



Plato, Aristotle, Socrates...Morons!

Iocane powder is odorless, tasteless, dissolves instantly in liquid, and is among the more deadly poisons known to man. Similarly, there are eight deadly poisons concealed in the following statements. Enter their names in the blanks, and then write out the selected letters, in order, to discover Vizzini's answer to the poison predicament.

I have the rare genius that enables me to sum up people immediately, to know everything about them in a single glance. This apercu rarely proves wrong, and I judge you to be brash and overconfident, not afraid to gamble, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of you.

CURARE
3 13

However, you make your living by piracy, an identity which depends on intimidation and menace, forcing people to accept the options you give them, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of me.

CYANIDE
5 1

There is an air of mayhem locked inside that feigned reserve of yours, a heedlessness of consequence, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of you.

HEMLOCK
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And yet the tenacious pursuit you have displayed shows you to have the instincts of a ferocious bloodhound. If you were a tamer cur you would show restraint and put the poison near yourself. But you are not tame, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of me.

MERCURY
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I am a foreigner to Florin. If I pick that which was not given to me, you're likely to stab me with your shiv, xenophobia being rampant in these parts, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of you.

VX
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Your goblet is made with a coarse nickel alloy which comes from Patagonia. Patagonians, as we all know, make their living herding sheep, which would make you think you could pull the wool over my eyes, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of me.

ARSENIC
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You are a lone wolf, out for yourself and willing to risk your neck for this woman. If you were just a rebel lad on nasty business for a larger faction, you would not be willing to take such risks, but you are, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of you.

BELLADONNA
11 4

But you have shrewdly created this dualistic rubric, intentionally limiting my choices so that my prodigious intellect will tie itself in knots and I will be forced to take what's close to hand, so I can clearly not choose the wine in front of me.

RICIN
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INCONCEIVABLE