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MITHRAS RETURNS—LONDON CONQUERED

The ancient methuselah Mithras has returned to Camarilla life in the British Isles. Already he has made his intentions plain and has re-asserted his authority in London.

Early this month Mithras, Lord of Avalon, entered the domain of London and met Prince Houblon in Westminster Abbey. After a short confrontation Houblon was slain by Mithras's own hand. Invitations were given for any other challengers to the praxis of London but, unsurprisingly, none were forthcoming.

John Houblon is destroyed. Prince Mithras is again undisputed ruler of London.

As a consequence the siege of London being conducted by the Prince of Severn, Prince of Birmingham and Lady Anne has been lifted. All three have proclaimed their loyalty and fealty to Prince Mithras as indeed has Prince York.

Following from this a high level conference was convened in Doune Castle at the behest and facilitation of Prince Edelstein of Glasgow. Before this conference could meet in full the initial drinks and dinner party was brutally interrupted by the arrival of Prince Cruithni who opted not for discourse to make one final challenge on Mithras. This contest was witnessed by Justicar Thraces, another participant at the conference. It can be stated for the record that the contest was a long and

bloody single combat but Mithras prevailed the victor and Cruithni too has been destroyed, his lands claimed by Prince Mithras as his own.

The exact details of the result of this meeting when it resumed are yet to be known in full. The details are as yet known only to those in the room when it happened.

However, in broad strokes, we can reveal that the war between London and Edinburgh has also been brought to an end with assurances of respect of sovereignty and rights of clans given by both sides. Many of the articles of the now defunct Treaty of Durham proscribing clan activities in either domain have been swept away in place of a new peace treaty to be known as the Doune Accords.

Further, Prince Mithras has that same night relinquished control of the former domain of Cruithni and divided those lands as gifts to the domains of Glasgow, Edinburgh, Manchester and York from which they were seized in the first place.

Time will now tell if this is the foundation of a lasting peace in the British Isles or merely a rest and regroup stage for a renewed thrust of conquest by the restored Prince Mithras.

ELYSIUM

My dearest friends,

I trust I find you all well and that your evenings have been most productive. I would like to remind you all that the current situation of all our Elysia sites is a total lockdown with the exception of one rolling Elysium site a month. As soon as is practicable, this lockdown will be lifted. But for now please be patient and bear with us.

That being said, I would like to invite you all to the opening of Glasgow's newest Elysium site in December for a night of carousing and entertainment! The details and the date will follow closer to the time as per our current security situation. I hope to see you all there!

Finn Huxley,
Keeper of Elysium.

VENTRUE BUZZ

The legendary Mithras has returned and the implications are ... profound. I have spend this month to make sure, as far as someone of my station is able to, to verify that the person calling themselves Mithras, is actually the legendary ruler of Britain, and not someone simply trading on another name. As far as I can tell the individual we met at the last month's court is actually Mithras, or someone or almost similar power and ability who spend considerable effort into planning and executing a complicated charade. In any case, it does not matter as this leagues above my, and to be honest likely anyone else in this domain's, pay grade and power. So Mithras has returned and compelled our allegiance and we are bound by our word.

That being said I had a quick look towards the domain of London which Mithras is going to reclaim, and it is in a mess. It has become a war zone. Several kindred, some of which with some standing, have gone missing or met confirmed final destruction just by entering the domain and getting caught up in the crossfire between Houblon supporters and his enemies. I would strongly council to stay away from the capital at the moment.

Lastly, and this is not clan Ventrue related, the missing ghouls were being kept in Aberdeen and Belfast. This has some implications on our enemies reach and the potential of another domain and the Anarchs being involved or targeted. As this information was made available to the Prince's advisors a number days before I obtained it I have deliberately not interfered in the official domain reaction to reclaim or silence these ghouls and am looking forward to hearing what the outcome has been.

Henry Randall

FROM ANGUS

Kindred,

after several months of intelligence gathering and recon work, I am happy to announce that the borders of the Camarilla have expanded to include Bilbao, Santander, and Burgos. Newly arrived reinforcements from Finland, France and Germany have filtered in over the last few months and should allow us to hold these newly opened Domains from the inevitable Sabbat counter attacks.

While I mourn the final deaths of Harald Bloodbane, Tutill the Frank, Michael Hasselbek, and The Small Man, I stand proud of the deeds of Marcellus, Gail and her pet, and Broderick of Hamburg who wiped out the Hundred Eyes Sabbat pack in a ferocious battle to open up the way for Haile and myself to terminate the leadership of Bilbao.

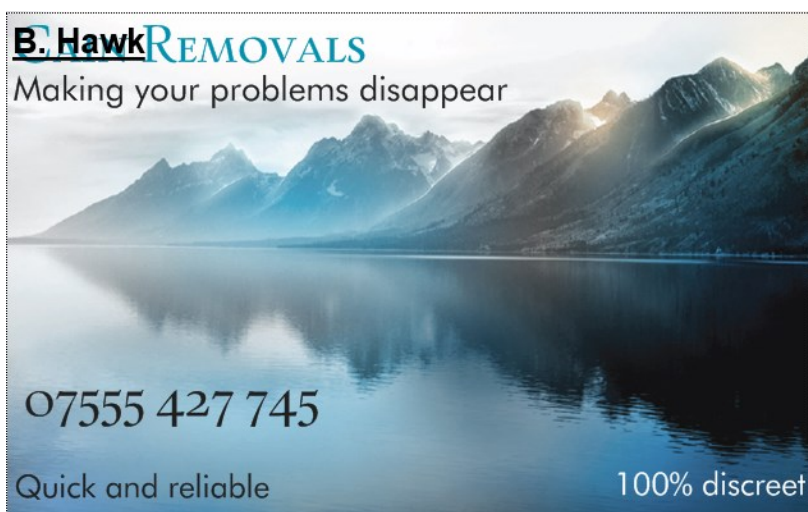
Tiberius the Roman did his clan proud when he held the gate of the Sabbat Bishop of Santander's haven single handedly against a strong Sabbat counter attack while the Bishop and his Templars were executed in their lair. Clan Ventrue stand rightly proud of the endurance and robustness of their son.

I would also like to thank my very good friend the Caliph, of Clan Assamite, for arranging the aid of his clan mates in bringing down the spiteful reign of the demon tainted Sabbat packs in Burgos.

I fully intend to hold these new territories for the Camarilla and will not rest on my laurels. New Domains will follow as soon as my arm grows back.

I further gift Burgos, Santander, and Bilbao to the Prince of San Sebastián to place his most favoured subjects in the ranks of Prince in these Domains. I renounce any claim of praxis to these Domains as their conqueror, as is my right under the lextalionis.

Angus McDonald,
Kindred of Santander



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FROM SPAIN

Respected elders, ancilla, and neonates,

It is with great joy that I announce the recent acquisition of a trio of Spanish cities under the auspices of the Camarilla! Santander, Burgos, and Bilbao have been taken in a series of daring actions by Angus McDonald and his band of noble and brave Kindred. And just when several unscrupulous Harpies around Europe were 'wondering' if Angus had run out of steam and was content to rest on his achievement in claiming Pamplona. I am gladdened to see them shamed with these recent battles!

More gladdened am I to see the final deaths of the foul and hated Bishops of these cities! The vile flesh experiments of the disgusting Tzimice Varga the Cruel, Bishop of Bilbao, have finally been stopped for good.

The iron grip on Spain's financial centre of Santander has finally been broken with the slaughter of the damned Ventrue antitribu Bishop Hugh De Clairmont, renowned for his greed as much as his skill with his long sword

And the foul cancer infecting the heart of Burgos he been excised finally by the violent surgery of Angus McDonald and his heroes. The demon worshipping packs infesting this beautiful city were purged in fire and blood, although interestingly Clan Assamite had a hand in this battle and seemed to be taking instruction, if not orders, from Angus himself! A very curious set of circumstances I'm sure you will agree. The Bishop and his Templars were found beheaded in the Bishop's private chambers after Angus and his men scourged the vulgar devils making up the Sabbat presence in the city and gained entry to the manse proper. I can only speculate that Clan Assamite had a hand in these executions.

Work has already begun to purify the cities of the taint of the Sabbat and rebuilding work has started on the beautiful buildings left to rot under the purview of the heinous denizens so recently and so justly harrowed by the Camarilla.

I look forward to further news from northern Spain in the near future.

Agnes Hardwick,
Harpy of Toulouse