



Just a quick word....

I'm sure it would have failed to be noticed that a partial punishment was dealt last court to my Seneschal, for her involvement in allowing Alexander Dunsirn to masquerade as a member of the Camarilla.

Some are saying the punishment wasn't harsh enough or that she should have merely lost face. To those, I say: You're unqualified to critique the punishment if you don't understand it. Maybe if you stopped for longer than 30 seconds to allow your ego's to deflate a little bit and actually think, maybe you'd work it out. I might even supply sticky notes with hints for you.

But, unfortunately the whole punishment was cut short due to the involvement of others. It seems some people forget what the word punishment means and how to act in a court. Maybe the Harpy should explain the proper protocol and behaviour to them in words they can understand. Maybe spell it out on a wall with fridge magnets?

Of course, that would mean having a Harpy to begin with. And no, I don't mean someone's ghouls or a Harpy that runs off at the first sign of trouble, or a Harpy who is someone pretending to be someone else. You know, a Harpy that does whatever a Harpy does nowadays. Which apparently is mostly just to bitch about me, so I guess they'd just have to join the queue.

I'm also aware of the rumour that's been going around for the last couple of months, that I'm blood-bonded and being puppeted. I debated for a time whether or not to allow this rumour to continue. You know, give it an air of mystery. I mean, how could *anyone* possibly not be blood bonded and ignoring your attempts to manipulate them? It's absurd isn't it? It's like anyone with their own agenda other than yours just doesn't exist. Shocking.

In a similar vein, apparently I've also nearly succumbed to the beast. I'll admit, sometimes I get a bit hairier than I'd like, but a good manscaping session sorts that right out. If you hadn't worked it out already, due to the fact I'm not losing control of myself at every pathetic attempt at an insult, I'm quite in control of myself thank you very much.

Please direct any complaints to this cannon shaped object, just stick your head in it and shout as loud as you can.

Esteban Korsgaard, Prince of Glasgow

HUNTERS CONTINUED PRESENCE IN GLASGOW

Kindred,

The society of Leopold are still in the city, though in fewer numbers. Investigations are ongoing to remove them as a significant threat to the domain. Until this has been completed, accept their presence be vigilant and remain low key not carrying out actions which would draw their attention to you.

If any kindred in the domain have information that would be useful or wish to offer their services towards the completion of this operation please make yourself known to a Sheriff Officer.

The following areas have been identified as locations in which the hunters have been operating. It is recommended that until their presence has been confirmed as removed any kindred activity in these areas should be extra vigilant and cautious. As you are more than aware feeding is the number one way we can be identified and as such feeding is expressly forbidden in these areas, being deemed a Breach of the Masquerade by Prince Korsgaard.

The areas are:

- Glasgow City Centre, a 1km stretching over the river to include Tradeston and Laurieston. This of course includes GOMA Elysium.
- Kelvinaugh and Kelvingrove Park, this of course includes Kelvingrove Elysium.
- Pollockshields
- Easterhouse
- Rutherglen

If any Kindred granted feeding areas are affected by this, or if you have specific feeding requirements which are affected, please contact your Primogen or the Seneschal for an audience with the Prince to discuss this. In the interim several areas are identified safe for feeding so if any affected would care to partake of this please make yourself known to a Sheriff Officer. We must, and will, adapt accordingly. For instance, this domain is very large so please use its size to your advantage.

Authorization from Prince Korsgaard has come that any kindred who have been previously recommended not to utilize their contacts, allies or other influences in the areas of Police, Government, Criminal Underworld or Emergency Services are now free to do so once again. Though, as with areas above, caution and vigilance is expected as hunter presence though alleviated is still present. As such any individuals being identified as drawing too much attention to their activities from interaction with these influences will be reprimanded accordingly.

It is paramount you continue to follow any advice given on protocol such as to change your movements, havens, feeding et al. where and as much as safely possible to lessen the chances you may be discovered. For details if you are previously unaware, please see previous Dark Times or contact a Court Official.

Pay heed to the Traditions, learn from the words of our Elders, follow your teachings and we will survive this threat.

Sheriff Douglas.

O Captain! My Captain! by Walt Whitman

O CAPTAIN! my Captain! our fearful trip is done;
The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won;
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring;
 But O heart! heart! heart!
 O the bleeding drops of red,
 Where on the deck my Captain lies,
 Fallen cold and dead.
O Captain! my Captain! rise up and hear the bells;
Rise up-for you the flag is flung-for you the bugle trills;
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths-for you the shores a-crowding;
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;
 Here Captain! dear father!
 This arm beneath your head;
 It is some dream that on the deck,
 You've fallen cold and dead.
My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still;
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will;
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done;
From fearful trip, the victor ship, comes in with object won;
 Exult, O shores, and ring, O bells!
 But I, with mournful tread,
 Walk the deck my Captain lies,
 Fallen cold and dead.

It has been an interesting affair to awaken in time of turbulence. Troubles and predators lurking around corners causing fear to gasp its way through the darker parts of our souls. So, action is a nature reaction, to strike out, to blame, to find solace in find faults in everything around you but who will listen to your fear, your allies, your enemies, or your beast?

I have listened to the discordant notes running through our collective orchestra and feel that it would be a matter in assisting our appointed officials to quell our fear and support the city. To make strides towards comforting normality within the traditions. As an elder of the city and of course from assistance from the Primogen, I am looking to sponsor a coterie to continue to strengthen our traditions and promote our safety from the threats to our society.

I will offer resources, access to the finest herd on the surface of our planet mentorship and more. Band together and together we can bring a comforting normality to our choir. Approach me at your convenience and discuss the future.

Laird Gordon Stewart
Elder of Clan Toreador

The recent actions at the Domain of Glasgow's October Court is, and has been, the most dismal example of Prince Esteban's rule since its inception. It seems as though the young prince carries out the justice of his own domain as diligently as he does the security of his domain; on a whim and how and when he feels like it. As standard he was employing his lap dog the Scourge to throw her weight around as she saw fit, throwing the Court into panic and threatening the safety of all Kindred present. I do not refute the right of a Prince to control their domain, but the actions of this Prince bring into question the attitudes and reputations of the Camarilla as a whole. He must be removed. When a Prince's record on the Sabbat is falling into their traps, and a Prince's record on hunters is depriving his subjects from the very thing they need to continue existing, removing him is the only move forward. Glasgow is blatantly a troubled enough place as it is, and his rule does nothing but make matters worse.

I hope all with eyes in their skulls can see this.

Anonymous.

Joint statement regarding recent conflict

Clan Giovanni hereby announce that a cessation of internal hostilities has been agreed. Representatives of Clan Cappadocian were invited to take part in these negotiations but declined.

The terms of the Louvre settlement of 5th October 2021 may be summarised as follows:

- The rebels and traitors of the Dunsirn family and their allies are recognised as Giovanni Anti-Tribu, as a result of irreconcilable philosophical differences.
- The protections and obligations of the Promise of 1528, previously granted to them by birth and embrace, are withdrawn from the Giovanni Anti-tribu.
- Individuals from the Anti-Tribu are agreed to be truly independent, and free to join other sects. Should they join the Camarilla, they will become subject to the Promise as members of that sect.
- Hostilities between the Anti-Tribu and those loyal to Augustus Giovanni will immediately and unequivocally cease.
- Those loyal to Augustus Giovanni, previously in residence in the British Isles, will put the assets they control up for auction; and relocate immediately to other clan holdings outwith those Isles. The Anti-Tribu may attend and bid at these auctions, but shall not have preferential treatment.
- For avoidance of further hostilities or disputes, possession is prime: assets shall be deemed to be owned by their holders at the date of this agreement, regardless of faction.
- Accordingly, those Giovanni that remain resident in the British Isles are considered Anti-Tribu, and outside the Promise, until such time as their sect membership alters this.
- Unreleased childer shall be considered to be bound by their sire's sect allegiance with regards to the Promise. Released kindred may revise their own sect allegiance at a later date - but this must be done publicly. Alteration of allegiances will not be considered a defence against a breach of the Promise, if those allegiances were covert.
- Rosina Provenzano-Giovanni is to be recalled to Venice, and her operations in Libya brought under new management. [Redacted] shall be destroyed.
- The wraith of [Redacted] is to be banished before independent witnesses.
- The warrant issued by Venice against Alexander Dunsirn is not withdrawn.
- The warrant issued by Venice against Giuliana Dunsirn is hereby withdrawn.

Iago & Cornelius Giovanni, for Clan Giovanni

Giuliana Dunsirn, for the Anti-tribu of the Giovanni

As witnessed by Archon Barca of Clan Brujah, for the Office of the Justicar

Following the formalisation of this agreement, Giuliana Dunsirn, Anti-Tribu of the Giovanni, was sworn into the Camarilla by Archon Barca, on the 6th October 2021 at the Louvre, Paris.

Masterclasses in Manipulation.

Chapter Seven : The Personal Touch

Icantha of Clan Toreador

Do not get me started on high and mighty Ms Laurence, darling we will absolutely be here all day if you do. Tell me. Have you seen Mr Butcher's 'treatise' on how to 'make friends' and 'influence people'? There's a man that likes to keep people he controls at a distance. A retainer ha! I prefer to get a little more personal, a little more 'hands on' ... if you catch my meaning.

Modern media helps so much with organisation, just make sure it's all nice and tidy, and can't be traced directly back to you. Most companies these days have corporate accounts for communications ... Create a fake page (or co-opt a real one!) ... add a few surveys with prizes and it's amazing the number of people that will fall over themselves to give you information on who they are and what they like... He's got the first part right though.

Do your research - icebreakers and 'what do you see yourself as' surveys are prime examples of ways to get personal information and profile your targets. If you can... invite them out for a few drinks ... a mixer , a charity event that sort of thing, this will help lower their inhibitions and get them talking. This allows you to ask questions, identify vulnerabilities and pursue information about possible targets while not raising general suspicions. Likes, dislikes, fears, opinions ... all of these can help you decide how best to research and tailor your approach to them next time. Never underestimate the value of sympathy when trying to get someone onside!

Once you know more about your targets it's time to move on to the next step ... Round them up and Separate them from the herd.

Separation through Attraction

Once you have your target(s) attention (A little additional allure never hurts! Neither does brushing up on all their favourite subjects...) schedule meetings or social events that make them choose between you and existing contacts. You're new and interesting and they can catch up with them anytime right? This helps get them away from their existing social circle, weakens their current social ties and reduces the chance that any people you have (quietly) questioned about individuals will see you using the information you gained from them.

Separation through Repulsion / Polarization.

This one can be a 'little' tricky. Pick an issue to support (or create one) that someone you want out of the group is on the other side of. (Whether they are the one you want isolated to pick up later or you just don't think you can work the group with them in it? Doesn't actually matter at this stage.) Choose something that you can tell gets under their skin and apply pressure. They are likely to lose their temper at some point and when they do? You point out how nasty they're being and voila! Sympathy for you and antagonist feelings towards them... the group dynamics shift in your favour ... do this enough times and they'll likely leave of their own accord.

A word of caution at this point darling, just to be truly annoying, and I blame the Ventrue trying to make sure people don't muscle in on their turf for this one... companies have started doing 'anti social-manipulation' seminars and training courses as part of their 'anti-trafficking' campaigns. So very boring of them. All of what I'm telling you is so very, very easy to do, but do it wrong however and people will pick up on it. If that happens? How are you at erasing memories? Hmmm, maybe try again elsewhere before the claws (literally if you're dealing with Kindred) come out.

So ... back to the point. To get the above done you're going to have to be in control of conversations. How to do this? Listen in ... this can be done quite simply by the use of Interruption and conversation steering - There are two basic ways of doing this. Verbal which can work quite well on large groups and Physical which works much better on individuals.

Verbal - if you want to interrupt/ change a subject and get control of a social situation? Interrupt the speaker or the person they are talking to with a compliment, this helps ameliorate the rudeness of interrupting them and breaks their concentration. (It would be rude of them to respond negatively to a compliment after all!) Immediately follow that up with a question and then reference something else on the subject you want to talk about that their answer 'reminds' you of. Do try to aim a question at someone else once you've said your anecdote so that if the person you interrupted tries to return to the original subject they now look like they're being rude. Don't really understand? Watch someone with slight-of-hand skills, it's exactly the same distraction patterns ... it just uses words instead!

Physical - Approach the person from the opposite direction to the person they are currently talking to. Touch them on the shoulder and don't break contact ... just apply gentle pressure while saying their name so that they know this is not an attack and steer them around to face you. This ensures that any eye contact is broken with the person they are talking to and the surprise of your touch will usually interrupt their train of thought with a little jolt of adrenaline. (At least in mortal targets anyway this means they start to associate seeing you with an adrenaline spike! Nothing like a raised heartbeat on sight to reinforce your hold on them.) The person who they were talking to is now behind them and cut out of the circle of your conversation , if they try to speak now they appear to be the one interrupting!

Now don't worry darling, I'm not giving away all of my secrets this just gives you something to keep your eye out for and to get your teeth into. A "taster" session if you will.

By Order of the Justicariate;

The Kindred Amelia Rose is henceforth declared an enemy of the Camarilla. She has shown herself to be in league with our enemies and it so be hunted with extreme prejudice. The Lord Mithras has called upon all Princes who owe loyalty to him to follow his lead and name her Blood Hunted with immediate effect.

“Let it be known that the major boon I hold over the Comte de Falaise is passed to Prince Esteban. Primogen Grey “

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Harpy Quotes



Edinburgh – Farr – *Get out your torches and pitchforks - its time for a witchhunt!*

Aberdeen – Dougal Douglas – *Anyone wondering what it is she actually did?*

Inverness – David Griene – *On the plus side, everyone seems to have forgotten about us.*

London – Duke Benedict – *This betrayal cannot go unpunished.*

Severn – Benedict & Algernon – *Lot of hunters moving south, I wonder where they're going?*

Manchester – Lucrezia Reflection – *Oh, such drama!*

Norfolk – Carl – *Look, I know you're jealous, but is that any reason to go poking into our business?*

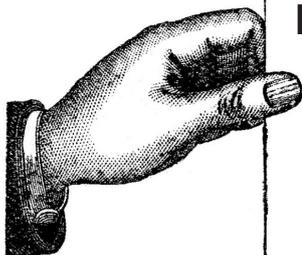
Birmingham – Bethany Trimble – *Another bloodline in the Camarilla? Sigh. Better make room at the table then.*

York – Anne Jacques – *Nice to see so many peace-makers doing their bit down south*

Carlisle – Samuel McAlpine – *I guess peace could be a good thing... Maybe.*

Paris – Viola DuBois – *So many conferences. It's like 1919 all over again!*

Soteria – Wrath – *Well, I have to say, at least since he took Praxis we've not been bored at court...*



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