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Scourge resigns

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After 41 nights of direct service to His Majesty, Prince Viscount Charles Augustus Aldworth, I, Jonathan-Alexander Turpy hereby renounce my tenure as the Scourge of Glasgow for the following reasons:

His Majesty's inability to inform His Scourge of His intention to call a Bloodhunt before doing so publically so as to take measures before taking the final measure of calling Lextalionis.

His Majesty's willingness to ignore the anarchy, destruction of property and direct assault upon His officers, the direct servants of His Will, in his very own court.

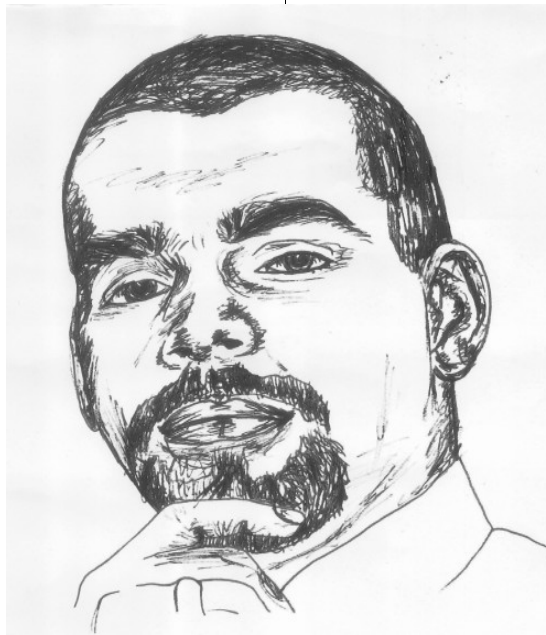
His Majesty's repeated failure to protect and serve both living and unliving denizens of the City of Glasgow as they have protected and served Him.

His Majesty's inability to adequately address the many scandals of public opinion put to him as represented in the Dark Times publication.

As ever I continue to remain His Majesty's humble servant. I do not question His right to

rule, and will carry out His will where I am able albeit no longer in capacity as His Scourge.

With Humble Regards
Jonathan-Alexander Turpy



court officers and dignitaries. I would also like to address how Glasgow as a domain has come under some serious scrutiny from the writers of this very paper, whom I am lead to believe may or may not be French residents, and as

Court Life Exposed

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Dear Dark Times Readers,

I would like to convey my perspective of events of the court of Glasgow on the evening of August 3rd in order to uphold my own standards I put forth in this very publication three months prior where I stated I should like to hear the opinion of other

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such I write this as full disclosure to any worry-worts across the channel.

After it was announced last month that I was offered the position of Scourge within the domain of Glasgow, which I have duly accepted and have since sworn to endeavour to fulfil the role to the best of my ability, much to my surprise I attended the following court and was immediately physically accosted by an individual whom I know to be Heather “Jack” Jackson, previously Scourge under whom I assisted during Prince Hercule-Bastien Rothschild's reign.

After using her gifts of The Strength upon me she made allegations that I was in breach of the Pax Vampirica and demanded that I, “give [her] some answers.” After I calmed her down, we sat down to discuss her questions only to have more accusations made against my person by her clanmate, the Brujah known as Anatos whom, for now, assists me in my role as Scourge.

As I sat down to address these questions more tantrums ensued as tables were thrown against the court walls, demanding answers to curiously unrelated questions, demanding if I had any influence over a policeman who served in Govan – mentioned on a number of occasions in this very paper I believe – the infamous, Dennis McClusky. I explained that it was common knowledge that he was dead and that I had no idea why he would be an issue now. I then tried to gain some sense out of her until matters turned heated and she stormed out of the court.

I would remind kindred that this is the childe of the infamous anarchist Robert Fraser, the same childe who aided an attempt at a coup by physically striking elders of the Glasgow in Prince Aldworth's first reign who was then later asked to leave the domain by the Prince at the time, Hercule-Bastien Rothschild over a year later. As a disruption to Camarilla business, one could argue that she's been more successful than her sire and for that I tip my hat to her as a truly worthy enemy. Given her track record, for one such as her to question the knowledge of a newly created neonate of the Camarilla would in itself be questionable.

As if the discussion was not already concluded Anatos then decided to add to her accusations and for all his rebel bluster, acted in a copy-cat manner and decided to conclude our meeting by using The Strength upon

my person for a second time where I reacted with the minimum application of force. Despite my receiving the embrace whilst in receipt of a state pension, somehow this body of mine managed to hold out against the might of the young Brujah to enable me to strike at his weakest point – his will. Considering how fully I had his mind within my grasp and how I could have wrung it out like a sponge, the attack begs the question of what the enemies of the Camarilla could do to make such a kindred spill security details. His inability to physically restrain a kindred embraced in his late 70s begs the question of his use in Glasgow at all...

Upon considering his responsibility as my aide in official matters, one shall most certainly be reconsidering the tenure of his appointment during more important matters that hold my attention in the midst of a newly announced blood hunt of all things. As such I eagerly await seeing who proves themselves worthy of catching such a threat to the domain. Perhaps Clan Brujah might save their face after all, though I trust we aren't collectively holding our breath.

As for the matter at hand, I will expect my apology from Heather in the form of one minor favour for attempting to besmirch my good name and inciting others to do so, one major favour for the inconvenience of assaulting my person and a final gesture of good will to be given to Prince Aldworth in the form of a minor favour to show her gratitude for his lenience after bringing his court, an area where he addresses foreign dignitaries and shows them the splendours of Glasgow, to a standstill. Should this not be found acceptable then may she find yet another domain to disrupt alongside the full extent of my true capabilities over the fabricated accusations she initially accused me of.

Further to the matter, I cannot help but think that this muddy business may have all been prevented had the court been held in one of the sanctioned Elysia that our Prince takes great pride in taking care of – perhaps something for Seneschal Chauncey to bear in mind when organising next month's court.

I trust this satisfies the curiosity of the Dark Times readership in full.

Yours faithfully,
Jonathan-Alexander Turpy

Comrade Kingpin?

Dark Times Staff Writer (Duncan)

The dust is slowly settling in the east and it appears that the destruction of the criminal enterprise which once held that territory is all but complete. Nature abhors a vacuum and from all sides other factions are swarming in to claim this new territory. First, but by not means only, amongst them is Diotr; a Russian national who grew up in the Moscow organised crime syndicates of the post cold war era and appeared on the scene in Glasgow around 3 years ago. He combines tenacity and strength with a certain amount of vision and charm and according to many accounts led the alliance of gangs that broke the back of the established order in the east. Those same accounts had his own side all but wiped out but it appears he kept plenty of money and power back as he now strives to reclaim that turf.

Serious amounts of money, power and influence are being brought the bear on this. For example it cannot be an accident that the police seem to focus all but entirely from keeping the age old rivals from the north and west from spreading east wards. Maybe some in the Police are hoping to keep some form of balance in Glasgow rather than having one family run almost everything.

While Diotr's progress has been swift he had to make a few strong examples of those refusing to sign up with him. This overt behaviour has also landed him the target of a couple of unsuccessful assassination attempts. So far he has managed to keep ahead of his rivals and if he manages to keep it that way and survive the coming months we might well find ourselves with another major player in the east.

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Cracks in the fascade

Editor-in-chief

Is Prince Aldworth's grasp on Glasgow slacking

or are we now that we have started looking closely at Aldworth's regime seeing the flaws in its design. After a period of relative stability we are finding ourselves returning to the Glasgow of yesteryear and this kind of chaos has not been seen since Prince Aldworth was violently removed from the throne by Magnar.

First we have the bloodhunt of ancilla Theobald Alexander of Glasgow. Here Prince Aldworth had proclaimed that those who had previously been accepted into Glasgow and where in good standing with the Camarilla would be given his hospitality. When Alexander than came forward and met Prince Aldworth in his court to accept his offer, he was informed that he was not only not in an Elysium but furthermore that Prince Aldworth had rescinded Alexander's word of acceptance.

This had left Alexander at the mercy of all kindred of the Aldworth's domain. He hence hastily returned to safety and when he attempted to meet Prince Aldworth at a previously arranged "safe" meeting at an Elysium site he discovered that Prince Aldworth had brought in forces to finally destroy him there and then. Once more he escaped from this dire situation and retreated only to find himself subject of a blood hunt.

What for? Trusting Prince Aldworth's word that hospitality would be given to those in his exact circumstance? Escaping attempts on his destruction by Seneshal, Sheriff and Prince?

Last month Prince Aldworth explained the reasons to why their needed to be more incidents of final death of kindred whilst he is in charge. He explained they were required because he has neither Murillo's leniency nor Rothschild's management abilities.

If taking him at his word and protecting oneself from destruction are crimes worth being blood hunted for, it remains to be seen which Glasgow kindred remain and which will instead find domains where one is permitted to both place trust in one's prince's words and keep oneself safe

from harm. Of those who stay it will be interesting to see who will find themselves as the next target of Aldworth's wrath.

But this is not all. Far from it. Aldworth's first action was to dispose of his only potential rival in Glasgow, elder Duc deBourbon, childe of archon d'Harflour. Judging by his track record of eliminating rival elders this one was actually modestly subtle. A disagreement was found or manufactured and elder deBourbon exiled from the city.

This left the city from anyone who could seriously rival his own power, a step he must have deemed necessary before embarking on the systematic destruction of the stability Rothschild had focused on creating.

With serious rivals out of the way and the butcher Angus by his side he started to make proclamations which would in a few short months bring Glasgow back to the mess it has been renowned for these last ten years.

- Lets remove the protection of Elysium from the monthly court.
- Lets permit and encourage violence in this very court.
- Lets bloodhunt those who remember Glasgow when it was a safe and stable domain.
- Lets have Angus stake other members of the court in the middle of the court to drive home the message that no one is safe.
- Lets have people previously exiled from the domain attack officers of court without any repercussions.

We have gotten to the point where Glasgow can no longer manage to even appear vaguely civilized.

How can Glasgow expect to host a ball with outside visitors when its own scourge cannot even attend court safely?

How can anyone expect to be safe when Prince Aldworth breaks his own promises of amnesty and hospitality?

What needs to happen next? A casual petrol bombing of the court? The return to almost monthly breaches of the masquerade?

Prince Aldworth, please in your own words explain the mess you have dragged Glasgow into and how it was necessary for the good of the Camarilla. As promised I will give you every opportunity to air your side of the story.

Maybe someone should start a book to see how long it takes for this self destructive spiral to rise up and consume Glasgow or Prince Aldworth once more.

Editor-in-chief

The Glasgow ripper

Dark Times Staff writers (Thomas)

It was only a matter of time before the press got hold of the ripper cases in Glasgow. With the large scale violence in Glasgow's east dying down there were way fewer murders to hide another 5 dead prostitutes. While these deaths on the fringes make no real impact in the grander scheme of things in and around Glasgow the deaths are non the less spectacular enough to sell newspapers.

Each news outlet is falling over one another to bring more information, not only about the Glasgow ripper and its police investigation, but also about the alleged police conspiracy to cover up these murders.

Graham Meldrum's serious crime unit is at the heart of these speculations and while no concrete proof of any wrong doing has surfaced yet, many do question how a serial killer could murder more than twenty victims before being brought to the public's attention.

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Great Britain By Night

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

My darling readers, nights are finally becoming long enough for pleasure and business and later this month some of us will celebrate the moment where we have more night than day. All this time is being used, and not always wisely. In the ongoing struggles over influence, standing and power in the city it appears that my grand childe, Damien Thompson, has gotten himself captured, torpored or even destroyed. The fact that he had been in torpor since his ill fated duel with ancilla Nathan Kyte has made it difficult to determine when exactly this occurred but it appears now that he no longer lays safely in his family tomb but instead he is missing.

Next we have to look at the troubles in Glasgow. There is little rhyme or reason to why Prince Aldworth would allow someone who was part of the attempt on his life three years ago, a child of an anarchy no less, to persecute his own scourge in his own court without intervening. Also why does he need to have his sheriff stake an otherwise upstanding member of the court without prior warning or apparent reason. It is likely Prince Aldworth removed the customary protection of Elysium from his courts to permit those actions. Then there is the bloodhunt and the expulsion of all other elders from the domain, which according to my sources was a continuation of his cull of the elders started during his last reign. Overall it prints a fairly dark picture. If I were Seneschal Chauncey I would worry that I might be next in the firing line.

I certainly will refuse the invitation to the Glasgow's ball, should I ever receive one, as I fear it is neither stable nor safe enough to warrant a visit. I will keep my eyes and ears open at the Winterball to see what the general opinion on Edinburgh's ugly sister in the

north is.

It is Cruithni and Manchester & Liverpool who next come to mind. An agreement between Prince Carter and Prince Cruithni has declared Carnforth on the west coast as neutral territory with everything to the north belonging to Cruithni and everything south belonging to Carter. This is a massive loss to Carter's domain in terms of territory but only a minor one in terms of population or economic power. According to this agreement southward expansion of Cruithni's domain has been stopped and once this new territory has been secured it remains to be seen whether he turns his eyes north towards Glasgow or east towards York.

Elsewhere we need to look to at Severn where William DeMontford, a Ventruer elder of the line of the Prince of Severn has acknowledged his life being owed to Lucien, the ancient Gangrel elder. In an unusual step Lucien has not claimed all prestation owned by elder DeMontford but has instead send him to the court of London, where he been granted acceptance by Prince Houblon. I am looking forward to the gathering on the night of the 23rd where hopefully I get a chance to discuss matters with the elder himself.

Let it be known that Jacqueline Noble, of Edinburgh, neonate of the Camarilla has repaid her debt to Julius Montgomery, of Glasgow, ancilla of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Tarquin DeJulianne, of Liverpool, neonate of the Camarilla is indebted to Charles Augustus Aldworth, Prince of Glasgow, elder of the Camarilla.

Let it be known that Niall Ferguson, primogen of Manchester & Liverpool, elder of the Camarilla is further indebted to Ritchie, seneschal to Cruithni, ancilla of the Camarilla.

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