Grand Master Villaret. When the Order tried to assassinate Villaret, Aloisio helped him to flee to the Hospitaller castle at Lindos, where Villaret was besieged by his own Order. I

n the meantime the Knights of Rhodes Maurice de Pagnac as Grand Master, and wrote to Pope John XXII in July to justify their actions.

The Pope summoned both Grand Masters to his court at Avignon to settle the dispute. Aloisio Orsini accompanied Grand Master Villaret to Avignon intending to testify against the false allegations produced by the French Knights against Villaret, a dangerous mission indeed.

Will Aloisio escape the French Knights and become the next Grand Master?

Aloisio degli Orsini

Inn of Italy





The Knight Hugo Henckel is born in Silesia and came to Rhodes as a young page. He was knighted in Rhodes by Grand Master Maurice de Pagnac, who died of age.

His successor Hélion de Villeneuve is not very fond of the German Emperor and suspects all Germans as imperial spies.

This will make difficult for Hugo Henckel to climb the Hospitaller ladder. Still the young Knight is skilled in economic matters, and good men are needed to manage the Order's financial issues, which are strained due to the military campaigns conducted by Grand Master Villaret.

What shall Hugo Henckel do to gain the trust of Hélion de Villeneuve?

Ritter Hugo Henckel von Donnersmarck

Inn of Germany





My honour is not what I shout to you about me, but what you shout to each other about me. This is the life principle of the German Knight. The brave Bohemundus has saved the life of the Grand Prior of Aquitaine, Philibert de Naillac at the battle of Nicopolis in 1395.

The battle proved a disaster for the Christian forces leading to the capture of Boucicault, Marshall of France and the massacre of many knights.

Bohemundus von Hoffmanstahl and Philibert de Naillac together with king Sigismund managed to reach Constantinople on a Hospital ship. It was there that de Naillac learned of his election as Grand Master. He then joined Rhodes with Bohemundus at his side.

The experience of the defeat led de Naillac to fortify Rhodes at the earnest and assigned the task to Bohemundus, who started erecting the harbor tower. Having the trust of the Grand Master it seems that Bohemundus will become the next Grand Master.

But the Spanish and the French Knights do not welcome the German protegee. The path of Bohemundus is full of traps. Will he make it to become the next Grand Master?

Bohemundus von Hoffmanstahl
Inn of Germany





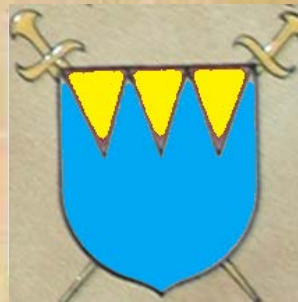
In the month of January 1505 the feared pirate Kemal Reis makes his appearance in Rhodian water with several ships and the blessings of Sultan Bayezid he assaulted Rhodes, but failed. Then he goes to Leros.

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The Turks see this big army with fully armored warriors with the white cross on their chests to defend the Castle and freeze with astonishment. They decide to give up. Will Paolo Simeoni become the next Grand Master in Rhodes?

Paolo Simeoni
Inn of Italy





Invited by Grand Master Pierre d'Aubusson, the Turkish Prince Cem arrives in Rhodes on the 29th of June 1482. He wanted to leave the island after a short time and he made an agreement with the knights about this.

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Onofre de Perpignan is entrusted with the construction of the house for Prince Cem. Given that Rhodes is now full of Turkish spies trying to assassinate Cem, the mission of Onofre de Perpignan is dangerous. Will he be able to complete it and become the next Grand Master in Rhodes?

Onofre de Perpignan
Inn of France





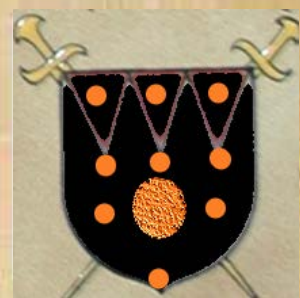
The German Knights who reside in Rhodes are not as many as the French, the Italians and the Spanish. But they are very loyal.

The Knights did not forget their original calling establishing a Hospital for serving pilgrims to the East and a separate Infirmary for the brethren.

Grand Master Antoni Flubia plans to open a much larger hospital in 1440. He plans to donate 10.000 golden coins from his personal fortune.

The brave Eberhard von Lothringen is the suitable person to cross the Alps and get to Segarra in Catalunya, sell the land and return with the proceeds. If he succeeds, nothing will impede him become the next Grand Master in Rhodes.

Eberhardt von Lothringen
Inn of Germany





Ermegart is a scholar. He is keen in Latin, Greek and speaks all the languages of the Knights. The best for him is to work with the Chancellor of the Order of St. John, the Flemish knight Guillaume Caoursin, who fought during the siege of Rhodes in 1480.

Caoursin quickly recognizes the skills of Ermegart and assigns him treasurer of the official documents of the Order in the Palace of the Grand Master.

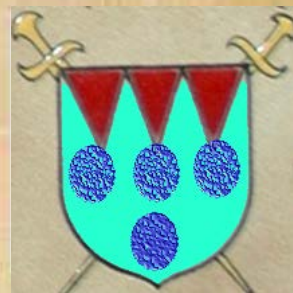
During a typical check, Ermegart discovers documents, that incriminate a Spanish knight for conspiracy against the Grand Master.

Ermegart starts to investigate. But his path is full of dorns, especially after a fire broke out in the Chancellery.

Chancellor Caoursin is having second thoughts on Ermegart. What is to be done now?

Ermegart von Hildesheimer

Inn of Grmany





Wiprecht's passion are the horses. All knights lover their horses, but Wiprecht lives for them. His dream is to become the Great Turcopolier of the Knights Hospitallers of St. John in Rhodes.

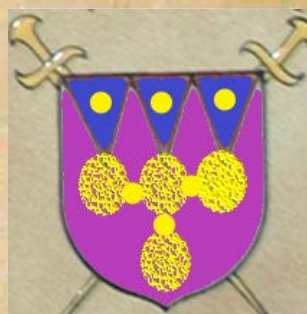
Unfortunately the position is occupied by Sir Henry Cumbersome from London. Sir Henry is an aged British Knight is not very welcoming the subjects of the Holy Roman Emperor and distrusts the Germans as his agents.

Wiprecht has to think of a good plan to ensure the post. After all, the aged Sir Henry is not up to the task anymore. He is ready for any action. Wiprect is devising a plan to get rid of Sir Henry.

But a mute servant overhears him talking to another German knight. May be Wiprecht's plan will not be executed after all.

Wiprecht von Tammerheim

Inn of Grmany





Hasso is a very religious man. He is devoted to the Order's principles, chastity is one of them.

In 1483 Rhodes is full of Muslim merchants, as a consequence of the peace with the Ottoman Turks. Not only in commercial affairs, but also in love affairs are the Muslim merchants interested.

However the Order's rules are strict: Each Christian girl that comes to contact Muslims or Jews, or anyone who facilitates such relationships is doomed to be burned at stake.

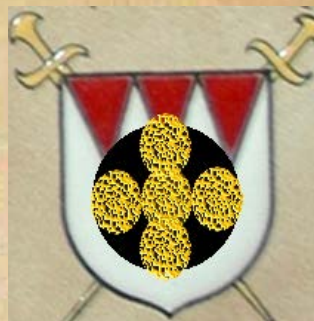
Hasso is the best man to supervise the behavior of the populace in the area of the port and report to the Grand Commander.

Still, not everybody is happy with Hasso doing that job well.

What can Hasso do to protect his life and become the next Grand Master in Rhodes?

Hasso von Berchtesburg

Inn of Germany





In 1480 the plan of the Ottoman Alexih Pasha to take Rhodes was a simple one: the city of Rhodes will be encircled and the access to the sea should be disabled and the defenders run out of supplies. Then the army shall attack the sea wall, which is the weak feature of the defense.

The Tower of st. Nichols is mercilessly bombarded and the enemy tried the first assault across the sea wall. Around the Tower the sea turned red by the blood of the wounded men, but the Knights, led by William of Leicesterville, succeeded to hold on.

William orders actions against the enemy to be performed every night by small bands of Rhodians sent out from secret passages to short and quick hacking mission against the Turks.

In this way William managed to catch a Turkish spy last minute before poisoning the food of Grand Master d' Aubusson. Will William become the next Grand Master?

William of Leicesterville
Inn of England





On the 17th of June 1480 the young Knight Roger Jervis is defending with other knights the tower of St. Nicholas.

When the night fell Roger noticed strange movements in the enemy camp. He realized that the Turks using boats and barrels are constructing a pontoon bridge with a line fixed at one end.

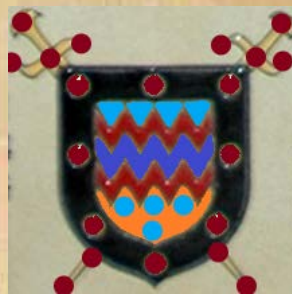
The line is dropped into the water and guided through the ring of an anchor is secretly fixed on the rocks around the shore.

By pulling this line from the opposite shore the bridge would stop at the rocks and the troops would jump on the shore.

Roger decides to act before it is too late. He dives into the sea water unobserved and cuts the line holding the pontoon bridge. Set free and carried by the currents the bridge drifts away from the shore to the open sea with all the enemy troops on it.

On the 27th of July 1480 the Turks give up the siege leaving 9.000 deads and 15.000 wounded behind them. Nothing can stop Roger Jervis from becoming the next Grand Master. Is it so?

Roger Jervis
Inn of England





Sir Henry is a knight in his late forties. He came to Rhodes invited by Grand Master Fluvia, whom he met, when the latter was a political refugee in Guissona in the county of Argell.

Fluvia supported Count James II of Argell in 1423 in his revolt against Ferdinand I of Aragon.

After the revolt failed, Fluvia left the country with the help of Sir Henry Timberlake and joined the Order of St. John of Rhodes, to which some of his relatives already belonged.

When he was elected successor of the late Grand Master Philibert de Naillac in 1421 he immediately invited Sir Henry Timberlake, whom he assigned two tasks: to reinforce the fortifications of Rhodes reinforced and encourage piracy against the Egyptian Mamluks.

Sir Henry is an experienced naval officer and battle-proven. It is very likely that he can complete his task. It seems that he can easily become the next Grand Master. Still, not everybody is happy about it.

Henry of Timberlake
Inn of England





Thomas Scott is a devout Catholic from the Priory in Scotland. He was sent to Rhodes for his mariner skills, but he was caught by Barbary pirates. He remembers:

"We were six men chained to a bench naked as we were born, one foot on the stretcher, the other lifted and placed against the bench in front of us.

We support a vastly heavy oar with hands stretching our bodies backwards while our arms push the loom of the oar clear of the backs of those in front of us.

We are rowing ten, twelve, even twenty hours at a stretch, without rest. The officers go around and put pieces of bread soaked in wine into the mouths of the wretched rowers to prevent them from fainting. If one falls exhausted he is flogged until dead and then thrown over board. "

Thomas Scott survived because he was cunning and had great endurance and good health when he was caught. He was liberated in 1516 by the galley of the Hospitaller admiral Constanto Operti and he is now responsible for the shipyard of the Knights.

If a Muslim spy is caught in the shipyard, Thomas Scott knows how to extract the information. May be he shall become the next Grand Master.

Thomas Scott
Inn of England





In 1478 Ignacio was called to join the newly founded Spanish Inquisition. In 1492 he was sent with admiral Cristobal Colon to the discovery of the new lands. His tasks was to proselytize the locals.

He returned to Spain and from he came to Rhodes to serve the victor of Sultan Mehmet and Cardinal Pierre d'Aubusson, Grand Master in Rhodes and Cardinal of the Holy Seat.

Aubusson is very worried that spies, heretics, Jews and prostitutes fill the city causing great scandals and lots of troubles.

On a citizens' request, the Order restricts the prostitutes and forbids them to live in houses adjoining to those of virtuous women.

But where a prostitute owned her own house, anyone wishing to evict her, had to buy the house from her.

Ignacio has to find a solution for all these problems. May be he is suitable to become the next Grand Master in Rhodes?

Ignacio de Palumbos y Alcaterra

Inn of Spain





In 1522 the Hospitallers under the pressure of the merchants negotiate the the surrender of Rhodes to Suleiman, who did not manage to take this impregnable fortress by with treason from inside. On the 24th of December 1522, while everybody is in church, the Ottoman troops rush Rhodes, beat and torture the people to reveal hidden money and valuables. Rape is rampant. Hospital patients do not escape rough handling.

Churches are cleaned out, holy relics are destroyed and defiled. Hoping to find buried treasures they destroy the graves of the Grand Masters. Sultan Suleiman converts the Church Saint John into a Mosque, which is soon the fate of all other churches. Knight Velasquitas y Corbero collects all documents from the Chancellery and brings them to the port. He knows that for this deed, he will become the next Grand Master of the Order. But not in Rhodes...

Pedro Velasquitas y Corbero

Inn of Spain





The most impressive gate of Rhodes from a military viewpoint is no doubt that built by Grand Master Emery d'Amboise. It is completed in 1512: the access is protected by two massive round towers clearly designed to withstand the Ottoman cannon.

If the enemy had managed to make his way through the gate still he would not have gained access to the town. Exactly to serve this cause d'Amboise modified the design of the walls so that there are three other gates between the external gate and the town.

Don Sisulfo Fitivaldo is a widower knight from the Tongue of Castille, who has paid large sums for the wall section of Castille.

He has become a confident of d'Amboise and the Inn of Spain consider him the best option for the next Grand Master. Some Spanish knights do not wish to wait until d'Amboise dies and confine a hideous plan to Don Sisulfo. Will he betray his kin or his Grand Master? Don Sisulfo is the only one who knows what to do.

Sisulfo Fitivaldo
Inn of Spain





In September 1522, inside the fortified City of Rhodes, Chief Engineer Gabriele Tadino da Martinengo, collects from the barbershops all the shaving bowls. He suspends a small clapper over each shaving bowl, and places the bowls at the most crucial locations of the wall.

He runs up and down with a tightly stretched tambourine. He places the tambourine on the ground like the doctor's stethoscope and makes the diagnosis, where a mine is dug out. Then a countermine has to be dug out as well.

Gabriele Tadino di Martinengo is shot in the head and although not mortally wounded, he is confined in the Hospital for 6 weeks. The disablement of the Chief Engineer in a sinister moment, where the Turks were doubling the mining efforts below the defenses is a tragic blow.

The Spanish knight Lorenzo Maltraya y Himenez must replace him. If he succeeds to blow up the Janissaries, he will become the next Grand Master in Rhodes.

Lorenzo Maltraya y Himenez

Inn of Spain





At the Battle Post of England Grand Master Jean Bonpart de Lastic builds in 1437 the Tower of the Virgin. The task of Sir John Whitmore from the Priory of Lancaster, a newcomer in Rhodes, is to supervise the construction.

Still much trouble is caused by different opinions among the masons. Is this standard practice in Rhodes, or have trouble makers infiltrated the building brigade. Sir John needs to find out.

Sir John Whitmore
Inn of England





On June 1522 the invading armada of 400 ships under the command of Sultan Suleiman descends upon the Order in Rhodes.

Against a force of 200,000 Ottomans, the Knights, under Grand Master Philippe Villiers de L'Isle-Adam, has 300 knights and 6,500 men-at-arms.

Sir James Fletcher takes the responsibility to lead the defense at the battlepost of England. Sir James is both confident and ambitious and most of all fearless.

Sir James needs a victory against the Turks to become the next Grand Master in Rhodes. However, as any siege is a sequence of unexpected events, Sir James need to be very cautious.

Sir James Fletcher

Inn of England





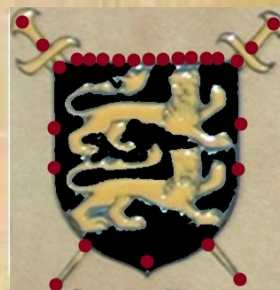
In September 1522 during the siege of Rhodes by Sultan Suleiman, two huge gunpowder mines explode under the bastion of England. The explosion brings down twelve yards of wall which fill the moat, - for the Turks it is the perfect breach into the wall.

They immediately assault the ramparts and soon hold the gap. The English Knights are assisted by the German brothers under Fra' Nicholas Hussey hold an inner barricade.

The English Knights must regroup and charge the Turkish position. Suddenly, in the heat of the battle, a young nobleman, Sir Geoffry Smithes led his countrymen to drive back the Turks and even capture their standards.

For Geoffry Smithes the way to become the next Grand Master in Rhodes is paved.

Sir Geoffry Smithes
Inn of England





Fabrizio like all his ancestors, has a mariner's soul. He arrived in Rhodes bringing on the board of Santa Maria noble pilgrims from Jerusalem. He meets with the Italian brothers at the harbor, who help him find the Hospice of St. Catherine and have the noble pilgrims rest in there.

However, when they arrived at the noble lodging, the young noble man Riccardo Pallavicini is missing. Fabrizio needs to find him the soonest possible. He cannot possibly start his tenure in Rhodes with such an incident. What can his plan be?

Fabrizio del Regno

Inn of Italy





As all true Venetians, Maurizio is a merchant soul. All right he is a Hospitaller knight, but money making is also an art. He does find it so bad that some brother trade with goods taken from the pirates, who took them from Rhodian ships.

Right from the start, he has made contacts with all Florentine bankers -the enemies of Venice- in Rhodes: Peruzzi, Bardi, Altovitti, Capponi, Federoghi, Quaratesi, Acciaiuoli they all know Maurizio. But he does not neglect the French and the Dutch bankers either.

Will his mentality will bring him closer to the post of the Grand Master, or should he rather abandon this thought?

Mauricio Contarini

Inn of Italy





The pious knight Sebastiano Loredan, decided to leave his home city, when the Great Council of Venice declared prostitution to be "absolutely indispensable to the world". Soon he found out that government-funded brothels are established in major Italian cities.

The only way for his salvation is to arrive to his Order in Rhodes and find peace of mind.

Still, in the harbor Rhodes, the situation is worse. Sebastiano decides to go to the Inn of Italy and report on the issue. Will the pious Sebastiano find support among his countrymen?

Sebastiano Loredan

Inn of Italy





Linked to the Gritti family who gave a Doge to Venice, Pietro is skilled in sea affairs. In September 1507, the Knights' biggest spoil ever, the Queen of the Seas, is captured from the Sultan of Egypt in Cretan waters. Pietro Gritti has excelled in the battle and the Captain of the Fleet, Andrea d'Amaral, praised the young knight.

But the Captain of the Galleys, Philippe Villiers de l'Isle Adam, from the Tongue of France, has violently quarreled with d'Amaral on how to attack the enemy before the battle. The trouble for Pietro starts before the galleys arrived Rhodes. What is to be done now to easer the anger of the Captain of the Galleys without provoking the anger of the Captain of the Fleet? Our knight has a dilemma to face.

Pietro Gritti

Inn of Italy





There is a rumor among mariners, that the Sultan's admiral, Piri Reis, has prepared a book that contains detailed navigation information with accurate charts. And that it describes important ports and cities of the Mediterranean Sea, where the Turks spy on and recruit crucial information from the locals.

Grand Master Fabrizio del Caretto summons the Roman knight Marcantonio Colonna and sends him ingognito to an impossible mission.

He is the only man, whom del Caretto trusts to find and bring him the map of Piri Reis to Rhodes.

If Marcantonio succeeds, the post of the Grand Master awaits him.

Marcantonio Colonna

Inn of Italy





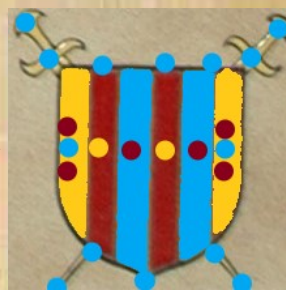
The Venetian Andrea Corner is helping the Roman knight Marcantonio Colonna to discover where is the world navigation map of the Sultan's admiral Piri Reis.

Corner receives news that Piri Reis has drawn his maps using about twenty foreign charts and mappae mundi from Arab, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, Indian and Greek sources, including one of Christopher Columbus.

The Venetian spy network has information about Turkish spies and possibly the maps, but no one is willing to share with Marcantonio, who is Roman. Will Corner share this information with fellow knight Marcantonio Colonna, or will he keep it to himself? Will duty prevail over personal benefit? Andrea Corner is facing a big dilemma.

Andrea Corner

Inn of Italy





The Sultan of Egypt, al-Qunsuh Guri, joins his naval forces with the Ottoman Empire and is about to set up in the Red Sea, a larger fleet and fight the Portuguese in the Indian Ocean. The Knights cross the waters of Cyprus and Caramania, and put an end to the Sultan's plans.

Following the clash between the two fleets the enemy commander is killed and their ships are towed to Rhodes. The mission of Raimondo da Coimbra is to burn to the ground the immense piles of lumber destined for the construction of new enemy vessels in the Red Sea, which he did.

Raimondo da Coimbra is welcomed in triumph with artillery fire and the sound of trumpets and drums, and the population is gathered cheering on the pier. At the port of Rhodes he let the banners of the Sultan drown into the sea as a sign of contempt. No, doubt Knight da Coimbra will become the next Grand Master.

Raimondo da Coimbra

Inn of Castille





In 1481 a big earthquake ruins whatever the Turkish artillery weapon left half standing in the siege of 1480. On the 18th of December 1481, when the Venetian Knight Pier-Maria Bragadin was serving as an Orderly in the Great Hospital, a stronge tremor occurs at 4 o'clock in the morning and a much stronger follows at 6 o'clock.

The Palace of the Grand Master and 3 harbor towers are destroyed. Churches and houses leveled to the ground. Many people are killed. A final tremor in the afternoon brings wind and rain.

People remove their belongings to wooden shacks. The damaged caused by the sea waves is greater by that of the earthquake. Knight Bragadin helped the patients evacuate the Hospital and was greatly praised by the Grand Hospitaller. The next Grand Master in Rhodes is born.

Pier Maria Bragadin

Inn of Italy





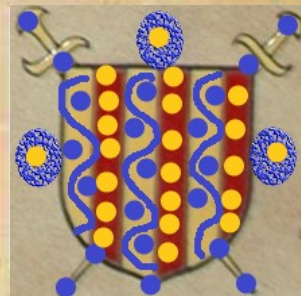
Gandolfo is a noble knight from Conegliano. But he loves playing dice. It is not a habit tolerated by the Order, Gandolfo knows this. But he cannot get rid of this habit, despite the fact that he always owns money to people, who are have trouble with the law. When in 1481 a big earthquake ruined whatever the Turkish artillery weapon left half standing in the siege of 1480, Gandolfo was playing dice in a tavern.

Everybody was killed, when the building's roof collapsed, but him. He is now left alone among the corpses and the money. Gandolfo collects all the money and runs out to help the living. He is praised by the Grand Hospitaller for his role in saving wounded people.

Many think that he will become the next Grand Master in Rhodes. But his secret is not kept to him, as he believes. An indiscreet eyes was watching him collecting from the dead.

Gandolfo Dandolo

Inn of Italy



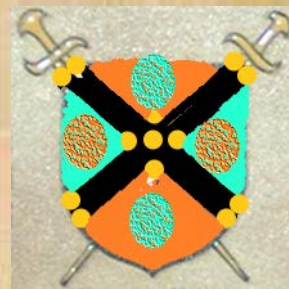


On the 17th of December 1481 awakened by the tremor of the earthquake, some people run to churches to pray, some seek refuge in open spaces, some in the vaults under their houses. 30.000 people are killed in the island of Rhodes. As Clergymen the Knights hold masses and pray. But not only. The Vice-Chancellor of the Knights Guillaume de Caoursin, summons William of Langsley, in the Palace, or rather, what was left of it.

He instructs William to lift taxing the local population and distribute wheat. William has taken serious measures for agriculture and stock breeding and became very popular among the local. The Knights start immediately rebuilding the city and invite bankers from Europe to help. Still the French and Italian bankers do not favor the Englishman. Could William make it to a Grand Master?

William of Langsley

Inn of England





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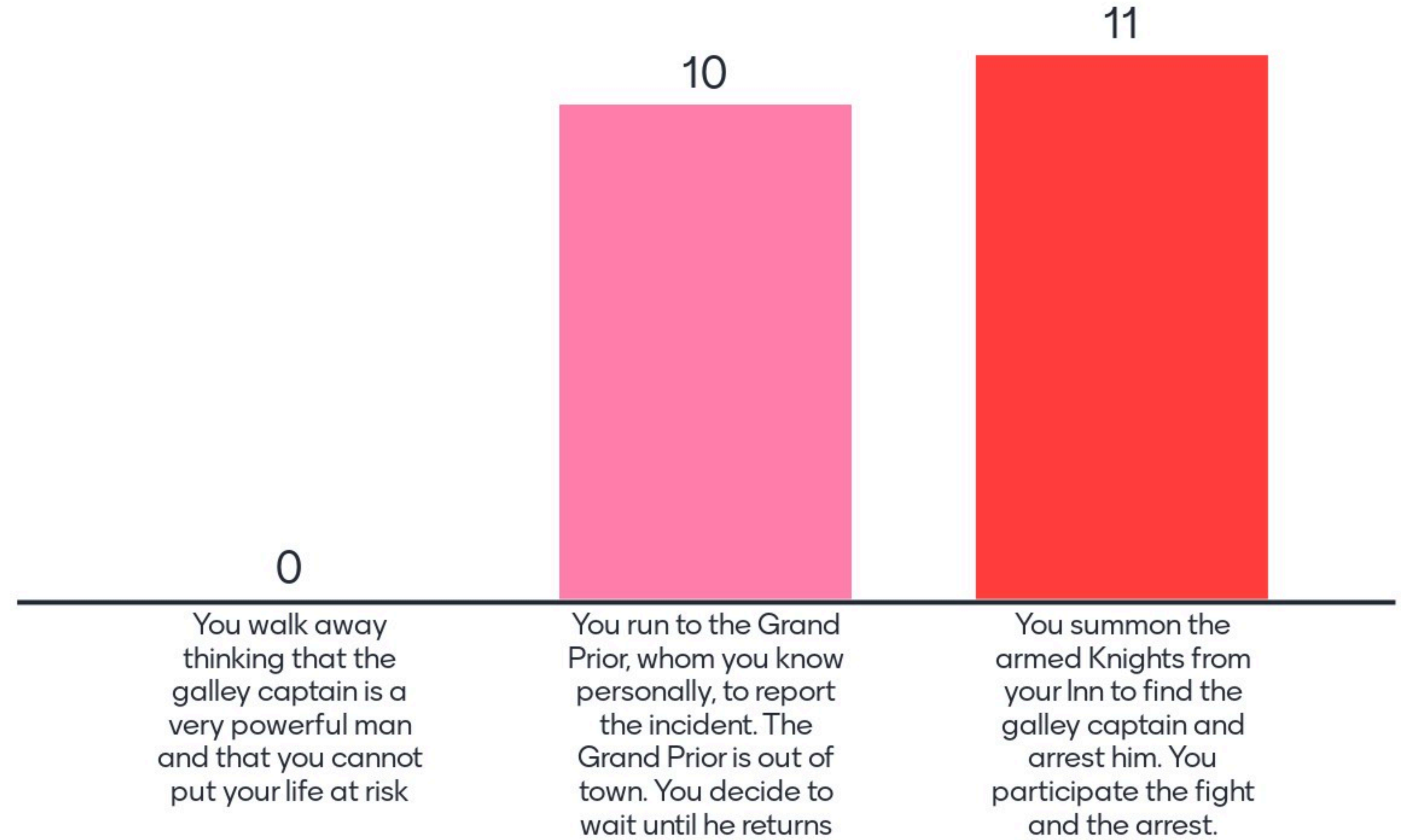


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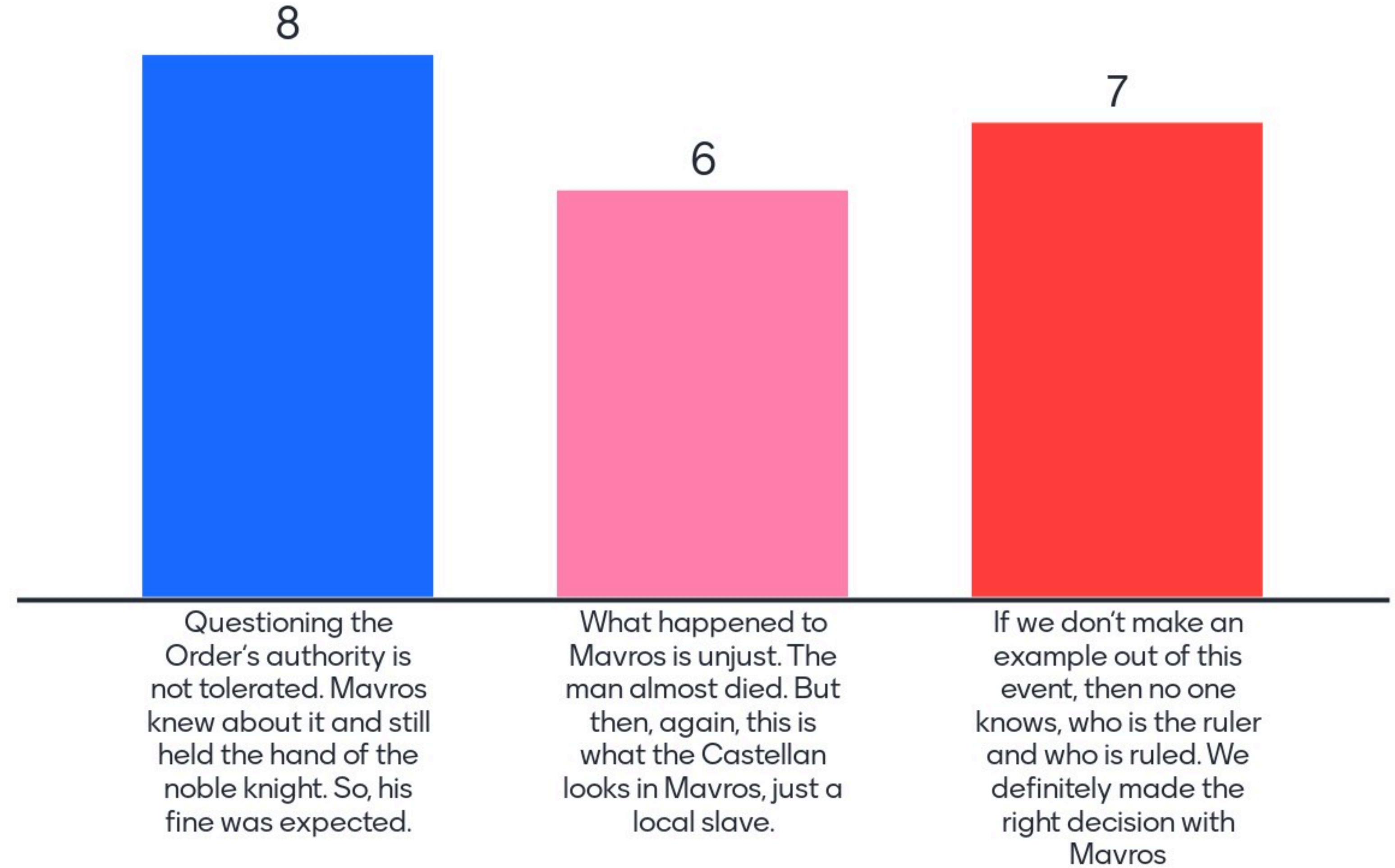


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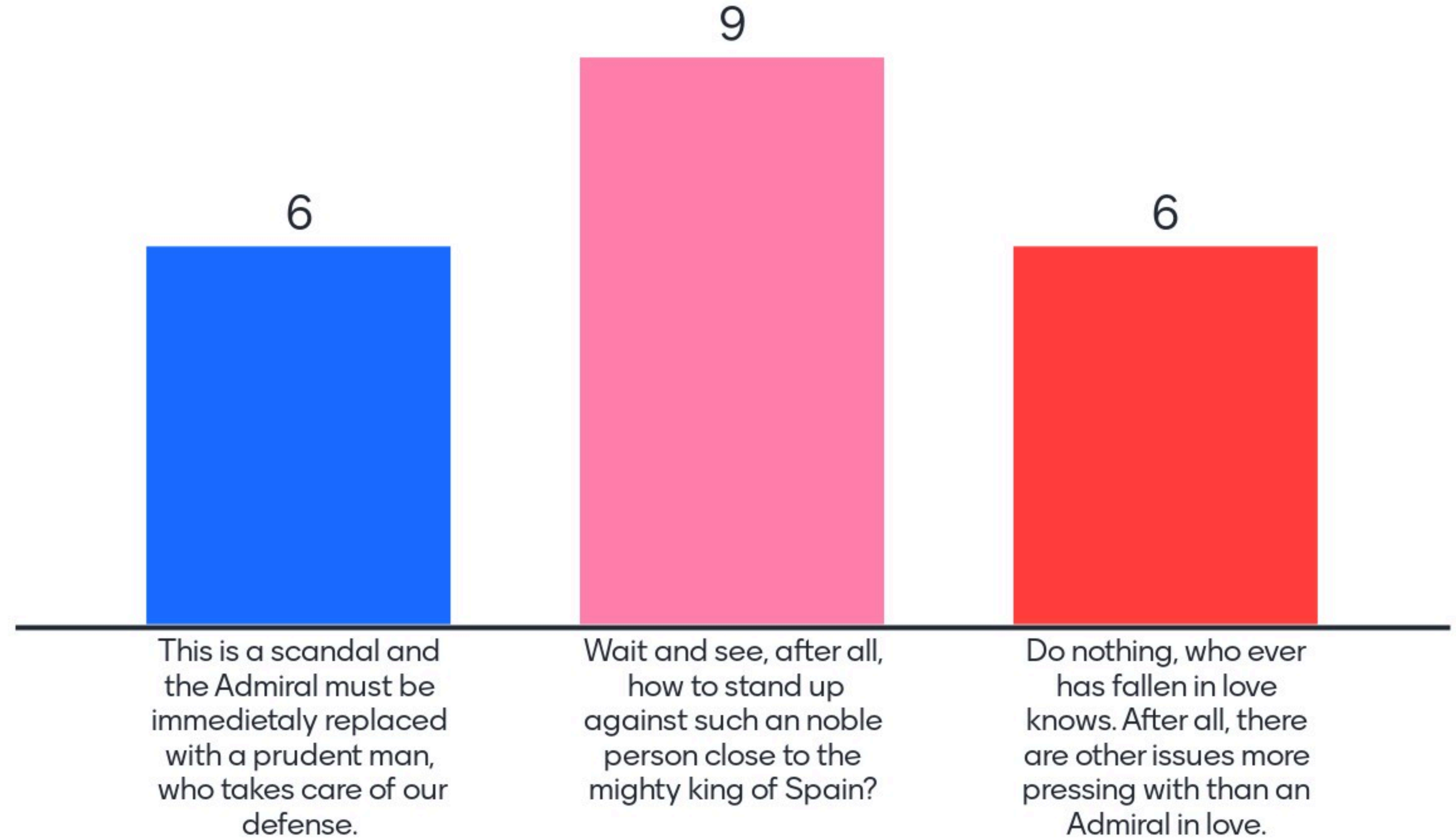


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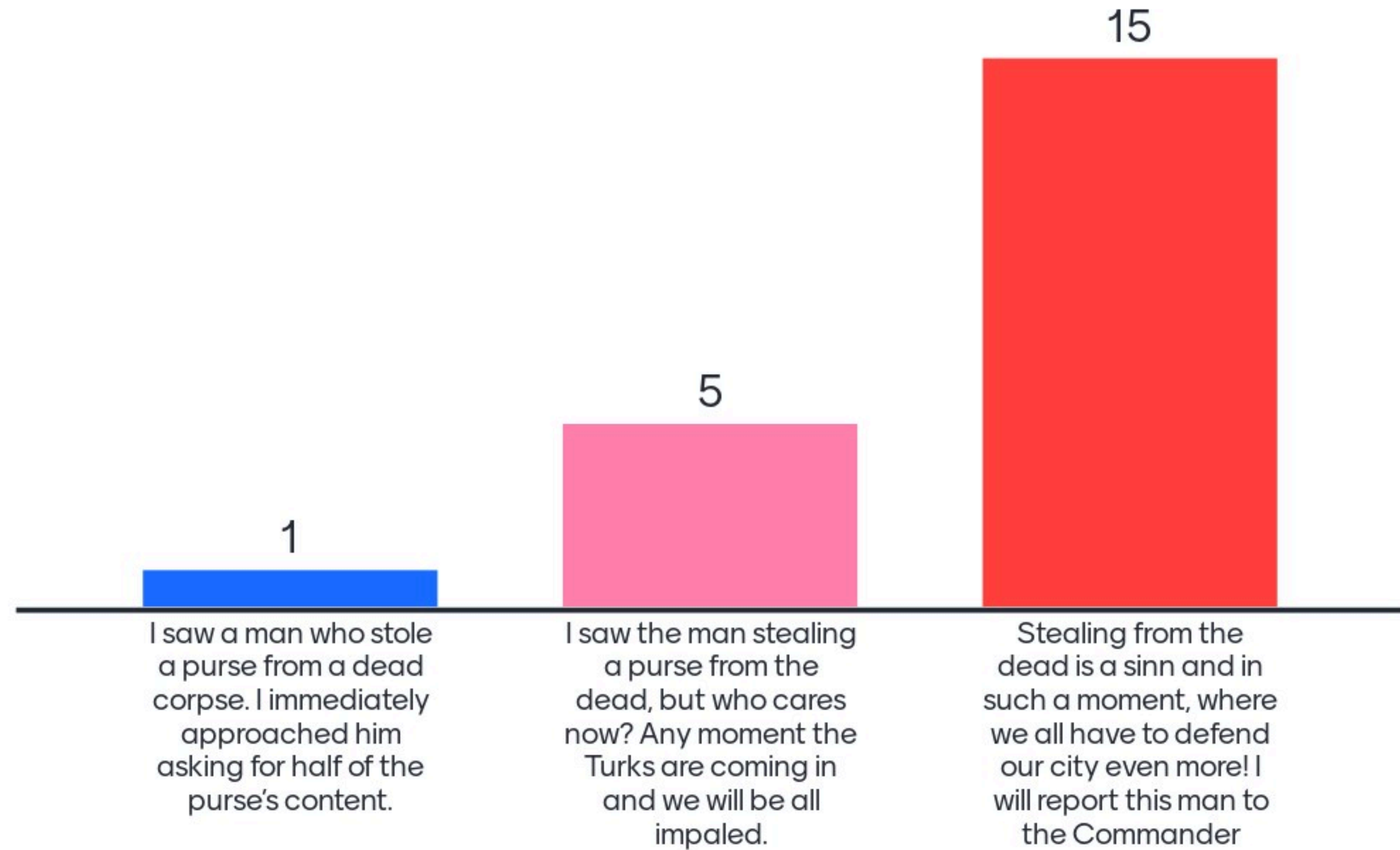




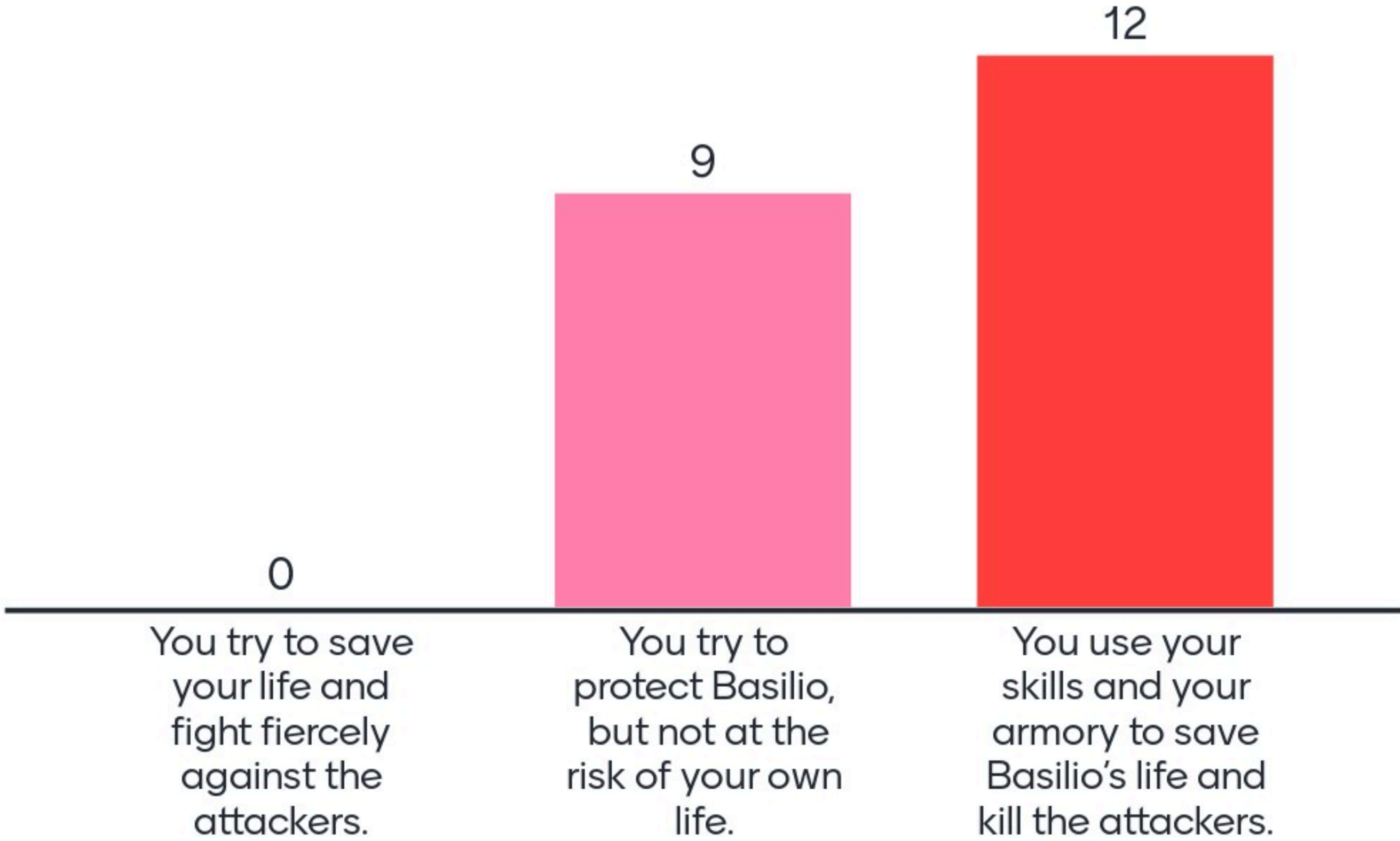
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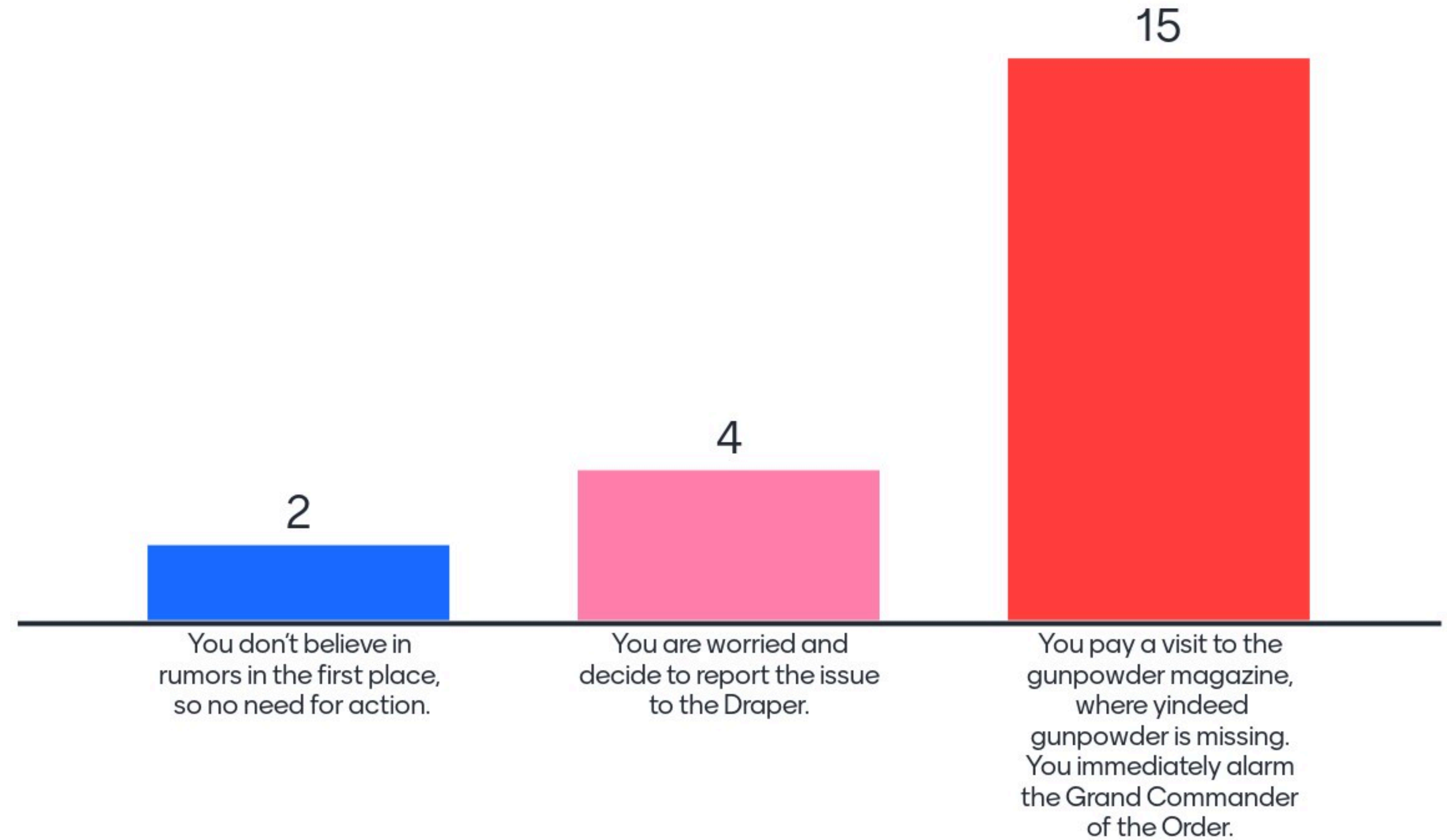


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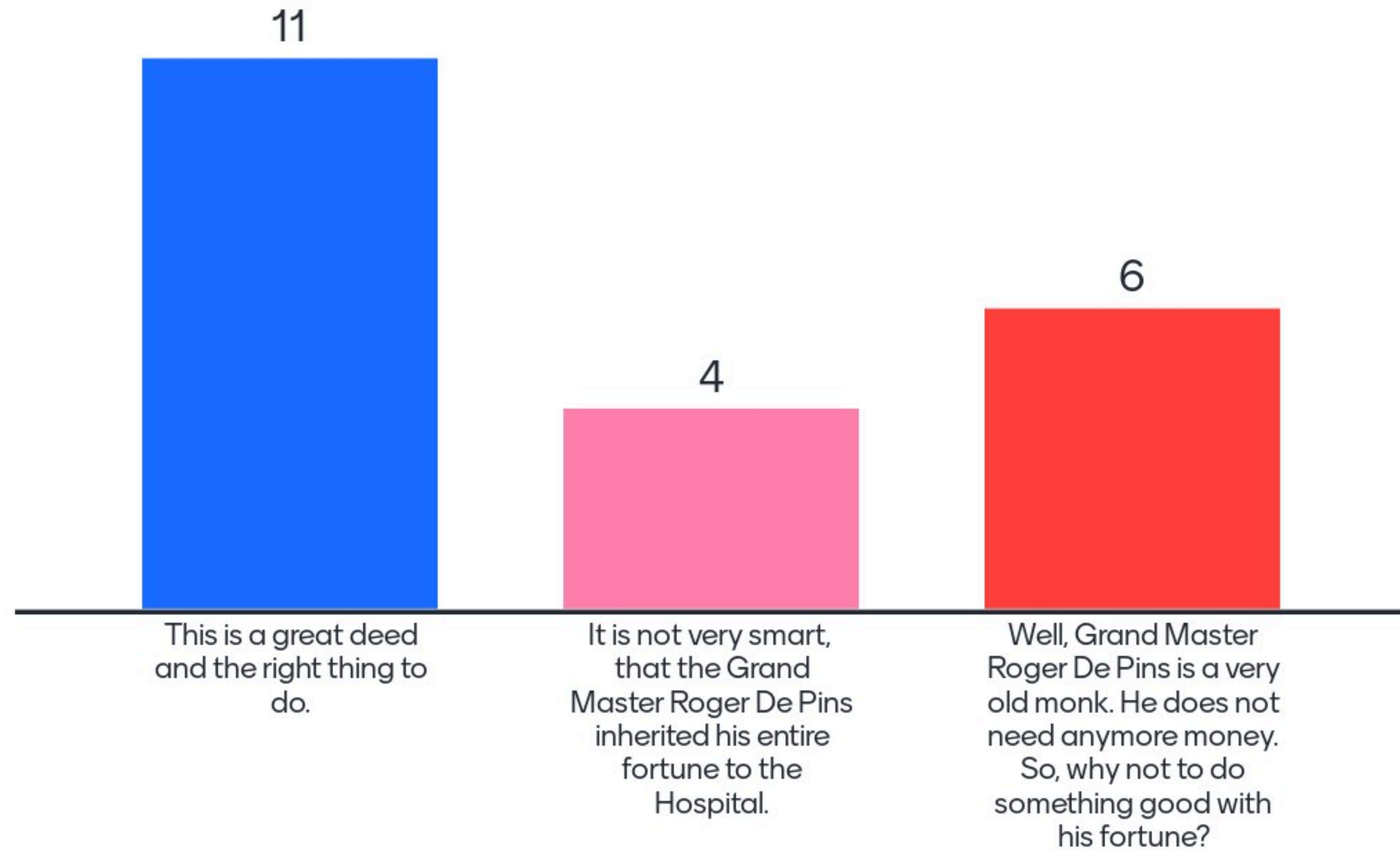


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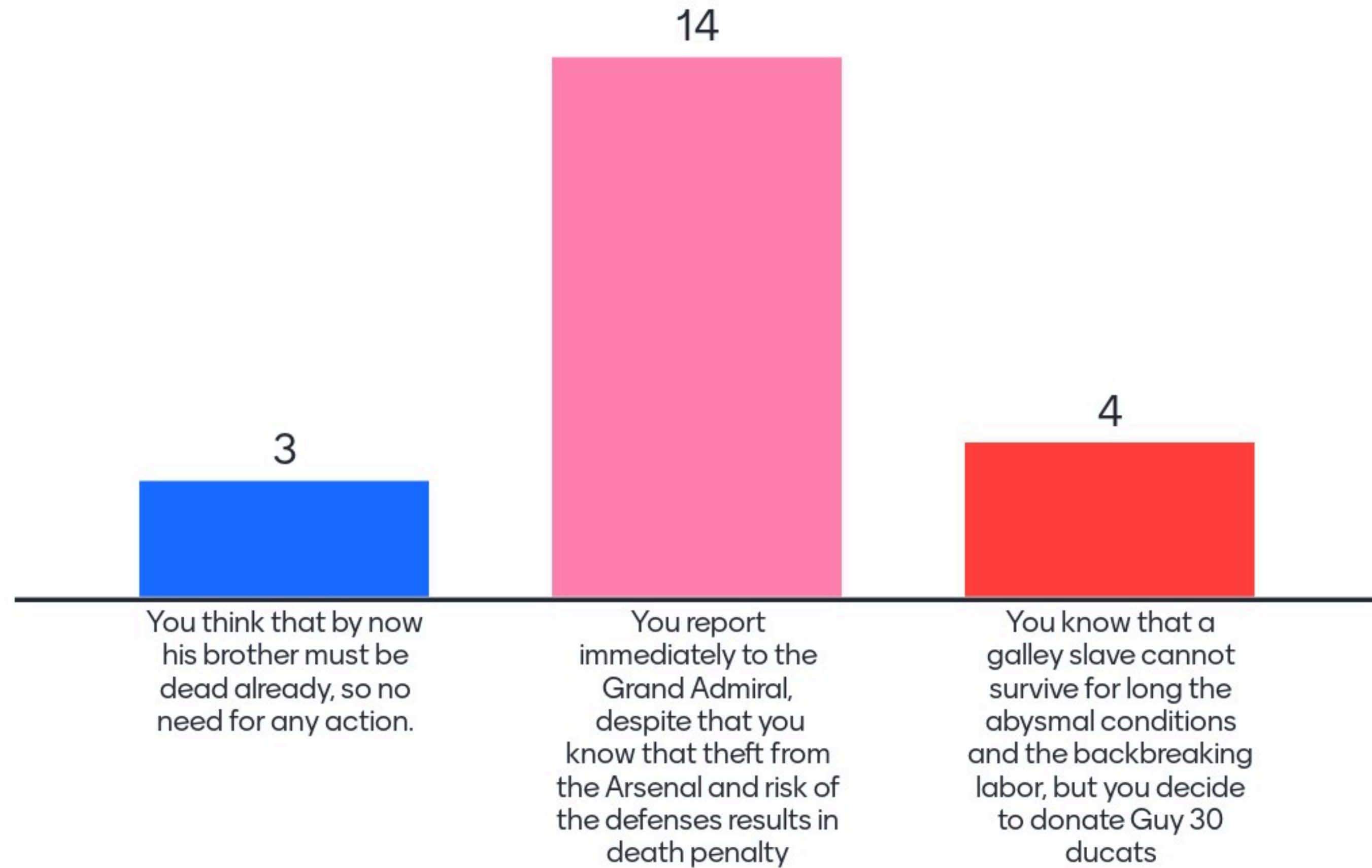


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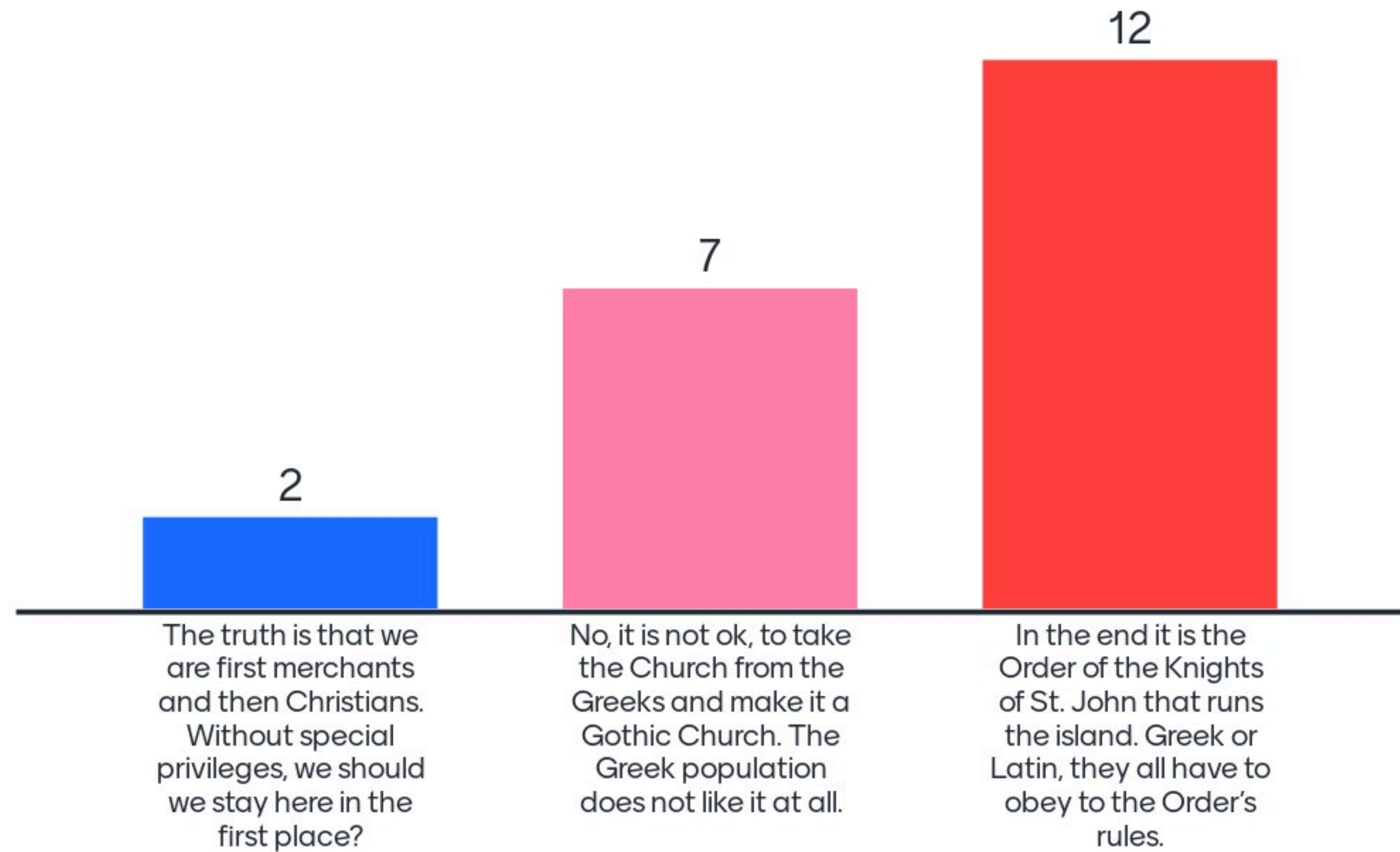


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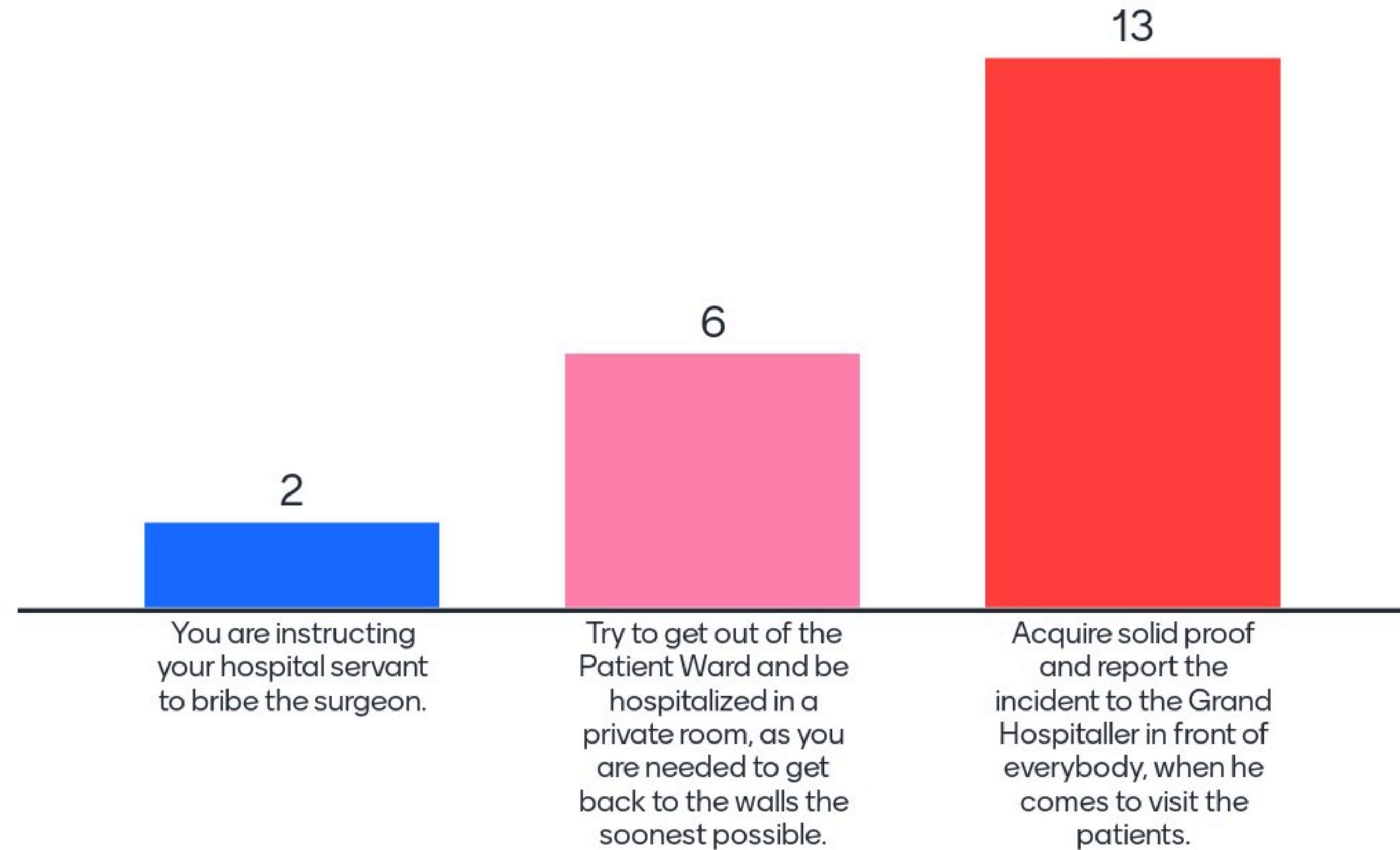


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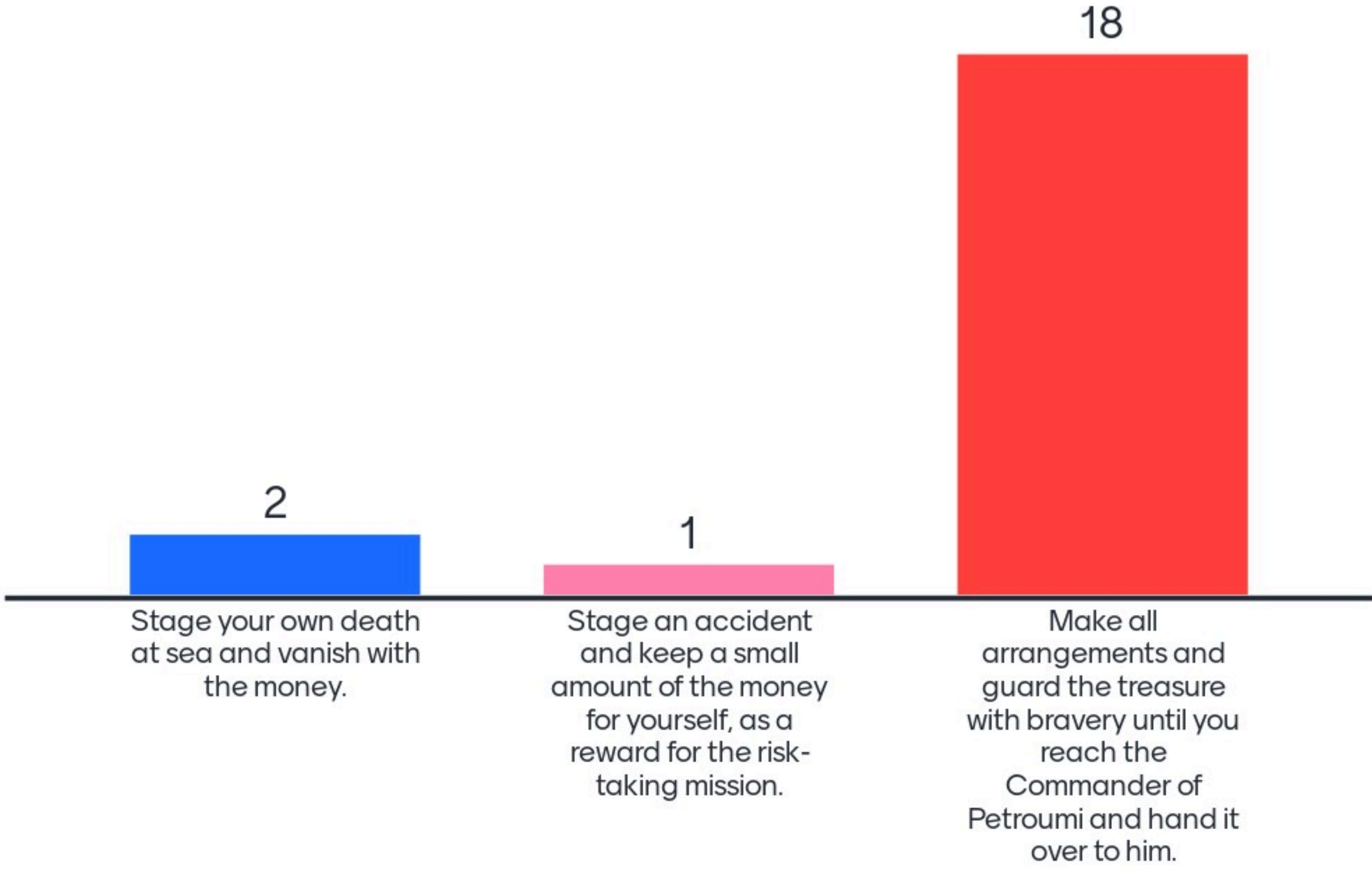




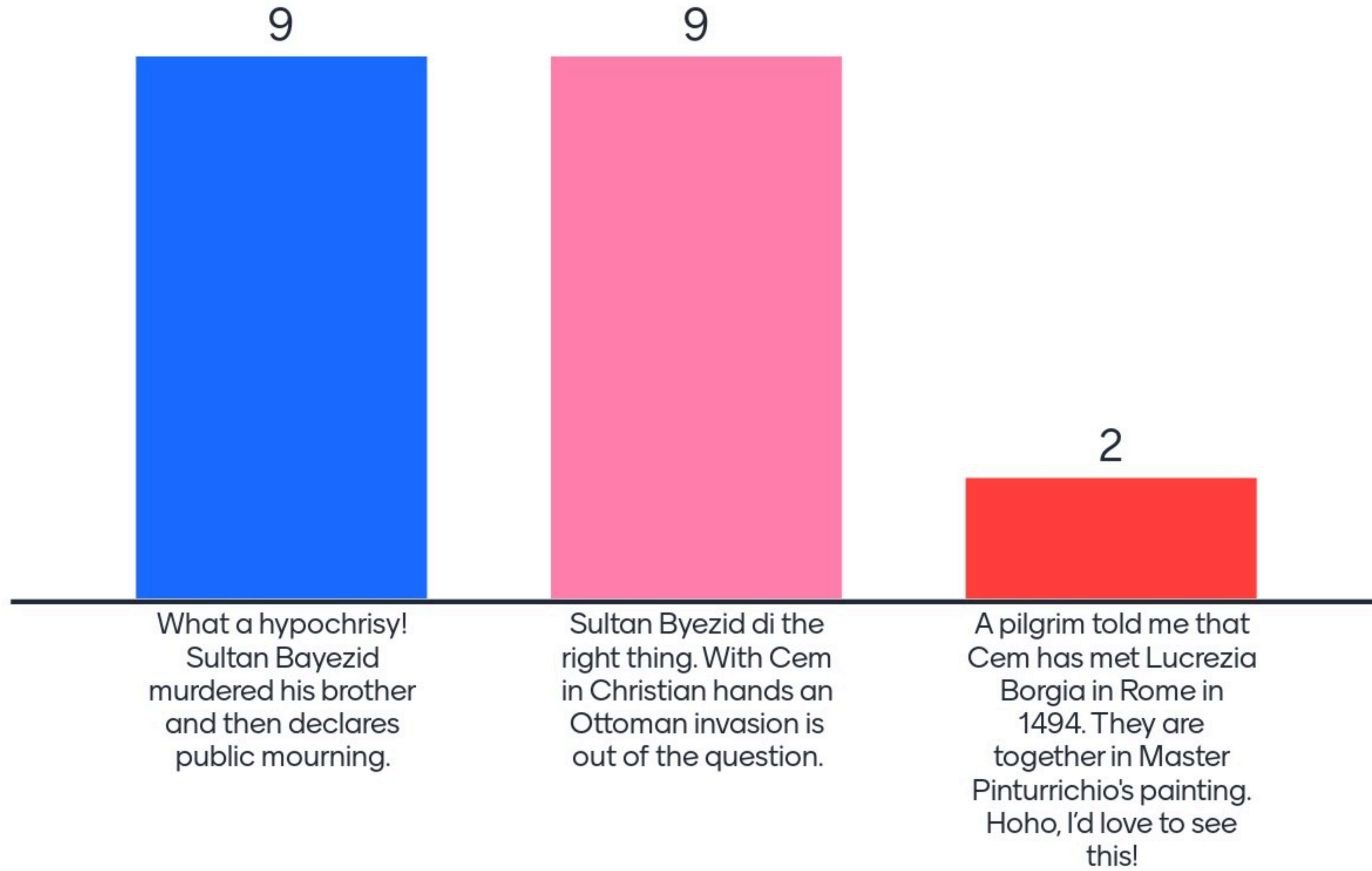
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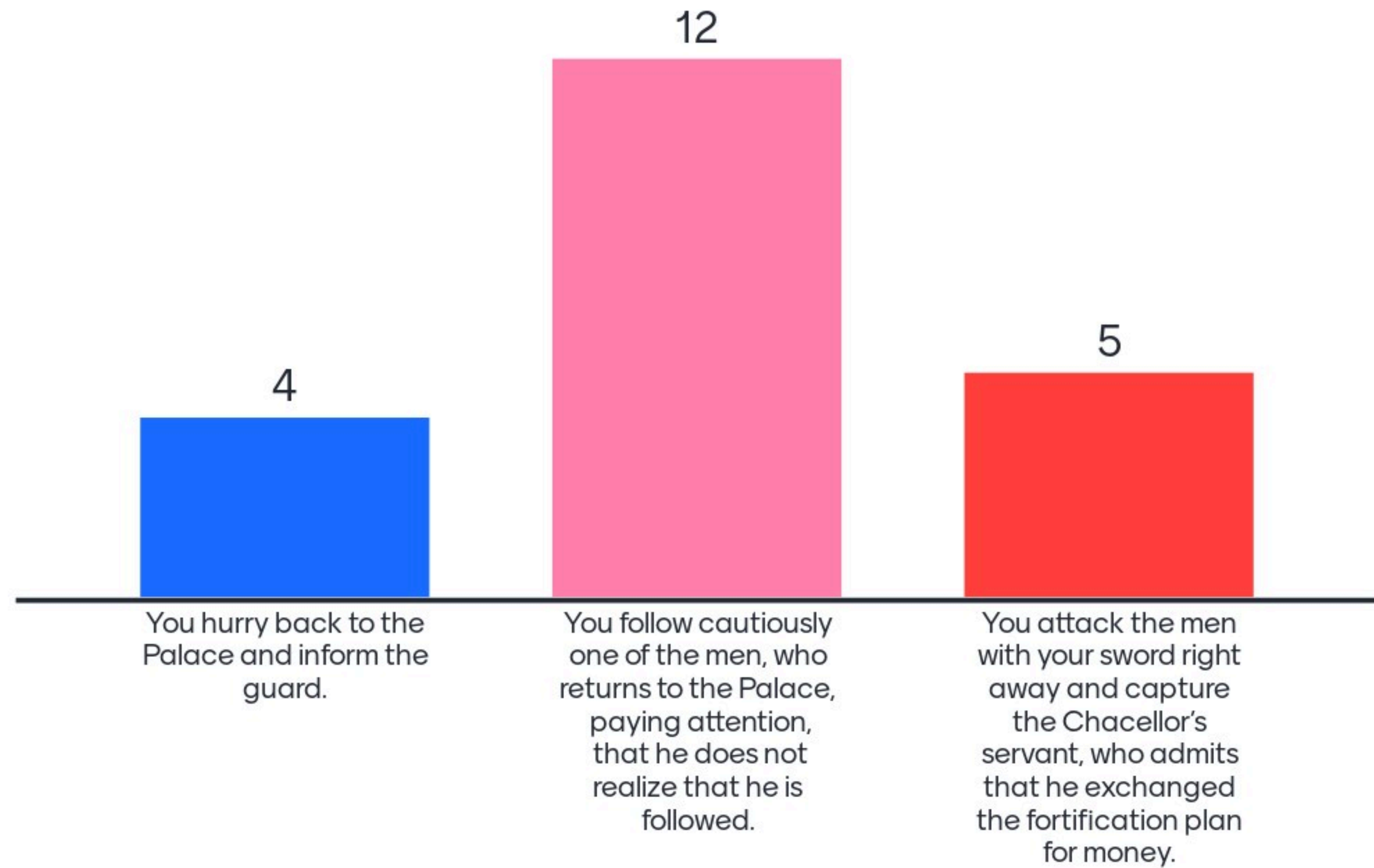


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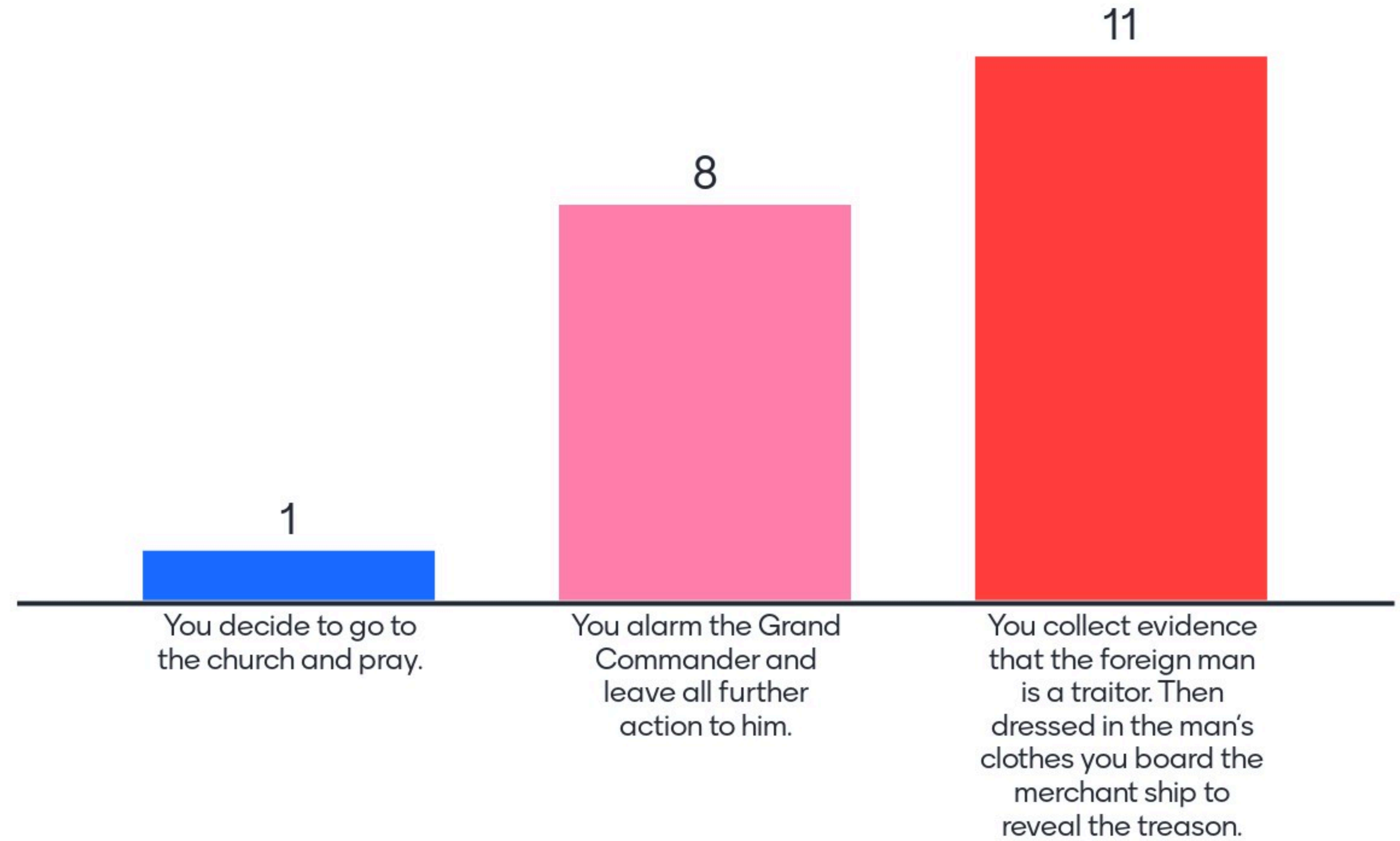


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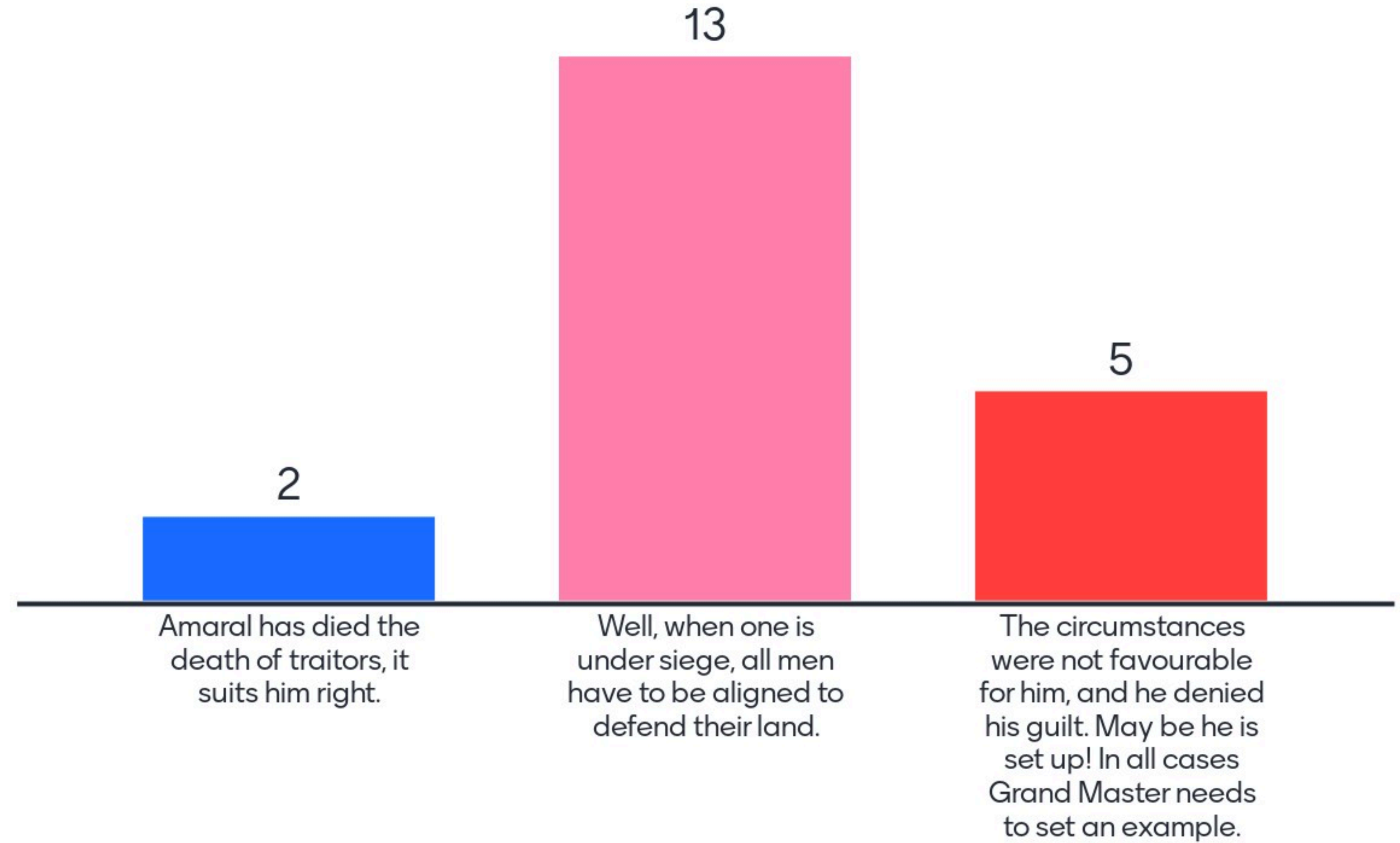




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