

THE DARK TIMES

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For The Attention of Ancillae & Elders

BY GREY

No doubt you have noted the influx of fledglings, not yet even neonates, at court.

Some of us have taken an interest in their training, especially where their Sires have failed in their duty. Towards that end $n > 0$ fledglings have $m > 0$ challenges to achieve in court over the next few moons.

I implore you to teach them not just with words, but with actions. If they make a total ass of themselves, I expect a tongue-lashing if appropriate, but a more practical demonstration likewise.

As we unleash the fledglings to learn at the feet of their elders, I also flip this on its head and invite the ancillae & elders of court to a challenge - what can you learn from the fledglings?

Tonight's tarot card is the Hanged Man, your rune for the night is kennaz.

Please present yourself to a court official should you wish to see the Prince. If you have not yet been introduced at court, then failure to present yourself to the Prince will be considered a breach of hospitality. Another longer title with pic

DOMAIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Kindred

Prince Esteban Korsgaard has granted hospitality to the following kindred. We welcome them to the city and charge them to uphold the Traditions of the Camarilla.

Deacon, ancilla of Clan Toreador

Calvin Pope, neonate of Clan Ventrue

Chris Russell, neonate of Clan Gangrel

Arron Lamar, fledgling of Clan Ventrue under the accounting of Raphael Ortega

Amelia Howard, fledgling of Clan Toreador under the accounting of Deacon

Beata, fledgling of the Giovanni Antitribu under the accounting of Giuliana Dunsirn

Katie, fledgling of the Giovanni Antitribu under the accounting of her sire Giuliana Dunsirn

Atilla, Clan Assamite, Independent

Prestation

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HARPY OF GLASGOW

The party we had for Esteban was really good. June court gossip is lots of new faces and Mr Ortega proved he is a nobody. Hope to see you all soon and we should use our words more.

HARPY OF EDINBURGH

A prince's warm welcome Glasgow never fails to delight and amuse. Till next time.

HARPY OF LONDON

Unknown

DOMAIN ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT...

Update from the Scourge:

Arrivals in June:

- Chris
- Deacon
- Millie Howard
- Calvin Pope
- Aaron Lamar
- Atilla

Probation:

- Leo Clark - arrived May 2022
- Tony P Sharp - arrived May 2022
- Chris
- Deacon
- Millie Howard
- Calvin Pope
- Aaron Lamar
- Atilla

Newly Accepted:

- None

Congratulations to James Gordoun for his one-year anniversary in Glasgow.

Jack

The Shield

Fellow Kindred, we are all well aware of the need to maintain the Masquerade. It is the shield that protects our society from discovery and potential extinction. Which is why it surprised the Office of the Keeper of the Masquerade to discover that some Kindred were being rather brazen in the tracks they left behind.

Thankfully, the kine are blissfully ignorant, however this is dangerously damning evidence for anyone who has peered behind the curtain of the Masquerade. The Office urges all Kindred to be aware of the tracks they leave, especially in our paranoid, digital age.

The Office of the Keeper of the Masquerade
Grey
Leo Clarke & Claire Voyant
Dr Grimm

Tourney

Good evening , it has been almost half a year since I was invited to announce a Grand Tournament at the turn of the year, and with an ever-changing political landscape it would be appropriate to fill you all in on the gossip.

The tournament, of course, takes front and center in any update. The games and rivalries are already in motion, and as expected the courts of Spain and France are once again being pit against one another. As Karr said, plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose. Of perhaps more interest, there are those who say they expect little from the courts of the United Kingdom, indeed many expect that they will be outright disqualified. Speaking of "Treasure Hunts", the Gangrel - and in particular a newly minted Archon, are said to be on the hunt ... it is a rare occasion when they can find a Ravnos quite so hated to go to town on, and even familial loyalty seems to have been thrown out of the window.

Turning to the rest of the Clans, we see the Toreador's influence in ascendancy as Kine all over the globe turn towards artistic endeavors to regenerate dying town centers and urban spaces. That said, a dark horse in this regard are the Brujah. Jack, the Scourge of Glasgow, is spoken of in high regard by even the Toreador for her sculptures which are found on display in courts especially in France and Spain. I wonder if the praise from some Toreador is a flimsy mask for their jealousy?

The Giovanni are scrabbling to maintain their influence in the UK, following a somewhat embarrassing public defeat. Aristotle says *horror vacui*, for the less classically educated he tells us that nature abhors a vacuum; the power vacuum left behind by the Giovanni in the UK must be appealing to many, and smart political commentators suggest the Ventrue are making moves.

Still on the subject of the Giovanni, refugees of sorts have appeared from the UK in various other courts. The Tremere, it seems, are having a time of it in battling for mystical and occult supremacy in these courts, as the Giovanni ply their trade in the interests of building their own influence.

It seems in some courts, you can scarcely swing a cat without hitting a newly appeared Assamite. With the Clan's acceptance into the folds of the Camarilla, many talk about the possibilities for openly weaponized Assassination as a new political tool. Of course, the Assamite reputation as mystics and scholars could add a third dimension to the Tremere fight for supremacy as the Camarilla's mystics.

Surprising political players to watch in all of this are the Malkavians. Lately they have seemed disturbingly, perhaps even frighteningly, organized as they lend their abilities to Princes and other luminaries around Europe and beyond.

And of course, we have the Nosferatu. Or do we? They are suspiciously quiet these days, which I suspect is exactly how they like it. Of course, it is a rare occasion that I spend any time in catacombs and sewers.

Claudia

From the Office of Justiciar Xavier:

It is with a heavy heart that I must consign my friend Francis Delgreaves to final death for his error of judgment that led to a Ravnos Elder facing final death as per the agreements made by our Esteemed Elders who wish to see their competition resume. I extend my utmost heartfelt condolences to the Ravnos at this difficult time and would like to reassure them that my new choice of Archon has a considerably better relationship with their clan and will provide oversight on my behalf from the Domain of Glasgow.

I am sure that this will help to build bridges of a kind between those of the Camarilla and those of the Ravnos.
From the desk of
Justiciar Xavier of Clan Gangrel.

Greetings Kindred,
I would offer a minor boon to any Kindred who could offer me information on the various Kindred resident in our nearest neighboring Domains.

Nothing too sinister, I hasten to add. Merely names and biographies so that I can get to know my new neighbors a bit before I visit their Domains.

My thanks in advance,
Zev Ben-Zion,
Rafiq of Clan Assamite.

Voyages et des Soirees

On my travels, it is my distinct pleasure to spend evenings with other Harpies and indulge in a little gossip. Since moving to Glasgow, and then taking a short 'business trip' back to the continent I have had a few discussions of note. And a few pieces of gossip that it would be remiss not to share here - please, do not ask for sources, because a gentleman never tells (and nor do I.) Consider a gossip session akin to the delights of the confessional (not those ones, Giuliana) and as sacred as a boon.

The Prince of Aberdeen appears to have returned from his brief sojourn. And the key word in Harpies' gossip is "appeared to have," I may have heard the word doppelganger leave more than one mouth of late.

Much of the gossip around the courts of the continent, at least that which made it to my ears, centered around Prince Esteban's anniversary party. I am told by a young Kindred acquaintance that people often arrange these types of reviews in the form of 'hots and nots.' It would be too much fun to leave you guessing which is which - or maybe they are a bit of both.

First of all, Rat Scabies. A true delight, and the highlight of I am sure many of our evenings. If being the "sensual seneschal" ever becomes boring, you certainly have a bright, bright future as a the " precocious pâtissier", mon cher ami.

A point of etiquette; I hear that there were one or two 'gate-crashers' at the party. Some who attended without an invitation, and if gossip be held to be true possibly some who were so naughty as to attend even despite being told in as many words not to. Tsk tsk, darlings. That said, gate-crashing is not the cardinal sin of partying that it once was (we reserve *that* for bringing cheap wine) and some did it in style ... others were a little lackluster.

The darling Anarch Faith; she has already drawn attention to the forgetfulness and confusion of one of the older members of our community. This positively tickled a number of Harpies, and I have been asked to facilitate donations to charities working with senility in memory of that cognitively-embarrassed Praxis holder. Please do get in touch if you would like to contribute.

It was noted that, for all the Ravnos' games of popularity mentioned the Lady Giuliana Dunsirn on more than one occasion (she came away with some fabulous prizes) she was notably absent from the game itself. Perhaps a calculated move on her part to ensure victory.

Finally, a little bird tells me that one of Glasgow's most talented artistes has been commissioned by influential Parisian courtiers to create something truly special. I look forward to that one greatly.

Until next time, xoxo,
Deacon
(since the Ventrue have decided that this is all the rage these days)
Childe of Viola du Bois,
Childe of Francois Villon, Prince of France,
Childe of Helena, etc.

Shelley

From before the end of the Long Night far greater minds have pondered the burden brought by the right of Princes.

To lead? To rule?
To build? To destroy?
Far greater minds have pondered and failed to bring consensus. And yet, this failure does not bring anguish or despondency. It brings hope. Hope and heart, that from gerontocracy springs wisdom and merit.
For did not Shelley recount their meeting with a traveler from an antique land? A traveler with a prescient tale; who would describe finding a great statue in the desert and read upon the inscribed pedestal:
"My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings;
Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!"
But what great works remained. What lasting legacy?
"Nothing beside remains. Round the decay
Of that colossal Wreck, boundless and bare
The lone and level sands stretch far away."

J.G.

News, Rumour & Announcements

HARPY QUOTES

Glasgow : Hello. People talk to me a lot and I'm more popular than Mr Ortega and I don't smell like the moldy patriarchy, and everyone likes me too so that means I'm Harpy now, right? - Grey

Edinburgh : Olive branches are a beautiful thing. Interesting that it should come from one of the biggest sources of regular insults to our domain. Well done for being the talk of Edinburgh once again. You live on in infamy no matter what happens

Dundee : Maybe some attempt at normalcy can be made now...

Oban : So glad to see Glasgow have come to terms

Inverness : Glasgow has taken a brave stance. It's worth noting they are not entirely alone in this

Aberdeen : London is a splendid place to live for those who can get out of it.

Carlisle : it is always good to see a court in bloom especially in the summer.

York : Beware the revels of rebels

Manchester : Eyes turn everywhere but south. Fear the rage that builds in silence

Birmingham : When the Ventrue are less reasonable it's time to tread very very carefully. And put your money somewhere safe

Norfolk : We may be the laughing stock of the world over this ridiculous tournament but frankly we have bigger problems.

Severn : : Defiance carries it's own risks, do you really think you are ready to play this game?

London : The rule of the many will always be governed by the few. What else defines a society as much as this inevitable fact.

Anarchs : There is a way to be savior and rebellion. Rebellion or Extinction

Europe : Bring on the Tourney to show the glory we have

America : Rebellion or Extinction. Tipping points are dangerous because if you pass them then the climate is out of humanity's control, who does this leave who could possibly gain control?

Ireland Gossip : Should we be worried about how quiet it is here

Honest John's 'News of the Hour'

'You'll never go wrong with Honest John' and that's a Trivial Boon Guarantee!

'Soterians are mad as a bag of hammers! However, is this truly groundbreaking news?'

'Scourge Jackman loves her bike more than her duty! Several interlopers to the domain not subject to normal scourging as her 'steel baby' needed an oil change.'

'Sheriff bribed? Another official seen at the homeless shelter's cake stands being bribed to no doubt turn a blind eye to the local Nosferatu shenanigans. Just what are these monsters putting in these cakes to lure mortal and kindred alike to their clutches?'

'Toreador Outrage! New Seneschal regularly breaks Elysium and it is overlooked by the high and mighty. Just what do they have over you lot to let this slide?'

'I'm Auldworth's Rent-boy! Mr Ortega heard confirming to several sources at court he is in fact Prince Auldworth's Rent-boy, cannot get a better source than that straight from the horse's mouth!'

'Queenie Returns! Harpy column legend Tobias Weaver returns from San Francisco. Oh dearie you have been sorely missed! The Harpies in your absence have frankly been of the basement sewage spewing quality. Your gentle readers are as ever hanging on your every word. Ortega out. Weaver in.'

Prestation

I have been made aware of the following claim. Prince of Oban, of good standing, seeks to call in both favours owed by Prince Esteban of Glasgow, also of good standing.

These significant and important favours were originally owed to the previous Prince of Oban and have been traded in accordance and deference to standing tradition. I honor the prestation and take on one of the favours owed. Citizen of Glasgow.

OUT OF CHARACTER

Storyteller Announcements

STS – JUNE 2022

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Refer to Discord:

Kevin Drugan is joining the AST team & will be helping with worldbuilding. Kevin has been Credited in the WOD book as well experience with International WOD LARP.

Don't forget the EGM is coming up in July – please remember to look at the poll on facebook. An agenda will be put up prior to the EGM – its still being put together.

Final chance for game feedback that can be taken into account for the GVLARP player handbook, please email storytellers@GVLARP.com

- Code of Conduct
- Game Direction
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