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FROM THE PRINCE'S DESK

Let it be known that Prince Houblon of London has declared war against the domains of Glasgow and Edinburgh. In the coming months I will be in close discussions with Prince Carlisle and Prince Leslie in regards to how we will respond to this declaration, but I assure you, any action taken against the Domain of Glasgow by London will be met with a swift and ruthless response.

Allow me to take this opportunity to put to rest the concerns of our resident members of Clan Venttrue. This is not a clan war. This is between London and the North. Queen Anne has condemned the actions of Prince Houblon, the Prince of Severn has condemned the actions of Prince Houblon, two noble and respected Venttrue whom I trust and value. You are not my hostages and will not be treated as such. As I say, this is not a clan war.

Should anyone, be they from any clan, wish to fight on the side of Prince Houblon then you have three nights from tonight to pack up your things and head to London. Anyone working on Houblon's behalf that remains in this domain following that time period will be considered a spy and will be dealt with accordingly.

The time for neutrality is over, you are either with this domain or not. If you are not willing to fight for it then see above instructions. Everyone will have a part to play in the coming months and I will have no time for cowards. Now I know not everyone has a martial prowess but there are other ways to win wars, there are other assets that are required.

If you stay, you fight, if you leave, don't come back.

Tonight there will be a document on the top table, anyone that wishes to remain in this domain will sign it, and that is a promise that you will stay and you will fight for the Domain of Glasgow in whatever capacity you are capable of doing so. Following the conclusion of court the document will be posted in the floating Elysium to give anyone that could not make the court the opportunity to sign up to this promise.

Everyone who wishes to stay will be expected to sign it. No exceptions.

Prince Edelstein

PUBLIC DECLARATIONS

I, John Houblon, Prince of London, do on this night declare a state of War against the Princes of Edinburgh, Glasgow and their Allies.

For months now, I and my Ventrue cousins have had to endure insults and unfounded accusations of breach of Traditions and other crimes. The recent declaration of alliance by the princes of the north of Britain is a clear and unprovoked act of aggression that can not go unanswered. We will rise to this martial challenge. Let it be known that I will show every determination in personally leading this crusade for justice and cleansing this smear against our name. We will finish the task of restoring order and civilization that our precessors could not find the strength or will to complete.

Prince Houblon of London

Let it be known that I, Anne, do condemn the actions of John Houblon and declare that he has sacrificed his right to the praxis of London. I do hereby claim the praxis of the domain of London as my own and call upon the loyal and law abiding kindred of the city to rally to myself - the appointed successor to Mithras. Let it be also known that I regard the Treaty of Durham as binding to myself, to all of my line and to all Clan Toreador, with all the rights and responsibilities it imparts.

Let it be known that I, Prince Severn, do find the actions of Prince Houblon to be a disgrace to the majesty of his throne. He brings war and calumny upon us all with his reckless conduct and treats all of us, including our high born friends, with contempt and dishonour. It is with a heavy heart that we must now take arms to see him unseated and assume the authority of the London praxis for ourselves. We extend our hand of friendship to all those that would see a madness brought to an end that has brought so many of us needlessly into collision with one another. Severn wants peace. So we go to war.

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I sit here, hands trembling with fury, as I contemplate a response sufficient for the crime which has been inflicted upon me. A response that fully describes the enormity of the atrocity. But I can not call upon such prose. Instead I provide you all simply the facts which shall speak for themselves.

On the night of Saturday 11th June an explosive device was detonated in The Lyceum Theatre here in Edinburgh. The building, as is the case for the rest of the Old Town, an Elysium. The bomb was a mixture of high explosives and white phosphorus. The explosions caused horrific damage to the building and the white phosphorus burned property and people inextricably. As of this moment the casualties are as follows; Toreador Neonate Natasha Bolingbroke has been destroyed; Brujah neonate Arnold Prestman has been destroyed; Keeper of Elysium Joanna McDonald has been severely injured and is recovering; Eight kine were killed outright and a further seven dies of injuries later; twice that many have been injured.

The culprit has been found and arrested. It is Robert Douglas, a Ventrue neonate resident of London. My thanks to my Sheriff Lawrence Redwood and indeed also to Archon Augustus Trenchard for assisting the investigation. The criminal has now been passed into the custody of the Archon who now in turn passes the matter to Justicar Thraces.

Know this however—I will not rest until I see John Houblon obliterated for this despicable and criminal act he has committed to my domain. If he wishes war this badly, despite his fictional protestations to some imagines injury that I, my allies or my kind have caused him, then I will oblige him. Come to Edinburgh yourself Houblon and I will cast your ashes from the top of the castle walls.

No? Well then here this then you who have callously broken a peace of hundreds of years standing in your ridiculous crusade for asserting your authority over your colleagues who despise you;

By the Major Boon I possess over you I call upon you to end this war you have declared immediately and surrender yourself to me.

Prince Carlisle of Edinburgh

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Personal promises have been made. I will forever stick by my word. Crimes have been committed. Crimes that are unforgiveable as they are inexcusable. They will be punished. The Gangrel have often seen eye to eye with our Ventrue allies and friends. We have often not seen like for like with our Toreador neighbours. But Houblon has acted with ignominy. And we will come to the aid and defence of our Toreador allies in this time. Enter my domain without my permission—anyone—and I will kill you. Aberdeen, and Scotland too, will not be dictated to by London, much less so so long as its mad Fuhrer sits upon it throne.

Prince Leslie of Aberdeen

It is the considered opinion of Prince Wallace's government that he will be supporting Queen Anne in her efforts to again assume authority in London as Prince and acknowledge her dominion over the British isles in Mithras's name. Long live the Baronies of Avalon.

Henry Newbolt, Harpy of Birmingham

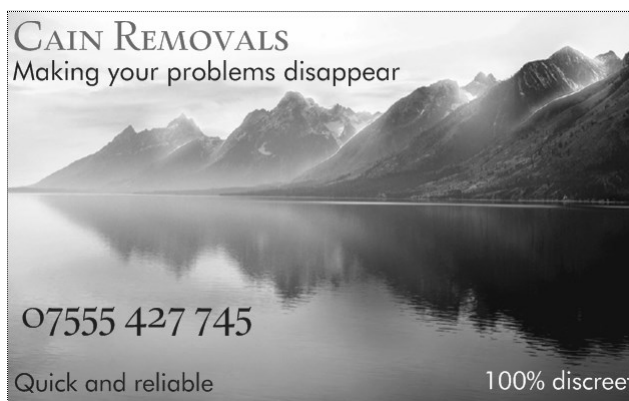
FROM ANGUS

Kindred,

Following the successful defence of Pamplona, the war continues and moves into a new phase. New domains lay ready to fall in a new offensive and these new domains require competent kindred to settle and exploit for the good of the Camarilla. Make a name for yourself and increase your power base and influence. Come to Spain and realise your true potential. Or stay where you are with a boot eternally on your neck...

My thanks to Prince Adam Edelstein and Primogen Levi Tius for all the support they have provided over the last several months. It has been invaluable in the prosecution of my penitent crusade. I hope to host you both in Pamplona as soon as the cathedral is repaired following my duel with the Beast of Navarra. Hopefully within the next 6 months, my good friends.

Angus McDonald of Pamplona



FROM FINN HUXLEY

Greetings kindred,

I am pleased to announce that work has begun on several exciting new elysia sites. One of which is in a prime city centre location. If any of you talented kindred have an eye for interior design, I would like to open up a small competition for you. Submit a theme and designs for the interior of this grand building and reap the rewards on being successfully chosen as the leading designer of this prestigious new elysia site. Simply speak to me at Court or in a private correspondence to declare yourself as an interested party. I look forward to being dazzled by your creative genius!

Also, having completed several tasks successfully for Prince Edelstein and Primogen Tius, I find myself more able to assist the other members of the Court with any financial, legal, investment, or property advice or advocacy. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require my services. Discretion and confidentiality guaranteed.

Your friend,

Finn Huxley

Did you notice?

Did you notice that the pizza boy is missing. Out for a delivery never to return. How could he have known that the Malkavian had been really hungry?

Did you notice the group of burglars disappearing who foolishly attempted to steal the valuables in the Ventruer's manner House as well as the ghoul who had whispered of the treasures in the house ripe for taking?

Did you notice the missing police patrol, their bodies and car torn apart into pieces, who pushed the Brujah they were attempting to arrest just a little too far?

No, that is good. That means whoever took care of the problem made it go away and did not turn it into courtly, or worse mortal, gossip.

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