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MUSEAUM BREAK-IN

There was a break in at a Glasgow museum storage facility this month, which saw a number of masked men force open a door and steal away with a number of items not currently on display in Glasgow's museums.

Police are still uncertain as to how the burglars managed to locate the unremarkable storage facility, however an inside job is being discounted due to the nature of the items which were taken. Mostly attractive and garish pieces vanished, but for the most part the thieves overlooked the rarer and more valuable items, things which would have attracted a high price among black market traders.

The men who broke into the facility were caught on camera and the security system



alerted the police, but they were swift and practiced, and had loaded their haul into a stolen van, which was later found abandoned and burned out. Investigations are ongoing, and police hope to identify the thieves once the goods appear for sale.

PARK LIGHTS ON

After months of delay and prevarication, the Park Light project has finally been given the go-ahead by Glasgow City Council. After a swift tender process, the licence to operate the cameras was granted to Lock-Safe Technologies, a new start up technology company which submitted a strong bid to install and operate the surveillance equipment in Glasgow's parks.

The details are still being finalised, and the equipment prepared, but in a press conference to announce the grant of the contract, a Council representative expressed the hope that this would greatly increase the safety of Glas-



gow's young people and prevent more needless slaughter.

The news was met with considerable relief from the families of the earliest victims, who had been pressing the Council to put the scheme into place ever since the idea was raised. A new charity promoting the safety of young people in Glasgow was founded a couple of months ago, with the families fronting the campaign for

Park Light to become a reality. In a press statement they thanked the Council for their swift response and for listening to the opinion of the people.

BOON TRADING:

- *Major Boon granted by Simon Haile in favour of Eleanor Plunkett*
- *Minor Boon granted by Simon Haile in favour of Henry Newbolt*
- *Minor Boon granted by Henry Newbolt in favour of Simon Haile*
- *Minor Boon repaid by Augustus Trenchard to Simon Haile*

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RELIC BUYER



"I TRIED TO
TRACE EVERY
PATH."

It was with great interest that I read of the skull of Loukianos, and the potential return of Gethwin the Tallshield. Over the years I have been requested some dozen times to find his place of rest, by members of different Clans, each who laid claim to the Cuncinator. Each time I was without success – he disappeared many centuries ago without trace, but few believed he was gone forever.

Some were confident that he had retreated from a world he was disgusted with. Some even claimed that the Camarilla drove that distaste. Others believed that he had been a potential obstacle to the Camarilla's spread and was removed as such. And of course, a Kindred of his age and history had many personal foes. I tried to trace every path, but most were cold.

Now it seems we might have the chance to ask him ourselves – if the pieces are put together. To that end, I would like to assist with the search for pieces of the skull. If someone has information they would care to share, to sell or to recruit my assistance,

I'll be around. Keep an eye out – you won't miss me.

In the meantime, another summary of those who hold pieces of the key, taken from the Archivist. Each one will be thriving with their fragment - don't forget:

#1 – With the Archivist;

#2 – "The shield of commerce, with fiery attentions"

#3 – "The forger of a cage."

#4 – "The fossil of a lepidopterist of the past."

#5 – "A brave man on 8 wheels."

#6 – "A feline's collar, to stop it being collared."

#7 – "Schooling a class of wild pupils."

Regards

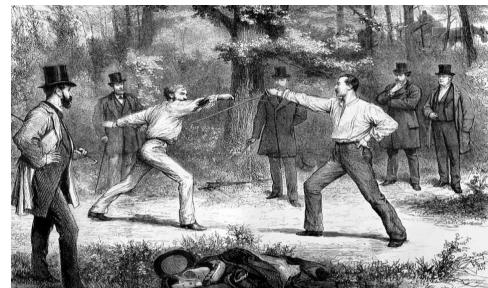
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POETRY CORNER

A debate was held, in Glasgow town,
Queen Anne's rights, gauntlet thrown down.
Two Tremere were chose to fight,
Champions of wrong and right?

On one side - facts,
A Justicar's acts.
On t'other - fiction,
The Viscount's mission.

All the Court asked to declare,
Show your colours - if you dare.
All to one side, no split asunder,
Conclave repeat? It makes you wonder.



A PARABLE

A terrible storm came to a town, and warning was sent that the river would soon overflow, flooding the nearby homes. Everyone in the village was ordered to evacuate immediately. A faithful Christian heard the warning, and decided to stay, saying to himself: "I will trust God, and if I am in danger then God will send a miracle to save me".

The neighbours came to him upon their cart – "We are leaving, and there is room for you aboard our cart, come with us!" But the man declined, saying "God will save me". As the waters rose higher and began to approach the house, a rider on his way past stopped and called out to the man – "Quick, come with me or you'll surely drown". But the man refused. "I have faith that God will save me."

The rising water surrounded the house, then poured inside and the man retreated to the roof of his house. As the waters approached where he sat, a boat was rowed towards his roof. The rower called out to the man – "You only have



minutes, come with me or you are doomed." But the man refused, saying: "No, God will keep me safe".

The rower left, the waters rose, and the man drowned. When in Heaven, the man stood before God and said "Lord, I put all of my faith in you, why didn't you come and save me?" And God replied: "Son, I sent you a warning. I sent you a cart. I sent you a rider. I sent you a boat. What more were you looking for?"

"GOD WILL SAVE ME."

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Yours,

Editor in Chief of the Dark Times

DARK TIMES - BRINGING LIGHT TO THE SHADOWS

HARPY HOUR

January comes and goes, and it seems the cold has truly taken hold. Frost was building between Manchester and Glasgow with rumours galore. And York continues to hold itself aloof, disdaining to comment on a Conclave result which vexed their Prince greatly.

But it was in the frozen North that the real sparks were to be seen. Aberdeen and Dundee have been drawing battlelines it seems. Rare for established urban domains to show too great an interest in the smaller hamlets that separate them, but now Kindred have been laying claim to those for their respective domains.

The most interesting question will come if there is conflict over those places. Carmichael may be described as a ruler by Edinburgh, but to most others he is simply a servant of Carlisle, named "Steward", not Prince. If he seeks to hold his ground, will it be with Carlisle's support? Can Carlisle claim and hold that much ground? Time will tell.

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Was it deliberate insult or honest error that drove Simon Haile to offer insult to Clan Brujah last year – naming them a Low Clan in place of the Lunatics? Manchester and Glasgow are not on good terms, perhaps Haile fights his Prince's battle in his own way?

Anne Jacques, Harpy of York

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I must confess to a growing excitement in the build up to Simon Haile's concert next month. To hear him perform after these many years, to be one of a privileged few to have heard this work, it will be a delight.

And on top of all that, for the performance to be dedicated to me? A true honour, one which cannot be surpassed for a Toreador, though I hope those of other Clans will be able to share the night's joy with me.

So, you great and good who might receive invitations shortly, I implore you to take up the hospitality of Glasgow and to join me for an evening of revelry – you shan't be disappointed.

Eleanor Plunkett, Harpy of Edinburgh

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The Prince of Glasgow has gone out of his way to make assurances of safe passage to and from his domain. No doubt driven by Simon Haile's upcoming performance, but it's good to see his concern for restoring the name of his domain. Perhaps at this rate the event will be a real success – the beginning of the long road to Glasgow's rise from the ashes.

Richard Farr, Harpy of Edinburgh



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