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| **The Dark Times** | 05/2022 Glasgow Edition  |



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Current Prince:

Prince Esteban of Clan Brujah

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Current Court Officers:

Scourge: Jack

Sherrif: Sir Charles Douglas

Keeper of Elysium: Mary Graham

Keeper of the Masquerade: Hugh Jackson



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| **Domain Announcements****Update from the Scourge**Arrivals in April:* None

Probation:* Dr. David Grimm - arrived in March
* Zev Ben-Zion - arrived in March

Newly Accepted:* None

Congratulations to Magnus for surviving in Glasgow for a year, and to Grey for 2 years.\*\*\*\*Congratulations - In advance of our Prince's celebration of his anniversary ruling the Domains of Glasgow, I offer the warm regards of Clan Tremere.Burton | **Harpies Quotes:**Edinburgh: Farr – Must we always be the laughing stockAberdeen: Douglas Dougal –Well.....We all expected some kind of drama I guess.  Inverness: David Griene - Ha fucking HALondon: Duke Benedict – And once again Scotland lets us down. Severn: Benedict & Algernon – We are running out of popcorn. Manchester: Lucretia – The dance continuesBirmingham: Bethany Trimble - We should really start generating our own drama. Scotland is really showing us up.York: Anne Jacques – A boon to whoever can give me the details of the whereabouts of a woman called Danya with a taste for raiding artist galleries. Norfolk: Carl – Mercs and Madmen, what a world. Carlisle: Samuel McAlpine – Someone should be holding on to their seat, they won’t have it much longer. Derry: Hilda Berry – Time to secure the ports. Paris: Viola Du Bois – Bisous au Royaume Uni, you do make us look good. Soteria: Wrath- Others (Glasgow):  |

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| **Rumours** Possibly related to Giuliana Dunsirn being overheard pronouncing that the renegades would most certainly not celebrate 4/4 with the rest of the Giovanni… keen-eyed observers say that the Dunsirn mansion in Glasgow instead played host to a ‘clan’ gathering of the Anti-Tribu around the May Day weekend, ghouls included. Are the Bankers revealing socialist tendencies by marking International Workers’ Day!? - Anon"It seems that the *Elder* and *Neonate* had business to discuss that couldn't be done at Court. Despite the feigned airs and graces, neither seemed overly comfortable with the company." - *rumours from Elysia*“Turning up to London missing an arm, urgh does drama follow that person everywhere” - rumours from Bristol. **New Cattle Masks Will Greatly Reduce Climate Change** *By James Sunderland, Agricultural Researcher* It is widely recognized that methane from cattle accounts for a significant amount of global warming. Zelp (Zero Emissions Livestock Project) has a comfortable and stylish solution.  This burp-catching mask for cows will slow down climate change from livestock methane by 60% and up to 90% when it is used in conjunction with reduced methane feeds.  There are 1.6 billion cattle on Earth with that number is predicted to increase by 70% in the next 25 years, and their burps and farts are becoming a big problem as cows methane is approximately 84 times more potent than carbon dioxide when it comes to warming the planet. As a result, according to a recent report by the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, the combined greenhouse gas emissions of America's 13 largest dairy companies are equivalent to those of some major fossil fuel giants; and that is only one country. The UK based company Zelp has developed a realistic solution in the form of a burp-catching face mask for cows. The firms' founders, brothers Branko and Senon Pasqual, whose family's roots are from livestock farming businesses. "We were aware that in every country, methane is one of the biggest contributions to global warming and we found that methane mitigation tools in agriculture are under-researched and there isn't a lot of innovation occurring within the field." Generally, solutions to the livestock industry's methane problem have come in the form of feed additives, which inhibit the production of the gas in the cattle's stomachs by altering their digestive process.Though instead of changing the animals' microbiology, Zelp allows animals to digest normal foods without this interference. The mask fits comfortably on a cow's head with a zip-tie-like mechanism allowing it to be adjusted to various cattle's head sizes depending on the breed. It is applied to cattle after they are weaned, usually at 6-8 months of age, and sits next to the nostrils, allowing the tool to capture methane from their breathing, belches and burps. "Around 95 per cent of the cattle's methane emissions come from their nostrils and mouths," Branko explains. "The technology detects, captures and oxidises methane when it is exhaled by the animals." At the tip of the mask, a sensor detects when the cow exhales and the percentage of methane that is expelled. When methane levels get too high, the mask channels the gas towards an oxidation mechanism inside, which contains a catalyst that converts methane into CO2 and water, and expels it from the device. "It reduces methane's global warming potential to less than 1.5 per cent of its original value," Senon explains. Zelp has concluded behavioural trials and observations with institutions in the UK and overseas, including the Royal Veterinary College, which have indicated that the wearable has no impact on the animal's behaviour and feeding. Although reducing methane is at the forefront of the design, Zelp also measures feeding activity, cattle location and sexual receptivity in female cattle. With this information, the team can monitor individual animals and identify the early signs of disease, helping to improve welfare and reduce costs on farms. "All these parameters would combine in a different way" says Branko. "For example, if you see methane production dropping but feed activity increasing, that could signal one thing. If you see methane production increasing and activity decreasing, that could signal a completely different thing." The data can also help determine how efficient or polluting a herd is eventually, information could be collected across farms to understand methane emissions and cattle health at a regional and national level. This technology and research are being welcomed across UK farms though widespread support is being reported in southwestern Scotland which is home of the hardy Belted 'Panda Cow' breed.  F,{29de7c3f-ee58-44ed-921b-3f85b1256bea}{233},3.041667,2.5625\*\*\*\***Silence Burns** By Elder Victor "Bastard son" Crane, Deputu scourge, Gangrel Primogen of glasgow, ambassador of helsinki, serverie Cousins, retract your claws, one Gangrels quary is not the clans. A prey was found, a hunt ended, a solitary affair. But with blood in the waters, a frenzy normally ensues. But the waters are quite, which is more worrying than a wave. We hunt in silence, but we also rest in it. keep resting under the stars. A spark isn't a flame, do not be the ones to ignite. But do not let yourself be burned by the fires.\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*From the desk of Elder Dravin:We deny any wrong doing. Elder Ishita will be fondly remembered. The standing of the nations:1st Place: France2nd Place: Spain3rd Place: Italy4th Place: Germany 5th Place: DenmarkUK: last/on hold. \*\*\*\*\* From the Office of Justicar XavierArchon Francis has been recalled to my side to give his account and present his evidence for the unfortunate circumstances that took place in Braemar.  | **Adverts:**Greetings Kindred,I would like to thank my recent clients for their prompt payment for services rendered. I will endeavour to be available for conversation and business contracting in a variety of Elysia over the course of the month again, work permitting of course. Rafiq Zev Ben-Zion,Banu Haqim emissary to Glasgow |

**Out of Character**

Setting General Knowledge:

**Clan rumours:**

Ventrue: The anger will be felt by all.

Toreador: Art theft and the name Alexis. Le fucking sigh

Malkavians: Soteria Stands well.

Tremere: Necromancers are spouting up everywhere across the UK. Gurd your libraries.

Brujah: Anyone else feeling like a rant is overdue.

Nosferatu: Knowledge needs compounding. Engineers needed.

Gangrel: Well fuck, Archon Francis certainly showed them. lol

Storyteller Announcements:

Just some clarifications to the way orders are done:

-Can everyone please include the previous trackers for any backgrounds that you are expanding on?

-If you would like to research something specific IC, then some research ooc would be good to include. This month I researched desalination technology, motorsports, horticultural significance of historical venues, contents of the archives of the majority of museums in Glasgow, local festivals, wide ranging socio-economic issues for specific areas of Glasgow, the property markets in a number of different local authorities, corporate finance and forensic accounting and that is not all.

While all of this is interesting, being as specific as you can about your aims would help a lot and going forward, if you are not specific then I will not be specific in return. Keeping things vaguely conceptual is fine for some and not for others so please bare in mind which level of input you would like from us. If your order point is for maintenance and does not require a response, please say as much. One order point can cover multiple ghouls & retainers. One can cover multiple havens.

However, the more convoluted your backgrounds become the more we inch our way into an unmanageable system to run as an ST. Debatably, we are close to this already with the addition of so many differing dots just for different aspects of havens alone. While this provides a lot of flavour to the game, the admin in immense.

This brings me to my next point. We need an AST. No one is willing to do this due to the complete lack of reward, but we would like to propose that players who volunteer as an AST is able to NPC their character and still accrue xp on the basis that they will not have access to the website. Clearly it is orders that we need help with and there is plenty of room in the game for players to help AST plots that they have no input in. Please get in touch if you are able to help in this. Ideally if you have one or two nights a month, that's all we need as we will continue to manage all the admin and main plot building ourselves so any volunteers still have a game We have started making enquiries to venues to host the June game in person.