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ELYSIUM ON FIRE

Three buildings were attacked in Glasgow, after what appears to be an escalation of the ongoing fire protests in the city. The People's Palace, King's Theatre and Scotland Street School Museum were all attacked by masked arsonists, causing significant damage to the buildings, but fortunately no casualties.

The attacks all took place over a matter of minutes, with the attackers bursting in with Molotov cocktails, petrol canisters and flaming torches, all while nearby fire protests continued, giving the perfect cover for the fleeing suspects after attacking the buildings.

Police responded immediately, and while the fire brigade tackled the blaze, they began the process of searching for the suspects. Questions were asked of the protest groups where the suspects had fled to, but the situation soon became heated and police soon became involved in a riot situation. Dozens of protestors were arrested, with large quantities of fire making equipment recovered, though this was expected with the nature of the protests.

Police are now beginning the process of dredging through all available CCTV footage, along with any evidence recovered from the scenes of the crime, and search-

ing for any connections between the protestors and the arsonists, or if individual perpetrators can be identified. While the police have not issued any statement yet, experts are not hopeful about the prospects of success with the lack of evidence to identify the suspects.



Once the fires had been put out, all three of the targeted buildings were saved – the People's Palace had much of the glass smashed and the gardens destroyed and the Scotland Street School Museum's exhibits were badly damaged, but the King's Theatre was completely gutted inside, and the building suffered some structural damage. With the targeting of Elysium sites in Glasgow, some Kindred are asking questions about how safe gatherings in the city truly are.

GLASGOW RIPPER CAUGHT

Mortal press reported this month that the Glasgow Ripper has been caught. Old news to those who were witness to Prince Trenchard's announcement and his announcement of success. So no doubt this is the completion of dealing with what has

been a lingering thorn in Glasgow's side.

John Montague Druitt is the name given to the Ripper, one of the suspects in the original Jack the Ripper murders. An impossible coincidence to a mortal, an

BOON TRADING:

- *Tius owes Trenchard a major boon (correction from last month)*

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GLASGOW RIPPER CONTINUED...

obvious connection to our eyes. Rumours abound about who sired him and why, but there are no definitive answers – perhaps Glasgow can now provide us with the full rundown of his background, and the circumstances around this seemingly random attack upon the Masquerade, no doubt this information could help restore Glasgow's standing.

In any case, this is a significant victory for Prince Trenchard – beginners luck or the first steps to bedding in his rules? That will largely depend on how the victory is taken. Response thus far has been somewhat muted, but perhaps as news of the particulars spreads, there will be a greater interest.

FROM THE PRINCE'S DESK

Good Evening, my fellow Kindred. I have little to share with you this month but I wish to make the following matters known to you;

Let it be known that Squire Alexander Barker is granted domain over Glasgow City Council and over all the mortal politicians and political parties of Glasgow.

Let it be known that Squire Alexander Barker is granted domain over the Hillhead area of Glasgow.

Let it be known Squire Corvus Brann is granted domain over the Royston / Milnbank area of Glasgow.

Let it be known that Ms Gail Middlemass is granted domain over Cumbernauld.

That is all. I wish fair trade winds to all of you this coming month.

Prince Augustus Trenchard

"AS KEEPER OF ELYSIUM OF GLASGOW THIS ATTACK IS CLEARLY ALSO AN AFFRONT TO MYSELF"

FROM SIMON HAILE

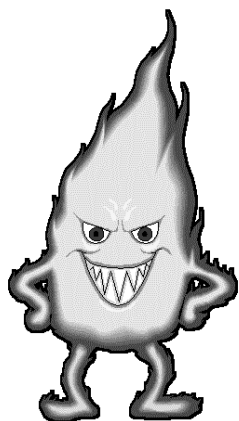
Well my dear readers, I had 1250 words on the various interpretations of the Tradition of Accounting and whether it is acceptable to sneak into a princes domain, conduct business with other kindred there and leave without ever seeking their word of acceptance (in case you are wondering, it is not) and then I received the news that not one but three of our Elysium sites were attacked.

So I have put a new sheet in my type writer and will put some of my thoughts to paper. There a number of things to consider. First of all this is an attack on the domain, first and foremost. It is an attack on our servants, our property and most importantly our reputation. A domain that cannot even keep its own Elysia safe is hardly worth the respect of its neighbours.

With that in mind it is paramount that we both deal with the responsible party and take steps to prevent this kind of assault from being a possibility in future. As keeper of Elysium of Glasgow this attack is clearly also an affront to myself. I cannot help but draw a connection between my offering of prestation to see these fire protesters stopped and all but immediate retaliation on the places that I keep.

From the choice of targets, three of Glasgow's Elysia, as well as their prior tactics of flame juggling outside the places we do business in the early hours of the morning we can easily deduce that our adversary lies in the kindred world.

The problem lies in the escalation of their efforts. Whilst of course it might be a knee jerk reaction to some clumsy attempt made



SIMON HAILE CONTINUED...

by someone attempting to earn my favour they must realise that by this, an actual attack on the fabric of the domain, they have no longer just one or two kindred they offended but the actual strength of the domain against them.

Maybe all this is a rather poor attempt at undermining Prince Trenchard's rule but none of his known critics would be quite so unrefined in their attempts. Of course, should the domain and Prince Trenchard fail to deal with this insult then even this poor scheme might bear fruit.

In other news it gladdens me to see court returning to an Elysium site, and of course one that is rather better defended than the ones which were attacked. Whilst the freedom to use one's powers is of course exciting I much rather not have to worry about some upstart who believes themselves unstoppable causing trouble.

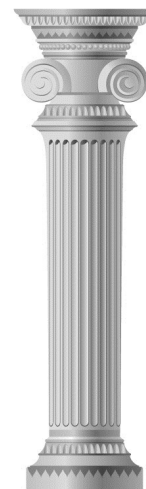
I am also looking forward to the short and sweet reunion of the squire of Clan Tremere with the court of Glasgow, for the whole five

minutes it is likely to last. While I personally think the squire is suffering a fate he well and truly deserves it is nevertheless good to see that after all the posturing Prince Trenchard was able to compel this token gesture from the Tremere.

No doubt Prince Trenchard's detractors will be swift in claiming that his victory was hollow and was hardly a victory at all but I see a novice Prince who has taken on one of the pillars of the Camarilla because one of their number had wronged him and they have been made to give in and acquiesce to his demands.

After all this I hope we can bury the hatchet and keep the peace. Glasgow has enough threats and insults to deal with that we should, at least until we have cleaned up the domain, stop some of our feuding and concentrate on our joined enemies.

Elder Simon Haile
Primogen to Prince Trenchard
Keeper of Elysium of Glasgow



“THE SPECIFICS
OF WHAT
HAPPENED THAT
VIOLENT NIGHT
IN MANCHESTER
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BEEN REVEALED”

TRENCHARD RUMOURS

Augustus Trenchard's name has once again hit the mortal consciousness, after it was spread across dozens of forums, conspiracy theory websites and numerous Twitter accounts. The story was much the same as the previous newspaper reports though, with the story that Augustus Trenchard was responsible for the death of Viscount Charles Augustus Aldworth.

With those names being unknown in mortal circles, speculation was rife as to what this meant. There was a recently deceased member of the Aldworth family, with some theories revolving around the concept that this was another unknown member of the family who had been killed as part of a secret war being waged in Glasgow. In any case, it is clear that no further details than the names have been given, which begs further questions.

Those names and the potential link between them are not idly stumbled across, so their release must have been in a deliberate fashion. The who has been concealed, with the story spread far and wide. That leaves the why. Does someone truly believe that Trenchard was responsible for Aldworth's death? The specifics of what happened that violent night in Manchester have never been revealed – was Carter forewarned? Was Aldworth betrayed?

And finally, who is the message intended for. Queen Anne? There must be more direct ways. Aldworth's former allies? They seem to have thrown their lot in with Trenchard. Or perhaps it is for the wider Camarilla, sowing the seeds of Trenchard's unsuitability for his role. Either way, many are looking to Trenchard for a response.



"BROTHERHOOD
IS ANYTHING
BUT REALITY"

VLADIMIR AND THE BROTHERHOOD

Many questions have been made, and answers guessed, but little truth have I been hearing. Brotherhood is this, Brotherhood is that, Brotherhood is anything but reality. So now I speak.

Brotherhood was my beginning. With others of close mind, we began. Coterie it has been called, and rightly so, coterie for bettering self, and so bettering all. Learning and teaching, helping and being helped. One cannot come without other.

Give to Brotherhood, and it will repay. Earn respect and it will be given to. Not about just wearing braid, or just speaking

good words. The doing is the truth, and in the doing will we know you.

If you would stand forward, be counted in Brotherhood and earn respect and reward, I will listen. Speak what you have to give, and what you would receive. Accepted Camarilla only, I have no time for those who have not a person to speak for them.

Contact Vladimir - my number can be easy found.

Vladimir
Elder of the Camarilla

THE ONE-EYED MAN

*An Ode to Ricky the Faceman
by an Honest Poet*

Once upon a time, in a city like ours,
Lived a Ventruer that wanted all of the power,
He gathered his friends, he made a petition,
He made sure to get rid of all the competition.

A challenger arose from a far off place,
He sent an envoy to go show his face,
The court was tense, who would strike the first blow?
What would happen, in the city of Glasgow?

The faceman he entered, a stake through his chest,
And all hell broke loose and well, you know the rest.
It ended with the exile of poor little Ricky,
Who quickly escaped from our little city.

But how did he manage to evade his pursuers?
Did he go by bus? Or maybe down by the sewers
How he escaped from the pen of this bard,
He was helped by none other than Augustus Trenchard.



Staked!

GIBRALTER ANALOGY

Down at the bottom of Spain there's a rock. Sticks out in the sea and sticks in the throat of the Spanish. They hate it, they want it, they curse it. They think they should have it, part of their territory and under their control. And if Gibraltar stood alone, that would be that.

But that Rock in the Med, it has links. Ties that not even the Spanish can ignore. For all their strutting, and for all the claim they think they have – they don't think to take the Rock. Because a wise person recognises the fights they can and cannot win.

It's a lesson lots could do with learning. You may see the Rock, and you may want the Rock. But if you don't know who stands behind it, then you had best just keep your hands in your pockets.



Grasping for something that belongs to one of the powers in the world is liable to end with your burned hands and wounded pride.

HARPY HOUR

The nights grow longer, as does Trenchard's time on his throne, and it seems a more precarious position each day. Between barely passing muster with the Archon of Karl Schrekt and earning the enmity of Clan Brujah, it was never an auspicious beginning.

But now rumours are gaining traction that Prince Trenchard was involved in spiriting away Ricky "the Faceman" rather than handing him over to the proper authorities. If that is the case, it must be wondered what tales were worth defying a Justicar to keep silent. And if it is not true, then why do these rumours persist – smoke and fire?

In other news, not at all related to Glasgow's dangerous and unpredictable status, preparations continue apace for Madame Guil's gathering in Scotland,

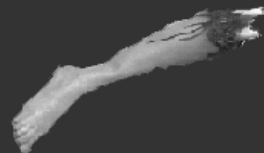
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Yours,

Editor in Chief of the Dark Times

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THE SHADOWS

HARPY HOUR, CONTINUED

with rumours abounding that she has been called in by her childe to help settle his dispute. Those rumours don't have much traction in Edinburgh though, as Prince Carlisle seems rather wroth with the idea he can't handle matters on his own. Go figure...

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Must Glasgow insist on sending its riff raff on to other Domains? If a Kindred has proven themselves incapable of existing in our society, London has always had the decency to ensure they don't disturb our way of life. Instead, we have that horrible Drake person drifting his way down, and making our Elysiums look untidy. Now he was never particularly couth when he left London, but during his time in Glasgow he seems to have lost all sense of propriety. I do hope it isn't a trend.

Margery Houndsworth-Stone – Harpy of London

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David Manning – it's a name which has been heard around quite a lot over the years. A Settite, openly and notoriously setting up shop in the Camarilla, truly an unusual sight. But despite all those who

are waiting for him to fail, he continues to meet the standards expected of him, exceeding them even. I must say that I am tipping him as one to watch for the future, as should we all.

Lucretia Reflection – Harpy of Manchester

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It seems that York's opinions towards Glasgow are hardening with every month – the Duke of York never liked what he heard when the new Prince was chosen, and I understand it isn't getting any better. Ventrué blood doesn't seem to be carrying the day with him, and Glasgow has long been an unorthodox Domain, never likely to be to the Duke's tastes. It has to be wondered if anything could restore that connection.

Farr the Gangrel – Harpy of Edinburgh

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Best Regards,

Editor in Chief



A monthly summary of
British Camarilla news,
politics, gossip and rumour,
straight from the Harpy's
mouth.