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Strathclyde Police responds

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Relief was felt when controversial plans to employ the T.A. as additional policing resources were finally thrown out by the Scottish government in Edinburgh. Analyst predicted that employing in essence military resources on the street of Scotland would future agitate rather than calm the situation and hence lead to a further escalation of violent activity.

Strathclyde police in a recent press conference have announced that they are getting a much better handle on the situation. Whilst so far only confining the riots to areas of low significance, they are now increasingly targeting the causes of those riots. The notable promotion for Robert Horton formerly the chief inspector of Govan to Superintendent is one of the key steps in the current crisis management plan. His initiatives, which kept the violence out of Govan, are now being employed city wide and results should be seen soon.

The partnership of Robert Horton, the new shining star of Strathclyde Police and Graeme Meldrum, the head of the serious crime unit is hoped to produce results fast as some analyst claim these current riots have even up to date been more destructive than all of riots in the early 80ies in Scotland put together.

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Salutations proud kindred of Glasgow,



November the 21st in the year of the Lord 1509, a few short months after Henry VIII had been made king, life as I knew it ended and I joined the illustrious line of Minos, Helena and Eletria. Little had I know when James IV commissioned my work on the Great Michael in 1507, this prestigious commission would in fact make me immortal. Never the less with the 500th anniversary of my death and rebirth looming I have decided to come back to the place of my rebirth.

A lot has happened since I left Scotland in the aftermath of the battle of Flodden Field. With my patron and many of the Scottish nobility killed and other interests seeping into our

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nation I found it time to leave Scotland, just like my master-work, the carrack Michael, left for France. I am quite interested to see how the town of my birth has weathered 5 centuries of strife and war, 5 centuries of enlightenment and science and of course 5 centuries of Camarilla rule.

It is curious how so much can change and yet so much can stay the same. The tension between Glasgow and London that I felt when I first joined the ranks of the immortal is still there, with Lady Anne Bowesley trying to gain what her predecessor has held for so long.

In these interesting time and with the kind permission of your honourable Prince Rothschild, I am pleased to announce that I am having a small gathering to celebrate the occasion. The gathering will take place from Friday the 20th of November until Sunday the 22nd of November in a small estate I hold just north of the city. Whilst accommodation is available it is close enough to the city to allow any guest to return to their private residences.

As part of the festivities I am holding a series of competitions and contests with prizes ranging from curio's I have collected over the years to favours and boons. If you think you are more competent than your fellows or you simply just wish to enjoy the spectacle please speak to my man who will be attending the court of Glasgow in preparation to the main event.

This might be your chance to make a name for yourself as I certainly will take the tales of the weekend with me as I walk through the halls of the elders.

Alexander Drummond

“The birds” in Glasgow

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A spate of bird attacks have occurred across Glasgow. These highly unusually attacks by flocks of pigeons and sea gulls have left one man

dead and another 5 in hospital with serious injuries including in 3 cases the loss of one or both of their eyes. From the witness accounts each case involved a prior altercation and in one instance even an attempted rape, which was then interrupted by the arrival of a large swarm of birds which would beset both attacker and victim of the original altercation. The birds seemed to continue their attacks for a few minutes before dispersing as abruptly as they appeared. The cases all occurred in the city centre of Glasgow between the hours of 11 PM and 3 AM. While these might be related to the dog attacks from earlier in the year they are leaving both police and the zoologists from Glasgow University without any satisfying answers.

Stealing from the children

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Parents in Glasgow's East End were outraged this month as details emerged of a conspiracy to defraud a number of local schools of essential supplies. Police have made a number of arrests, and are currently appealing for information which may lead to the capture of two outstanding suspects who may have fled the country.

Seventeen individuals, including two head teachers appeared in court accused of working together to intercept supplies destined for one secondary and three primary schools, including computers, stationary and furniture. The evidence presented after a long investigation by Strathclyde Police appeared to show that the practice had occurred over a period of 3 years, and had amounted to over £1 million.

At one school, the jury was told, there was even evidence that funds intended to provide school meals were being spent on poorer quality alternatives, the difference lining the pockets of the conspirators. It was this instance of greed which eventually brought the plot to light, after one child died, and twelve others were hospitalised following an outbreak of food

poisoning, which was later identified as resulting from Salmonella.

While Strathclyde Police are heralding this case as a triumph, others have questioned the success of permitting such an audacious crime to remain undetected over such a lengthy period of time. Protests by parents were staged outside each of the affected schools, with some damage resulting to school property, as the police force, already stretched thin, struggled to maintain control of the situations.

Great Britain by Night

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

The month of September of curiously quiet across Britain, almost too quiet. General consensus is that Queen Anne and the Prince of Severn are preparing for the coming confrontation and as such most of the focus is currently directed inwards. Still one interesting little titbit has reached my ears which I would like to share.

Firstly let us focus on a recent duel in the city of Edinburgh. A most intriguing duel as it was fought between two members of Prince Carlisle's primogen council. Whilst the exact chain of events that led to the public duel eludes me I have heard it mentioned that both parties had laid claim on the same mortal, each accusing the other of interfering with their people and operations. The matters escalated until neither side found themselves in a position where they could back out of the matter without losing face in the court. At that point Laurance Redwood, Sheriff and member of the Primogen Council challenged Samuel Todd, a fellow member of the Primogen Council to a

duel. As the challenger he declared the duel to be fought until first blood and that the loser would relinquish any claim on both the mortal in question and the organisation he currently was employed by, Primogen Todd as the challenged determined that the duel would take the form a fight to the death of mortal pawns who would not start the duel under the influence of either party but were required to be influenced once the duel begins. To fulfil the first blood requirement of the duel, the kindred with the winning pawn would be allowed to give a small cut to his opponent. Sheriff Redwood had hoped for a more direct challenge but of course accepted the terms, he did then nominate a champion, Thomas Carmichael, the Steward of Dundee to take the field in his stead. This changed the dynamic of the duel somewhat and those who witnessed the final confrontation seem to suggest that Primogen Todd might have thrown the fight and not fought to the best of his ability. In any case, the Steward of Dundee won the contest, and as such Mister Todd has lost his claim on the involved mortal and organisation, and some standing in Edinburgh.

Apart from that the violence in Scotland and England is slowly receding, only in Glasgow, Birmingham and Sheffield have significant clashes been reported, of which the worst are still in Glasgow.

Let it be known that Laurance Redwood, Sheriff of Edinburgh, elder of Camarilla, is substantially indebted to Thomas Carmichael, Steward of Dundee, elder of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that John Smith, of Glasgow, ancilla of the Camarilla has transferred the debt of Prince Hercule Bastian Rothschild, Prince of Glasgow, elder of the Camarilla to Parson Orr, Sheriff of London, elder of the Camarilla.

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