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FROM THE PRINCE'S DESK

The relocation and removal of our unwanted hunting guests continues with much progress being made by many members of the court such as Seneschal Brown, Sheriff Fletcher, Elder Cosimo and our Keeper of the Masquerade Daniel Smith. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their good work and remind everyone *not* to personally engage with these unwanted guests. There is a possibility that their attention has been diverted elsewhere however we must be vigilant for any who think they can make their home here in Glasgow. Please note that during this time access to the Elysia will be restricted until security can be assured. During the month there will be a 'floating Elysia', the location of which will be given on request by calling the secured Elysium telephone number.

In regards to events down south following the voiding of the Treaty of Durham I will be making an announcement later this evening that will hopefully put some of your concerns to rest.

The gentrification of Glasgow continues apace with many members of the court contributing to and encouraging the process. Be it from our recent arrival Mr Huxley refurbishing and restoring the great historical buildings of our city, to several of you working towards cleaning up the streets, to Elder Tius improving our rivers, this city will soon be able to shake off its grimy past into a bright and prosperous future. Anyone looking to get involved in

these works should speak to Elder Tius who has been spearheading this operation and whom I offer my thanks for the good work that has been done already.

It is with a heavy heart that I must announce the departure of our Harpy Niklas Takala. Niklas has served this court well over the past year and a half and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him all the best in his future endeavours. You will be missed Niklas.

However, that does leave an opening not just for a Harpy which will no doubt be decided by yourselves and the other harpies of Britain, but also the Keeper of Elysium. Perhaps it is not the most important position in the court to some, but it certainly requires a lot of work and dedication and is a position that is very close to my heart. The person who would fill it would have some big stylish shoes to fill but is a feat I am sure one lucky member of the court can accomplish.

The thing is, there are a few within the court that might be excellent in such a position, and there are certainly a few that would benefit from it. So, to assist in filling the position I'm going to have a little competition this month.

The Keeper of Elysium has many duties, the security of these venues being the most important; however an *excellent* Keeper will also ensure

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that these illustrious buildings contain the most eye catching works of art, the most fascinating exhibitions and the standing ovation worthy performances. If you are interested in being considered for the position you have the month of June to source, arrange and display to me an 'art' worthy of being housed in one of our great Elysia. It can be anything from a landscape performance to a modern dance performance to the latest invention in science.

Whoever can produce the best work will be the new Keeper of Elysium.

Prince Edelstein

FROM ETHAN

What's your escape plan once that Kindred who slighted you a century ago is ash?

Once you have gathered all the things that you feel you need.

Once you achieved all those things you wanted just to say you could.

Where will you go?

All our sources and frames of reference tell us that the great beyond isn't going to be kind to us.

They could be wrong but that's a wager I don't see many people taking up.

There are few amongst our number who saw their civilization die.

All the progress, ideas and works that made it worthwhile no longer exist.

They might as well have been asleep the whole time.

I'd love to meet one and ask if they felt better or worse for it?

One imagines that the "life is about the journey" rhetoric gets old after you see Halley's comet come around for the sixth or seventh time?

Keeping the more violent urges at bay is one thing but has anyone given as much thought to keeping our higher functions in check?

Can you self police your own existential crisis and find a way to defy gravity's draw into the pit of nihilism?

Hope so.

For sale to highest bidder: location of missing ghouls. See Rosina Provenzano-Giovanni for more information.

FROM SPAIN

Kindred of Glasgow,

My war continues. Pamplona has been successfully defended from the Sabbat counter-attack. Their efforts to reclaim the city, while damaging and costing the unlives of several high ranking kindred, were in vain. Pamplona remains a stalwart bastion of the Camarilla and grows in strength and stability every night.

This crusade requires competent kindred of all stripes. Opportunities for power, status, and glory abound. Join me in Spain Kindred. For the Camarilla.

Angus McDonald, of Pamplona.

I would like to congratulate our gracious Prince Edelstein on the success of Scotland in the Eurovision Song Contest. Some fantastic advice and coaching definitely paid dividends for the winning act!

of the work until the task is complete and we can all enjoy the grand opening of these prestigious sites.

Until then...

Your friend,
Finn Huxley.

I would also like to inform my fellow residents of this fine Domain of the exciting news that several new Elysia are currently being created in several historic, and beautiful, listed buildings within the boundaries of the Domain. Acquisitions have been made and work is progressing. I hope it won't be too long before these new Elysia are open for both your use and your pleasure. I will continue to provide updates on the progress


Kindred of Glasgow,

If you wish copies and details for these please do not hesitate to approach me or a court officer who can direct you to me.

Elder Tius

Last month we welcomed some into the domain from sects and families you may not previously have dealt with. Namely a member of the Anarchs and a member of the clan Giovanni.

The Camarilla have some treaties in place with both of these bodies and so, if you find yourself in dealing with them, you should make yourselves aware of what they are. Should breaches be made I fear ignorance is no excuse.



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MONTHLY ROUND UP

It has now been a month since the Kingdom of Scotland formerly became independent from Great Britain. Holyrood is still dominated by the SNP in government as their mortal First Minister begins the task forging the restored nations new destiny.

But already Scotland has scored its first great diplomatic victory of a form by claiming victory at the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest. The act of Wolfgang McQueen and his band Wolf Wife solidly beat the nearest and bookies favourite, Austria, to win the contest on their first independent visit to the contest. The music itself was heralded as one of the greatest songs and capable performances ever presented in the shows history.

I'm sure you all look forward as much as I do to Eurovision coming to Glasgow in 2017.

Well, that aside—Kindred events are no less awe inspiring. The Toreador expelled from London in what appears to be the first major *cassus belli* from Houblon to assert his dominance over

the British Isles as a whole as a new King of Albion. The world watches to see if the childer of Mithras will step up to the plate to match his belligerence or to restore the rights (as they see it) of their inheritance.

Conferences are already underway in Doune castle at the highest levels and we all hold our breath (metaphorically of course) to see what the results of those meetings will be.