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SCOTLAND WEATHERS STORM

There was a palpable sense of relief, restoration and optimism in Scotland this month.

The Govan shipyards which were closed by BAE systems last months have been re-opened under a new owner. Already constructions has been resumed on four off shore patrol vessels that will now instead be built for the Scottish Royal Navy instead of for the British. Likewise there are plans for the further construction of six new frigates based on the dutch *Seven Provinces* class.

Moreover Scotland now boasts a new and much needed flagship in the form of the HMSNV *Glasgow*. The *Mistral* class amphibious assault ship has been built by the French as the Vladivostok for the Russian Navy but was impounded following the Crimea and Lake Ladoga Crisis. It has now been sold to the Scottish military as part of the new bilateral lend lease deal that was signed last month between Scotland and France.

This also comes at a time when Scotland finds itself as one of the great cultural capitals of the continent. Almost the entirety of London's west end theatrical productions, the envy of the world, have found a temporary new home in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Dundee.

Intimidated by a new and terrifying wave of backpack bombs, real and hoax, throuought the English capital,

production companies have flocked to bring the delight of Phantom of the Opera, Les Miserables, Wicked, Lion King and Hamilton to the paying public of Scottish antives and tourists alike in an extravaganza of musical theatre and artistic upheaval. As the stage lights of London go out they come on with renewed vigour Scotland's cities.

ELYSIUM

Dearest friends,

It is with great pleasure that I can announce the completion of our Domain's newest Elysium. Calton Place has been renovated in the opulent style of the Palace of Versailles, with a commanding view over the river to the heart of the city centre. I would like to take this opportunity to gift the building to Prince Edelstein by way of thanks for his gracious welcome and acceptance into his Domain. This Elysium is intended to be a personal space for the Prince to conduct business and to host parties for visiting dignitaries or celebrate the achievements of the Domain's Kindred in suitably grand surroundings. I hope you all get to enjoy this beautiful space during your leisure as much as I enjoyed watching it come together during its renovation.

Progress on the second of my Elysia is moving along at a fine pace. I hope this new public space will amaze and delight you all when it is finally constructed and officially opened for general use.

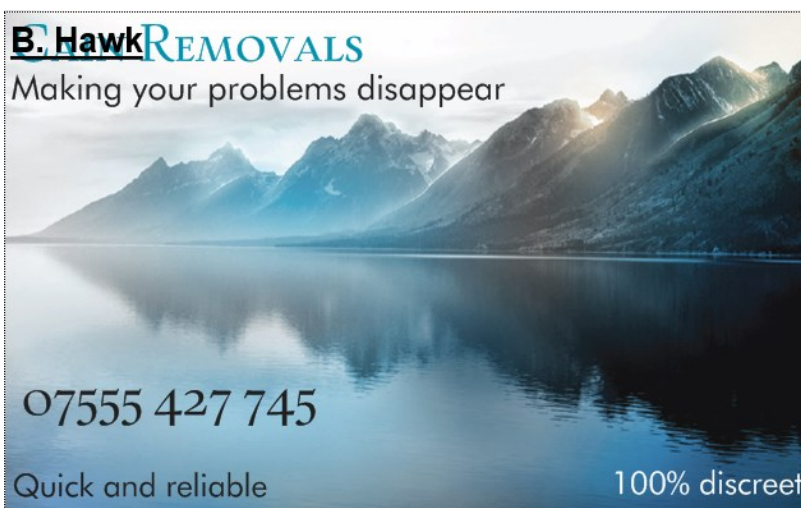
Your friend,
Finn Huxley,
Keeper of Elysium.

Dear loyal customers,
after having been granted an audience with his royal highness Prince Amadeus Edelstein I have to inform you that you, the kindred of the domain, can not be trusted to be given a business card which says "Cain Removals" on it. Because you might leave that card on the bus and draw attention to us.

Likewise the adverts in the Dark Times could also fall into the wrong hands. So it has been strongly suggested to me that I bring the "Problems Removal" business under the Blood Hawk umbrella. Far be it from me to not follow the suggestions of my elders and betters and so from now on Cain Removals will be known as "B. Hawk Removals", a name that surely the esteemed members of the court can be trusted with.

Obviously the number will stay the same, 07555-427-745.

Henry Randall



FROM SPAIN

Kindred of the Camarilla,

It is with a heavy heart that I announce the Final Death Pamplona's beloved Harpy, Emelia Villalobos. The Lady Villalobos was assassinated by an infiltrating Sabbat pack, The Architects of Dread, as she observed the final repair work being carried out on the Cathedral of Pamplona following the duel between the Hammer of Shadows, Angus McDonald, and the Beast of Navarre. Thankfully, Elder McDonald was quick to respond to this affront and led a successful hunt to run down and slay the interlopers. Notable in this endeavor were Marcellus of Glasgow, slaying 3 members of the pack single-handedly, Olgron the Dark of Helsinki for dueling the hated Tarka the Gaul, and Angus McDonald who dismembered the packs Ductus and Priest in a horrific display of violence that doesn't bear repeating here. Even the Ragged Knight, Simon Haile, was useful in tracking and detecting the stealthy pack members as they prepared to exit the city and return to their own foul demense.

I now stand as Harpy for the Domain of San Sebastian and Pamplona and as such, I look forward to hearing of both the exploits of the worthy and the mortifications of the foolish among you all. A good night to you all,

Francesca De Polonia,
Harpy of San Sebastian and Pamplona.



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