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Masquerade crashes again!?

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We thought it couldn't get much worse and worse it got. Mere days after the whole camera debacle the same man, this time without mask murders indiscriminately in a convenience store. This time the footage is even more

provocative and clear, there is neck biting, blood, ignoring being shot, movement faster then should be possible and all that is missing is the cape. Lucky then that the super camera lead to the arrest of this violent criminal, and luckier still that he committed suicide, after confessing of course, the first night in his cell. It looks like the new task force is doing at least something right.

If you thought that would be the end of attempts on the oldest and wisest tradition then you are sorely mistaken. Next we have a little lady driving her high powered car through Gillian Brown, single mother of two daughters aged 4 and 7, now in foster care, and then consequently into a traffic light. Sure traffic accidents happen but usually the driver does not crawl out of wrecks like this and run away. The mind



boggles how even an Olympic gymnast could have twisted himself out of that wreck even uninjured. A traffic surveillance video shows some more disturbing details like bones sticking out of

the chest in a conveniently blood free wound and of course even as the young lady escapes her injuries visibly better themselves.

Graeme Meldrum's new homicide task force is

also looking into this case and we expect a swift and final resolution, this time maybe without a well timed suicide? Lastly I would like to inform you that the task force is looking to speak to a man seen at a number of recent scene's of interest. We have included the police sketch (next page) and are willing to pay a reward of 5000 pounds to anyone who can provide information

leading to the man's interview by the police. Please post submissions to the usual address or call Crime Stoppers Scotland on: 0800-555-111

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Honest bystander or criminal mastermind?

Out of the pan, into the fire

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Public outrage heightened this month, as ScotWear Ltd, who last month were exonerated of any blame for the burning down of their clothing factory, began their own legal proceedings against Strathclyde Fire and Rescue. ScotWear raised the civil action in the Court of Session, claiming that the fire-fighters who tackled the blaze caused deliberate and unnecessary damage while trying to evacuate workers who were not in any real danger, and the division of their efforts could have contributed to the extent of the damage caused by the fire.

ScotWear's claim astounded legal commentators, who predicted the suit had little chance of success, and they viewed the value of ScotWear's claim which runs into tens of millions of pounds, as wildly overstated. However, despite legal precedent being stacked against them, ScotWear's legal team yesterday successfully saw off an application for summary judgment against

them. In its ruling, the Court stated that there was sufficient cause in ScotWear's pleadings for the case to proceed.

Following the ruling, a representative for ScotWear issued a statement: "We are very pleased with the result today, we feel this vindicates our position that the employees of Strathclyde Fire and Rescue acted recklessly and unreasonably, and we expect the Court to return a judgment in our favour when the case is heard in full."

Brian P Sweeney, the Chief Fire Officer for Strathclyde was visibly enraged when he spoke to reporters outside the Court: "This is a blow against common sense, those fire-fighters involved were public servants, doing their best to save lives. It is unthinkable that Strathclyde Fire and Rescue can be sued for their heroic actions. It should never be forgotten that six fellow fire-fighters died in that incident, this lawsuit is an insult to their memory."

Should ScotWear Ltd prove successful, the constituent councils which fund Strathclyde Fire and Rescue will be responsible for paying any award, predominantly Glasgow city council. With substantial funding being put towards the 2014 Commonwealth Games, a huge unexpected expense of that nature could seriously impair the provision of vital services in Glasgow and the Strathclyde area.

Poetry Corner

Anonymous submission

I wander thro' each charter'd street,
Near where the charter'd Thames does flow
And mark in every face I meet
Marks of weakness, marks of woe.

In every cry of every Man,
In every Infants cry of fear,

In every voice: in every ban,
The mind-forg'd manacles I hear

How the Chimney-sweeper's cry
Every blackning Church appalls,
And the hapless Soldier's sigh
Runs in blood down Palace walls.

But most thro' midnight streets I hear
How the youthful Harlot's curse
Blasts the new-born Infant's tear,
And blights with plagues the Marriage hearse.

By William

Colder now the wind sweeps the land.
The stars through down their spears.
The moon is swallowed by the wolf.
Exploited by our peers.

As once the dreaming came so real
as vivid light descending
and now the blood across the court
and madness seems unending.

Ashes to ashes and ashes and more
till nothing but ashes doth cover the floor.

An eye for an eye. This is all that fill their mind.
And an eye for an eye and another one untill all of us
are blind.

Now I don't know where the moral is.
Or where this song should end.
But I wonder just how many wars
are fought between good friends.
And those who give the orders
are not the ones to die.
Its our kindred and our brothers
And the likes of you and I

By Falling.

Glasgow where art thou

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Three months ago we had our first real look at Aldworth's reign. Three months is little yet a lot has changed, enough to ask again. What is happening to our fair city?

There have been many more deaths and disappearances with the number sanctioned murders now reaching half a dozen in that

many months. One might assume that Aldworth might have to clean ship and get rid of the boils Murillo had allowed to fester but the deaths now include those that Aldworth himself has welcomed to the domain of Glasgow.

At the same time it seems that the entire Clan of Toreador are avoiding all invitations to Glasgow and if rumors are to be believed that Prince Aldworth was declined permission into the rest of Britain. When Aldworth took over we all thought that Glasgow would become a little London, a home away from home for Lady Anne and yet it seems even London isn't placing a lot of faith into Glasgow.

That might put the rampant deaths into perspective, is Prince Aldworth lashing out to avoid looking weak? Have those kindred died simply to prevent him looking weak?

Lastly the question on all our minds, when will someone challenge Aldworth for Glasgow, who will it be and will they too simply be murdered in open court?

Society Matters – Parties and Primogen

Dr Robert Douglas Hume

My fellow Kindred of Glasgow,

This month has seen a substantial dose of culture and entertainment, with not one, but two grand social events, which have gone some way towards showing Glasgow at its finest.

Firstly, there was the delightful evening, hosted by Antonia and Vincenzo of Clan Brujah, at Vincenzo's newly refurbished club. With the assistance of the noble Head of the Clan Nosferatu, Cosimo de Azerna, Antonia

and Vincenzo were able to stage a most enjoyable event, with Kindred attending from other courts, and enjoying the tasteful setting and pleasant company. Although Vincenzo struggled a little with the etiquette of the situation, he made every effort to ensure the night was successful, while Antonia was every inch the charming hostess, and a very positive reflection upon Clan Brujah. I'm certain we will see more of them in the future.

Also this month, Prince Aldworth hosted a small soiree, at which were present Elder representatives of the Courts of London, York, Manchester and Liverpool, Winchester and Dundee, and which I was privileged to attend. Also present were many of our own Elders, who contrived to make the visitors welcome in the grand surroundings of Dumbarton Castle. After an evening of polite and relaxed conversation and humour, I can only hope that those visiting Elders returned to their respective domains with the most positive impressions of Glasgow.

These events, coupled with the Prince's efforts to make a representative and inclusive Primogen, and his open invitation for Kindred to visit the city, have contributed to the growing reputation for stability which Glasgow is recovering, and which all Kindred should do their best to assist. With the announcement of a representative Primogen Council, Prince Aldworth is displaying his desire to involve each Clan in the betterment of Glasgow.

I hope to add to this task myself in my new role as Keeper of the Masquerade, and have had an eventful first month. I would like to thank those who congratulated me upon this appointment at the last Court, and all those who have assisted me in my duties. In the coming months, if any Kindred should have any queries or information relating to the Masquerade, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Finally, as some of you may have already heard from the Harpy of London, I, Dr Robert Douglas Hume, Ancilla of Clan Toreador, owe a major Boon to Julius Montgomery, Ancilla of Clan Ventrue. I also renew my offer to stand as witness to prestation, should any Kindred require.

Great Britain By Night

Margery Houndsworth-Stone, Clan Toreador, Ancilla, Harpy of London

July has been an interesting month darlings, even though most news is from up north. Firstly York's sheriff has reemerged and thereby put any those nasty rumors about anarchs murder to rest. His first witnessed social gathering was prince's Aldworth's fateful party in Dumbarton Castle. Let me just say that none of the fellow Scottish princes even bothered sending someone in their stead to attend.

Many wonder what is going on in Glasgow with rumours abound that all Toreador of Britain seem to be avoiding it when I like most other kindred received a petition from prince Aldworth begging us to help him solve some problems he has with cameras. If he had offered prestation to solve his problem I am sure he would get more then enough willing applicants but maybe someone should just tell the old coot that technology moves on everywhere, not just in Glasgow.

Let it be known that Marcus Leavenholme, of Severn, Ancilla of the Camarilla is indebted too Jonathan Carter, Prince of Manchester and Liverpool, Elder of the Camarilla who holds the debt for an unnamed third party.

Here is one for your books Dr Hume Darling, I thought you have had announced that one by now. You can't say I didn't give you your chance. Maybe you should do your homework before coming out to play.

Let it be known that Magnar Ulrichson,

primogen of Glasgow, Elder of the Camarilla is indebted to Jonathan Carter, Prince of Manchester and Liverpool, Elder of the Camarilla.

Ruling Scared

Voice in the Night

Did everyone else expect Aldworth back down quite so readily? Oh he dressed it up as apologies, and misunderstanding, but everyone saw. It was “prudent”, but Prudence is a girl’s name, and she doesn’t have any balls. Remind you of anyone? Why should a Prince apologise for someone taking offence at his words?

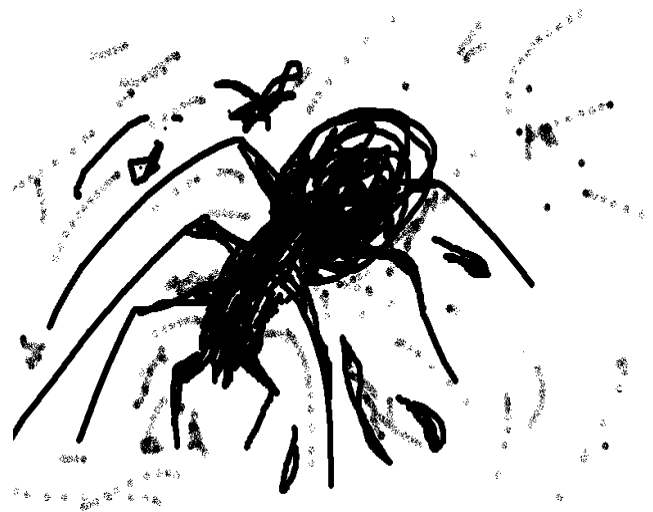
And while Prudence Aldworth was in charge, didn’t she do a good job of steadying the boat? Handed out positions, promised all the clans they would have a say, a representative Primogen council. Oh what a kind and wise ruler...or one who was running just a little scared. Or more than a little. A face off with the warlocks it seems was too much for Aldworth. He can’t stomach the chance of another confrontation, and so begs and barter with the clans to keep power.

Of course, perhaps I’m wrong. Maybe Prince Aldworth will write next month to justify himself. No doubt he’ll drone on about unity and all that crap. With the death of dear Stone, I have to say its not a good time to

criticise the Prince, but I’ll do it anyway. Besides, no way could Mark manage three successful executions in a row, that would be too close to competence.

Some of the Brujah had ideas above their station this month too, holding a little soiree for all the high rollers. Of course I was terribly upset not to receive an invitation. I hear it was a total success though...apart from a mortal gatecrashing, and threatening the masquerade. Another mess for the new keeper to sort out, does anyone know if he’s up to it? Can anyone solve the fuck up last month? Or is Glasgow seeing the beginning of the end of the masquerade? That would reflect very well upon Prudence Aldworth!

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