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ELYSIUM

Dearest friends,

Work on the latest edition to our Elysia sites moves on at quite a pace. The planned Christmas party in December will most definitely be taking place there and I, for one, can't wait for the big reveal!

In other news, our gracious Prince Edelstein has most generously gifted me with Domain over the north of Glasgow. If any Kindred currently reside in my Domain, or feed in my Domain, please contact me in the strictest confidentiality during this Court or during the month to resolve any ar-

rangements that may be agreeable to both parties as a basis for future working relationships. A map of my Domain boundary will be provided at Court.

As ever, please don't hesitate to contact me if you need assistance or advice in the legal or financial fields, or wish to raise a matter concerning Elysium sites.

Your friend,

Finn Huxley,
Keeper of Elysium.

FROM ANGUS

Kindred,

A series of fierce counter-attacks against the newly acquired Camarilla Domains of Santander, Bilbao, and Burgos have been repelled at a steep cost to my forces. These counter-attacks have been maintained at a horrific rate on an almost nightly basis, and sometimes with several attacks per night. Scores of shovelheads have been culled on each occasion along with several capable Sabbat packs over the course of the month. And while the proportion of shovelheads to proper Sabbat grows exponentially, complacency should be avoided. I believe the Sabbat is mustering its strength for a brutal offensive to drive us back into the sea, rather than the war going so well that the true Sabbat are now in short supply, as some would have us believe... A frankly ridiculous idea. While we have made some progress and taken some Domains, please remember that these cities have very small kine populations of around 200,000 to 250,000 people. And as smaller Domains didn't support large numbers of Sabbat nor very powerful members of the Sabbat. It is my belief that an overwhelming Sabbat offensive is imminent and as such, I am launching a series of spoiler attacks along our new border regions in an effort to interdict and disrupt Sabbat movements and concentrations.

I would like to draw attention to the Portuguese Camarilla finally deciding to get

ANGUS CONT...

in the fight. Tardy but welcome! Their decimation of the Sabbat Domains of Galicia was both entirely unexpected and entirely welcome. A second front should have a very negative effect on Sabbat strategic planning. I, for one, am very eager to see what the Portuguese Kindred do next. Hopefully resting on their laurels isn't an option for them...

As ever, I would ask for any Kindred looking to advance themselves to step up and come to Spain. I promise you all carnage and the opportunities that arise therefrom. We have the initiative and sorely need to maintain our momentum.

Angus McDonald,

Kindred of Burgos.

VENTRUE BUZZ

Mithras is back. For years I expect that little else will be as momentous an occasion than when the legend that is Mithras, the roman god, stepped out of the shadows of wherever he had been these last 70 years and cleaned house. Within a few short weeks ancient enemies were destroyed, and northern domains at the same time appeased and threatened by the gesture of returning its lost territories back to them. The throne of London was retaken and a successor treaty to that of the Treaty of Durham forged.

What does it mean to the like of you and me? Very little. Because when it comes down to it, this stuff is the upper echelon of the pyramid. If Mithras decided to come to our court and compel personal loyalty to him we would all simply acquiesce. Sure you could fake being even in the same league or room, but what they don't see is that the likes of Mithras are dancing on their own and as far as we are concerned they just make the moves up as they go. Seeing that we have no Etruscan god to oppose him Mithras can, and likely will, do exactly as he pleases and we will nod and smile and hope he doesn't notice us.

Henry Randall

FROM ANGUS

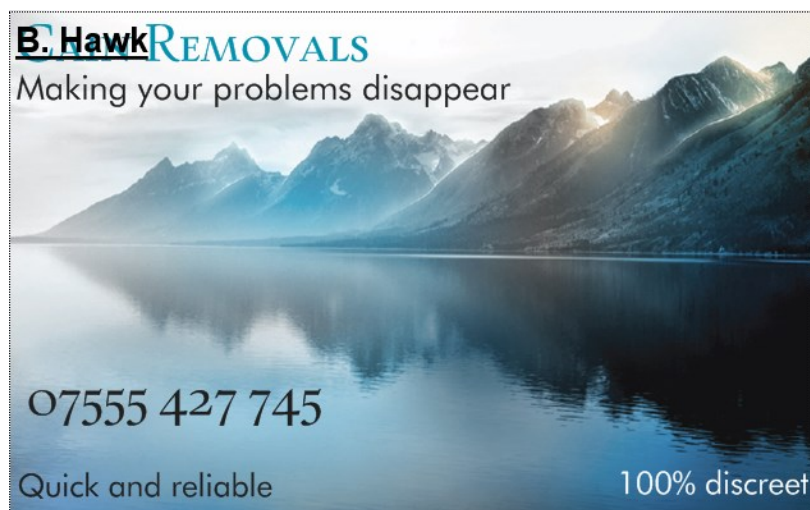
Greetings and salutations esteemed Kindred,

Being the third Harpy of Burgos within a month can only highlight the fierce fighting in the newest acquisitions to the estate of the Camarilla. A rapid and constant series of rabid counter-attacks along the L-shaped border of Santander, Bilbao, and Burgos has led to the halt of further planned offensives by the vicious Angus McDonald and his mercenary band of cut-throats. As capable a brawler as he is, even the bloodcrazed and disgraced Gangrel elder has been almost overwhelmed by the sheer ferocity of the Sabbat response this month. And while Elder McDonald has been jumping from city to city and fighting almost constantly, he can't be everywhere at once and the increasing numbers of faithful Camarilla members meeting Final Death must be laid squarely at his feet. The warmonger has stirred up a hornets nest. One can only wonder at the length of time it will take for Angus to break the Masquerade again...

And while Angus McDonald and his lackeys Marcellus, Gail, Torvald, and Viga Brand seem to be swelling the hearts of the more warlike and narrow-minded Kindred of this Spanish 'crusade', I am gladdened to see that Elder Simon Haile is adding some much needed class and decorum to the entire endeavor. I firmly believe that this rabble posing as heroes would be as dangerous to friend as to foe if not for the strong guiding hand, and calm, wise words found in the presence of Simon Haile.

And we see, finally, a response from our distant and insular cousins in Portugal! A greedy land grab of noble Spanish soil no less! Far be it for me to speculate on the motivations of the Kindred of Portugal, but will this be the apex of their war effort? The temporary seizing of a sparsely populated and largely unproductive area of Spain? Or will they continue to support their Camarilla cousins in this second 'Reconquista'? Only time will tell... Assuming that Angus McDonald and his band of savages actually manage to stop their bloody rampage at the border of Sabbat territory of course! I await developments with Childelike excitement!

Jean-Ralphio Sabatini of Clan Toreador,
Harpy of Burgos.



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