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WAR!!

Violent attacks on Kindred have erupted in Dundee.

The Tayside domain has suffered several bombings on some of its most high profile landmarks. These sites are publicly known among Kindred as elysiums.

Worst of all, the remains of two of Dundee's resident neonates have been found in the dark city streets, left for anyone to find them in a clear breach of the Masquerade and the Tradition of Destruction.

The two neonates have been identified as Shakir Mendelsohn of clan Nosferatu and Gabriella Simons of clan Toreador.

The gossip circulating the Dundee courts, scant though that is at present, and of the local mortal media, speak of sightings of wolves in the smallest hours of the morning in the Dundee and Perthshire alleys. Some also suggest to drunkards who have seemingly been grabbed and attacked by the shadows and the night itself.

Thomas Carmichael has been visible in his court, which has been taken as a show of strength on his part. Nevertheless it is rumoured that beyond court he has been accepting very few, if any, appointments.

The fingers of blame are already being pointed by Dundee and Edinburgh squarely at Aberdeen and Prince Leslie. The claim that, dissatisfied with the ongoing negotiations and growing in impatience and hubris, he is now regressing to base warfare to wrongfully seize the territory from the Toreador rulers.

The denials have also been thick and fast from Aberdeen. Karen Wallis has been quick to assert on Prince Leslie's behalf that no such attack has been undertaken by him. Whatever is going on in Dundee, it is not of Prince Leslie's artifice. This has been met, of course, with the

expected counter from Edinburgh that of course Aberdeen would deny everything until the deed was done or otherwise beyond the point of no return to buy themselves time. An assertion likely to outright infuriate the honour minded Prince Leslie.

There has been so far no response or comment from Justicar Guile's office, currently still residing in Doon Castle, nominally to arbitrate the ongoing territorial dispute between Edinburgh and Aberdeen. But it is unlikely that the next month will see her motionless or her wrath unfelt in the coming days for she is surely to take in an interest in this new development in the saga.

Will the Justicar permit the Camarilla of northern Scotland to descend into outright war? If she does, with whom will the other domains of Britain side? And how is Edinburgh to respond?



It would appear that swords have at last been drawn.

BOON TRADING:

- *Prince Simon Haile of Glasgow owes a minor boon to Prince John Houblon of London*

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ON HUNTING

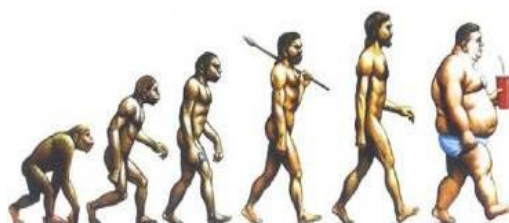
Since the beginning of my existence as a member of kindred society I have observed those around me. I have noticed that, over the centuries, kindred have lost touch with the hunt preferring a more 'takeout' approach. Who can blame them? Call the local pizzeria for a delivery and 30 minutes later your meal has arrived. This idea of 'hunting' is laziness; a loss of connection with the beast within.

The hunt allows us to understand the beast as an entity and gain a semblance of control over its power while maintaining the upper hand over this animal. An animal is made to be controlled. An animal is made to be taken down by those higher in the food chain. Allowing ourselves to become cosy in a life of convenience only drops us lower in the food chain. All to be seen in a number of

courts are animals dominating their masters. It is a sad state of affairs to be sure but not an irreversible one.

Those of us with a control over our 'pet' must show the true to the younger and more easily misguided of our kind.

The shape of things to come



A MESSAGE FROM GREY THE GARGOYLE

A mere month has passed and my words are proved true. The Sabbat attack our Court, and we stand weaponless in the halls, without warning from Keeper or Sheriff.

Instead of relying on the oaths which have served us for centuries, the young Keeper removes weapons from our hands. Not making us safe, not removing danger to each other, but limiting our ability to defend ourselves. A shame the Sabbat were not told of the rule - though they are not known for observing such things.

We are fortunate that this was a weak attack - just a skirmish to test our strength. On another night we may truly regret any lessening of our defences. And any failing to warn us of enemies approaching. I trust the preparations for the next gathering will be much stronger. And I continue to urge the Keeper to rethink.



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GLASGOW VIOLENCE CONTINUES

Dozens of people have been arrested following mob attacks and late night rioting outside some of Glasgow's best known attractions.

Gangs of youths formed up outside the Gallery of Modern Art, the City Chambers, the Kelvingrove Museum and Gallery, the Scotland St Police Museum and the Riverside Transport Museum.

Damage to these institutions appears to have been largely superficial and restricted to a few broken glass windows, smashed open doors and graffiti. Only the City Chambers appears to have suffered more with one front room sustaining a molotov petrol bomb through one of the broken window, burning it considerably.

The action is believed to be a mix of austerity protests and sporadic casual violence, perhaps linked to the growth of the gang warfare that has plagued Glasgow in recent months.

Nevertheless, the riots seem to have taken

Strathclyde Police completely by surprise. They have faced severe criticism in the recent days in the face of the organised crime group related attacks that have taken place of late.

Strathclyde Chief Constable, David Marr, stressed that all possible action is being taken and advised that the Violence Reduction Division has had major successes in bringing down violent crime in the East End and Southside this past month.

True though this may be, severe questions are being asked about potential failings in police intelligence that led to these attacks not being pre-empted and the slow response of the public order police in attending some of the locations, particularly at the Riverside Museum.

ELYSIUM BUISNESS

June Court

To those that attended the previous court, you are all aware of the terrible situation we found ourselves in, for those who were not able to attend then I am sure you have heard of it by now. However such a situation could have been a lot worse, were it not for the valiant efforts of those members of the court that took action. The security put in place for the court was extensive and of a high quality however even then three undesirables found their way into the Elysium. However in a show of impressive force many members of the court dispatched these would be assailants with great ease.

To these members of the court I wish to thank for protecting the Elysium and those that were perhaps not as capable of doing so. I hope that this serves as an example to any others who seek to disturb our Elysium, that retribution will be swift and precise.

Private Rooms

Given recent events, securing buildings declared an Elysium has been one of the main priorities and each of the buildings has been upgraded in terms of security. One such security measure is the use of Rooms within the sites of Elysium for private discussions. These rooms in turn have been secured ensuring that complete privacy is granted. Should anyone require access to these rooms they should contact myself at the soonest opportunity.

New Site of Elysium

As stated in the most recent announcement I am still looking for further suggestions in regards to other sites for Elysium that may show a wider range of talents and interests within the court. Please do not hesitate to speak with me in regards to this.

Adam Edelstein, Keeper of Elysium

FROM THE PRINCE'S DESK

Dear Subjects,
this month there are a number of
short announcements.

First in regards to the attack of
the court. While it is regrettable
that Elysium security was mo-
mentarily breached the assem-
bled kindred where more than a
match for the assault. Escape
routes were available for anyone
not wishing to endanger them-
selves and no one was seriously
injured.

Nevertheless our enemies have
thrown down the gauntlet and it
is up to us to retaliate. Over the
coming nights the kindred of
Glasgow will pull together, lo-
cate the adversaries responsible
and make an example out of
them.

Then there will be a reckoning
within the domain where those
who aided the domain will be
rewarded and those who endan-
gered the domain or actively
prevented others from aiding
will be punished.

Next we have the Darius the
Caitiff. He has attempted to de-
stroy the Seneschal of the do-
main. His attempt was unsuc-
cessful but his intentions of de-
stabilizing the domain in line
with the potential Sabbat attack
is nevertheless clear.

Therefore I proclaim that Darius
the Caitiff is no longer worthy
of blood and charge all within

my domain with hunting him
down and destroying him. The
victor of this hunt for his blood,
should they wish to sully them-
selves with the blood of a Caitiff,
has the right to his blood.

Before I finish I briefly need to
speak about Alexander the Brujah.
He has spectacularly failed in his
attempt to become the assistant to
the Scourge Marcellus. He has
demonstrated that he lacks com-
mon sense and deference to his
elders and has managed to join
Alister Tell and Malcolm Prester
in the three kindred who require
to demonstrate to the domain that
they are an asset rather than a hin-
drance.

In that they stand in a reversal of
fortune with Sebastian Fawkes
who has managed to make a good
impression a number of times and
should his dedication to the do-
main continue will no doubt soon
be regarded as an ancilla.

Simon Haile
Prince of Glasgow

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The Dark Times accepts submissions, and any Kindred should forward their contribution to the address to the left. We look forward to your efforts.

Yours,

Editor in Chief of the Dark Times

DARK TIMES - BRINGING LIGHT TO THE SHADOWS

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HARPY HOUR

These outrageous attacks on our sister Domain are so utterly base. They show the desperation and the depravity to which Prince Leslie is willing to lower himself. Nay, was he ever elevated above such cruel and barbaric acts. May you wallow in your own filth for centuries, Prince Leslie. Send as many of your wolves and hounds South as you dare. We shall endure. And we shall prevail!

Eleanor Plunkett, Harpy of Edinburgh

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Edinburgh may say what it will. They are wrong. They throw allegations without evidence. Despite all appearances, these attacks are not the work of the Prince of Aberdeen. It is not us that work by assassination and deceit. That we leave to you, Edinburgh. We now have the evidence of your foul dealings. We can now show to the world how the Torador of your domain are responsible for this dispute and the weakening of law and order in Dundee. Our case is almost complete. This is not the hour for us to make it. Not when blood is being spilled on the streets. But we shall. You may count on that.

Reginald Albertson, Seneschal of Aberdeen

Lady Anne may take up whatever feuds and brood over whatever insults she likes. She is not however free to do so with the resources of the Domain of London. Those are no longer hers to command. Prince Houblon has no desire to be dragged into the squabbles of *former* princes. He has indulged and acted generously with those who remained of the former regime and he will continue to do so. But that kindness must be returned. Do not make trouble for him within his domain or you will answer for it.

As ever, he has nothing but kind words and greetings for all the princes of Scotland. All of us in London, I'm sure, stand ready to provide whatever support may be asked of them in a time of crisis.

Gertraud Meisner, Harpy of London

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I think at last I might now get the chance to visit the bonny domain of Glasgow. It's been a funny few months hasn't it? By jingo it has. Well now I think it's high time we properly re-established diplomatic ties. There just might be a few things that you good Glasgoe laddies and lassies can help a chap out with.

Baron Oliver Bulwar-Lytton, Seneschal of Norfolk

Best Regards

Editor and Chief



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