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FROM THE PRINCE'S DESK

There has been some suggestions that Simon Haile has breached my Domain by speaking out against me regarding the matter of violence in Elysia. I will end this right now. Voicing a difference of opinion in my Domain is not a breach of domain. I trust my Senechal to keep me honest and give me the best guidance he can possibly give. Simon Haile is a staunch traditionalist and has very strong views on the traditions and Traditions of the Camarilla. I constantly benefit from his input, as does the Domain as a whole. I expect the same from all of my Primogen and court officers. I have no use for a court of yes men.

However, I would like to make my position clear in this matter. Elysium is a tradition. Not one of the six Traditions. I can and will suspend Elysia if I find it necessary to do so. The dishonourable will find no respite, no succour, and no hiding place in my Domain. Justice will be served to all who deserve it as quickly as I can achieve it.

Some of you may worry about your safety in Glasgow due to this incident. I would advise you to take heart in your honour and good conduct. You will never suffer my wrath without good reason. If you conduct yourself with dignity, honour, and respect, you have nothing to fear in my Domain. Equally, I will rip down every structure and every safe haven you believe you have if you are found to be guilty of any breach of the 6 Traditions of the Camarilla.

Angus McDonald,
Prince of Glasgow

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MASQUERADE BROKEN AGAIN

For the second time in quick succession the Masquerade has been torn to shreds in the domain of Glasgow.

On the night of Prince Angus's court in February an engagement took place out-with the (suspended-) Elysium of the People's Palace at which his court was being conducted.

Strathclyde Police closed off the scene of Glasgow Green and a story has been fed to the mortal press of a live fire exercise conducted by Strathclyde Police involving counter-terrorism, armed response and hostage homicide and rescue officers. This operation is being sold to the public as part of the wider Operation Darting Dolphin which saw similar such exercises of that nature take earlier that week at Braehead Shopping Centre and Dalkeith Police Office.

However, despite obvious efforts at the time to contain the incident from public view, the incredibly public nature of the location, situated in wide open view, publicly lit and in close proximity of an abundance of residential properties all of them with a clear view of the park has led to mortals observing the battle.

Already alerted to a commotion by merit of a heavy police presence, mortal media was awash this month with reports and mobile camera phone footage of identifiable kindred using an abundance of powers of the blood in battle with at least one blood mage, several unidentifiable multi limbed creatures and a flying demonic monstrosity - all of it caught on camera. There is additionally heavy weapons fire.

The mortal press was full of stories for the best part of two days covering the incident with eye witness accounts and the surfacing of footage such as this on the internet in great quantities. Efforts in both arenas have

been undertaken to cover up the incident including the silencing of such witnesses, crushing of media attention and coverage on the subject and IT based solutions. There have been attempts to further muddy the waters with suggestions of holographic projectors being used to simulate effects on the night for the purposes of police training in "unorthodox" or "special conditions".

But no mistake can be made that the damage to the masquerade has been severe and the impact has already been felt in some quarters with increased anti-kindred based hacktivist activities online, increased exposure by witnesses and word of mouth and word of higher than normal church activity and investigation.

Readers will remember that this comes hot on the heels of the even greater Masquerade breach in Glasgow last November at the hands of the so called "Prophet" (see Page 3).

It is known that Justicar Crowley is furious over the incident and has already launched investigations into the matter to bring the kindred responsible for this breach of the Masquerade to justice for the crime.

“PROPHET” EXECUTED

The renegade kindred known as “The Prophet” has been executed on the orders of the Justicariate.

He was charged on multiple counts of breach of several of The Traditions, notably hundreds of transgressions against the Tradition of Progeny, dozens against the Tradition of Domain, and one of the worst crimes against the Tradition of Masquerade in living memory.

The 13th Generation Ravnos was responsible for siring hundreds of kindred across multiple Scottish Domains and used the to perpetrate a heinous attack and seizure of a Glasgow television news station declaring to the world the existence of kindred kind and his intention to herald the end times which he coincided with waves of assaults on every domain in Scotland by his childer including on a conclave held by Justicar Crowley at Doune Castle that vey night.

He was apprehended along with many of his childer in Glasgow by the kindred of Prince Angus and his court officers.

In a short solemn ceremony at Edinburgh Castle overseen by Justicar’s Thraces and Guille, “The Prophet” was beheaded at the hands of Justicar Thraces himself. In a short speech, the Justicar declared;

“Behold—this is the fate of all those who transgress the Transitions and the rules laid down by the eldest.

Let this things ashes serve as a reminder, his fate a monument, to the very purpose of the Camarilla. Without it, we would all be as lost as this wayward imbecile. Without our order and our civilization we would all face on a nightly basis the calamities of fools, the insane

and the ignorant who try and rip reality asunder for their own hubris. Ambition and madness. If we all acted such as him, we would all surely perish, not by any hand of a Justicar but by the hands of billions of mortal kind that brings forth the fires of the torch and the trolley into the sunlight.

Remember always—There is Only The Masquereade. There is only the Camarilla. And the enemies of both shall not be allowed a moment of peace or existence so long as I can help it.”

In another ceremony, approximately 60 high generation childer of the Prophet were escorted under guard to an abandoned oil rig off the coast of Aberdeen.

Here they were corralled into a cage and secured on the platform in an operation overseen by Justicars Crowley and Collins.

Without further delay it fell to Justicar Collins to give the final words;

“Thus for all unfit to to bear the name of kindred. For their crimes they are sentenced to death.”

With immediate effect, the entire company of 14th and, reportedly, 15th generations were set alight as one in a pyre.

They are no more.

MORE FROM THE PRINCE

I have become aware of a disturbance in the Domain of York, and certain rumours that have been bandied around regarding it. Some of you may be aware that a popular nightclub in York has recently burned down and it is believed that the Toreador Primogen of York was inside at the time and is now no longer with us. Fingers are pointing at the Ventrue of York in these rumours.

I want to state in no uncertain terms that I have always found the Duke of York to be a mightily honourable kindred and even the thought of this type of attack would be beneath him. The Ventrue of York are upright kindred who follow the example of their Prince closely. Have no doubt in your minds that this attack on a Primogen of York is also a direct attack on the

Prince of York and his Domain. I have no doubt he will move heaven and earth to find and punish the perpetrator of this crime.

I have two questions in my mind while thinking on this matter: would the Duke of York need to work in such a backhand manner to execute a member of his Court when he could do it openly as the Prince of his Domain? And would any of his Ventrue work against him and murder a member of his Primogen and expect to get away with it?

Angus McDonald,
Prince of Glasgow

HUNTER ACTIVITY

The following are my observations of the hunters that are trespassing in our city. If you have business that usually takes you around these areas, I recommend that you avoid it. Even one of us being caught is a danger to all.

There are many of them around Glasgow green. At last sighting there were eight or nine on patrol. When observed enough they begin to move in your direction without needing to be able to see you. Any further activity should be carried out via proxy and even then is best avoided.

Another man with a similar band travels the city centre between Central and Queen Street train station. My own encounter was outside of here. I cannot say for certain why they left me alone but then again it is not clear exactly which senses were being triggered. These men too seem able to sense me without being able to see me.

Our last subject is the most active and difficult to follow. He travels with 4 men and they seem to box their quarry in. They are visible outside nightclubs, council offices and police stations. They were joined by more near the TV studios on the quay. All such places are common points of influence within any city so our foe is experienced and either has more far reaching senses than I give them credit or are seeing signs pointing to one of us there. I suspect the latter as if it were the former, I would now be dead.

Ethan Fletcher
Sheriff

ELYSIUM

Welcome everyone to the Gallery of Modern Art for this month's court where I hope you will all enjoy the latest trend in the Art world 'Art and Technology'. You will see that we are not in our usual hall for this particular venue but instead utilising one of the windowless white studios in order to experience the full effects of the Museum's most recent exhibition. Projected onto the four white walls around the table are both photographs and landscape paintings of the rolling and exquisite countryside of Scotland. Combined with this is the music and sounds of the glen played through our state of the art stereo system which provides crystal clear sound, a sound so real you might think you were out amongst those hills and not in the middle of a bustling city.

For more information on further exhibitions exploring the theme of Art and Technology please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Events of the Previous Court

Following on from the previous court please note that the People's Palace will no longer be in use as an Elysium. This is due to significant interest by various parties following the events of the previous court and for the safety of all those within the domain I urge you to avoid this particular area for the time being. In the interim, the Science Centre on the south side of the river will be our new 24 hour Elysium with private rooms being made available to those who require it.

Congratulations to all those involved in the incident who acted quickly and decisively to ensure the safety of this domain. I would ask everyone within the domain to be extra vigilant regarding those that may be 'interested' in what happened that night. Also, please ensure that if you happen across anyone talking about the vents of that evening that you

squash the rumour as quickly as you can or identify the person in question to myself and I will deal with it. Together, we can ensure that these events are put where they belong, in the past, and we can revel in yet another victory for Prince Angus and the Domain of Glasgow.

The Sanctity of Elysium

I have only one thing to say on the matter.

If anyone has any questions regarding the above, then please, come speak with me personally, I would be happy to put you at ease regarding any concerns you may have.

Spring Celebration

With Easter just around the corner and with all our recent successes I believe it is high time that we celebrated! And so later this month I will be hosting a Spring Celebration with a whole host of delights and entertainments to celebrate our departure from the dreary winter to the budding flowers of spring. Whilst the event will be invitation only, I am looking for those amongst the court who may have a particular talent or perhaps a mortal with an intriguing skill that we might marvel at and enjoy. If you know of any such person, or perhaps *are* such a person, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me.

Details regarding the Celebration will be sent by invitation, so look out for your invite at the Elysium the next time you make a visit!

Amadeus Edelstein
Keeper of Elysium and Primogen

FROM SIMON HAILE

This month I find myself in the awkward position of having to apologise to my liege and Prince, Elder Angus McDonald. Not only were my comments criticising the one who commands me in all things completely out of line, no they were also factually wrong.

There was no breach of the Tradition of Elysium as the Elysium had been temporarily disbanded prior to any aggressive action having taken place and it was entirely my own fault for not being aware of that.

Even had my liege broken one of our most ancient Traditions, which he didn't, someone in my position had better the decorum to stand by silently.

I therefore apologise and let betters decide the consequences for my transgression.

Simon Haile

This month I found myself considering what one might be asked for when ones debts are called in. Someone stated that for a minor boon as long as the task does not endanger your life, nor cost you any great amount of resources, nor is asking to perform any political action against your wishes or clan or requesting training in a protected discipline it falls firmly within the bounds of a Minor Prestation.

So by those rules could you ask the debtor wear an ankle bracelet that gives away the wearers location for a week or even for just 24 hours. In and of itself it doesn't breach the rules stated and the band of armed thugs that during the day check out the location and capture the wearer either find him or that he has broken his word.

Could you ask for a pint or even a drop of their blood or a lock of their hair? They don't break the definition given above.

In my library alone are more than a dozen books that describe rites, rituals and spells for location spells, love charms, curses and controlling effigies like voodoo dolls all of which require merely a drop of blood or strand of hair.

So does that mean a minor boon is useless. No far from it. It simply has to be something that can not be used to directly harm the person who is repaying the debt. It generally is something that can be relatively simply be achieved by the debtor. So if you wish to be in receipt of one of their businesses or havens or have them aid you in an upcoming confrontation a minor boon might be exactly what you need.

Simon Haile

NEW ARCHBISHOP ENTHRONED

A new Catholic archbishop of Glasgow has taken up position in Glasgow this month.

Archbishop Francis MacKlintock has been newly appointed by the Vatican to lead Glasgow's Roman Catholic Congregation. His predecessor Archbishop Colin Maxwell was murdered by a car bomb in a taxi several months ago which is still being investigated as a hate crime.

Archbishop MacKlintock formerly served as Bishop of Leeds and then on the International Theological Council in Vatican City, largely a political position in the state of the Holy See.

In his inauguration speech at Glasgow Cathedral he promised to continue in the same vein as Colin Maxwell in fighting for Glasgow's and Scotland's Catholic demographic

and standing up for their Christian values and traditions in all walks of life and in all aspects of the private sphere and that of the state.

He also hoped to carry on in the same spirit of compassion, collective faith and pastoral care for which Archbishop Maxwell was known in his Archdiocese.

DRONE DELIVERY BUSINESS TAKES OFF

New start up company "BEES?" has turning the skies of Scotland into a hive of activity.

Entrapaneur Andy Dundee has started up a fledgling company offering speedy air mail to premium customers using remote control aerial drones. The drones are capable of carrying letters or small packages of up to 5kg. This could be parcels or could even be take-away deliveries of food.

In recent years the west coast of Scotland has become a centre for civilian amateur drone enthusiasts for photography, recreation and other hobbyists but this is the first occasion someone has tried to utilise them as a business model in the country.

HARPY HOUR

To me it is utterly inconceivable that someone who owes a life boon to his own Prince should ever dare to publicly make a statement such as the one that Simon Haile made last month in this publication. He has clearly taken all leave of his senses and we should all be asking very serious questions as to the reputation and reliability of Elder Haile. I for one would chose to disassociate from him just as, it would appear, the bulk of his own clan now chose to—probably quite rightly so.

Henry Newbolt

Harpy of Birmingham

Ho ho ho...Oh, Angus! You fool. What have you done now? You have created such a breach of the Masquerade as can not be ignored by anyone, at least if the camera footage can be believed. And it can be, can't it? No matter what the cause, no matter what the justification, I bet you Crowley will not see it that way. Nor do I for that matter. All your claws bared for the world to see, and where did those lovely black tentacles come from? Oh dear, Angus. As always—so impulsive. So reckless. So dead.

Lucretia Reflection

Harpy of Manchester

Did you see Simon Haile at Prince Carmichael's party launching his new private yacht? Or see what a fabulous suit he wore to Susan Marlborough's fashion show in York last week? Or see him make polite and captivating conversation at my little party the week before that to celebrate...well just because? No, you didn't? Oh well now how could that be? Oh yes, that's right...he wasn't invited to any of those events. Oh Simon, what an embarrassing bore he has become. Tedious to talk to and rude to everyone. It isn't all that surprising really. And really darling find some dress sense. I've watched silent films with more colour than you. Elder Edelstein and Niklas - always a pleasure to see you two fine handsome gentlemen. Eric does look so dashing on your arm, Adam. And Niklas, when are we going to see someone suitably dapper escorting you to my little parties? We must work on that for you. Do hurry back both of you. You are both always welcome.

Jenny Wilmot

Harpy of Norfolk



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Yours,

Editor in Chief of the Dark Times

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THE SHADOWS