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| The Domain of Glasgow  \_\_  Current Prince:  Prince Esteban of Clan Brujah  \_\_  Current Court Officers:  Scourge: Jack  Sherrif: Sir Charles Douglas  Keeper of Elysium: Mary Graham  Keeper of the Masquerade: GreyHarpy of Glasgow:  Unknown. | |  | **This publication is sent to you via encrypted pathways, but we would ask that you delete upon reading to maintain the masquerade. If you are unsure how to do so, please contact the Keeper of the Masquerade.** | | | | | | | |
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| Domain Announcements  Changes to the Domain and Declarations: | | | | | | | |
| **On Hospitality**  Kindred wishing to seek the hospitality of Prince Esteban Korsgard in his domain of Glasgow will make themselves known to his Seneschal. Before travelling to the domain, visiting Kindred should notify the Scourge and Seneschal of their travel arrangements and intent.  **On Decorum**  The Prince frowns upon those who seek to disturb the smooth running of his court by physical force or outright mental manipulation. Woe betide those who lack the manners to refrain or the skill to avoid being caught. The Sheriff will act to reinforce the expected standards of behaviour | | | | | **On Prestation**  In matters of debt, those wishing to record their obligations may do so before the Seneschal, until such a time as an acknowledged Harpy resides within the domain.  Signed, Magnus Burton  Seneschal of Glasgow, Primogen of Clan Tremere | | |
| **Official Announcement from the Sherrif:**  By the grace of Prince Korsgaard let it be known that following a breach of the Prince's hospitality at court Raphael Ortega is to be apprehended into the Sheriffs custody no later than Midnight on the 04th August 22.  The consequences of failing to make yourself known to the Sheriff, or deputy, by this date will be severe.  As always, The Traditions and Domain Laws remain sacrosanct!  Sheriff Douglas. | |  |
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| Glasgow  Unknown | | | | Edinburgh  Farr | | | London | | | |
| Rumours seem meaningless when you can’t even decide who is going spread them for you – a Note from the Editor  Oban: Finally some recognition.  Inverness: Eyes southward, ready to roll.  Paris: Ah, now you shall feel our pain dear cousins.  Soteria: No submission | | | | One does not make friends with rabid dogs.  Aberdeen: Fear and rumours seem the flavour of the month.  Carlisle: When everyone else is looking south, we look north.  Derry: A laugh at America’s expense is usually pretty funny but this goes a bit far. | | | We feel your eyes. Avert them lest they be plucked from your head, simple children.  Norfolk: Fear him  York: Fear him, of course.  Birmingham: Fear him  Manchester: Fear him.  Severn: Fear him | | | |
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| Update from the Scourge  Arrivals in July:  Peter Rhoa  Newly Accepted:  Tony P Sharp | | | | Probation:  Leo Clark - arrived May 2022 - probation has been extended  Tony P Sharp - arrived May 2022  Chris - arrived June 2022  Deacon - arrived June 2022  Millie Howard - arrived June 2022  Calvin Pope - arrived June 2022  Aaron Lamar - arrived June 2022  Atilla - arrived June 2022 | | | And this time last year, Ortega returned to Glasgow. I see the Sheriff is planning on helping him celebrate.  Lastly, I'm really curious who sent someone in Ireland two shipping containers full of glitter. Who hates anyone that much? | | | |
| A Short Submission:  **James Gordoun**  By now, word will no doubt be circulating that any debts owed by Esteban Korsgaard, and Glasgow, to Lady Olivia, of Oban, have been settled.  What could have been a blight on the reputation of the grand domains of Scotland has been averted by remaining true to the principles which guide us; not simply paying lip service to rules or traditions only when they benefit ourselves or our companions.  Alliances, even if only of convenience, remain hard won, with relations approaching friendship rarer yet. | | | | If we wish to see Glasgow, and her neighbouring domains succeed, prosper, and flourish, then we must hold ourselves to the highest of standards and ideals.  Platitudes and colloquial sayings can always be plucked in attempt to reinforce one's point - Actions speak louder than words. But yet, the pen remains mightier than the sword. So, which is it?  As with most concepts, there is no simple black and white. It is both; it is also neither. | | | Not through want, nor intent to instruct or proselytise that I write. You already have access to all of the knowledge and tools you require to make this city a jewel in a glisenting Scottish crown.  Consider why it is not, and to those ills apply your time and efforts in remedy. If all you have is lip service in feigned deference, squandering existence only on survival, then let the weight of your banality crush you. If I had breath, no more would I waste it upon thee. Glasgow will endure and outlast, casting you off like slough from a wound. | | | |
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| Nature  When is a crab not a crab and vitae not vitae?  Grey | | | | | | | |
| So, this month I wanna talk about crabs that aren't crabs. The subphylum chelicerata is one of the most interesting and important subdivisions of the phylum arthopoda.  Not only does this subphylum contain the arachnids, and frankly, what can't you do with a lot of Animalism and a small army of spiders or scorpions, right? Ok, that's an article for another month. There's also this totally adorable and super useful horseshoe crabs.  ..which aren't true crabs like I said earlier. Since they're in this mega-family they're closer to spiders or scorpions than crabs. But through a process evolutionary biologists call 'carcinization' things keep evolving into crabs. It turns out that nature really likes little cute marine tanks. How fucking cool is this?! They're so cute that one of the 3 original fossil pokemon is a horseshoe crab - <https://bulbapedia.bulbagarden.net/wiki/Kabuto_(Pok%C3%A9mon)> | | | Some species are essentially the same as fossils from 500 million years ago, so they really are living fossils. Just ask a high-ranking undeclared clan officer of the court about the time they first appeared!  Ok I get this can be kinda boring and stuff, so I'm gonna get to the cool shit - they have blue blood. They have haemocyanin, based on copper, rather than haemoglobin, based on iron.  So their super rare magic blood is used by the pharmaceutical industry to make a chemical that detects bacteria in medical situations where there shouldn't be bacteria. This is controversial because it's the medical industry - do you believe them when they say they're only taking a small drinky and releasing them nice and healthy? Even with the approved protocols for bleeding them, females release less eggs afterwards. | | | There's been attempts in the 80s and 00's to make synthetic crab blood, but the new chemicals don't have the same approval as actual crab blood, so around half a million horseshoe crabs are caught and bled (and released??) a year.  Anyway, since kine have been harvesting their blood for about 70 years, is it vitae? Or is it a vitae-like-substance? Someone must have sampled some by now. What is the dividing line between vitae and not-vitae? | |
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| Busy zebra crossing in city | | | | | | Complaints rather than Corrections:  From the writing desk  Of Dr Grimm.  Ah bureaucracy. Depending on your point of view, either I didn't attach the right paperwork to my DT entry for last moon, or the ghouls fucked it up. It might be necessary to belt them around the mouth, and mouth them around the belt, like the Riff Raff they are.  In any case, I would like to correct the record - the article about learning from Fledgelings was from myself, not Grey nor the Office of the Keeper.  Active woman running under an urban structure | |
| Advert:  Patron Wanted  Dr Grimm | | | | | |
| Also from Dr Grimm:  I am a doctor of the effects of drugs on the human body and mind, and it is a pain in the proverbial to get such a lab up and running in a new city. Especially without stepping on some Prada-clad toes. | | If someone has access to test subjects, glassware and base chemicals, I will fill your blood dolls up with whatever combination you want for your regular use or parties. This includes the opportunity to test new shit before it goes out on the street. Grab me at Court, or drop me a message on Discord. | | | |
| Run little Kine run, see what the moonrise brings. Blood will flow and birds will sing. Brave the night, fear no thing. | |
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| premier gossip column by your ever-loving Veil  **The Masquerade Un-masked Glasgow The latest updates to get you through the day** | | | | | | | | |
| Greetings travellers, I hope all is well in your worlds. I, your humble and mysterious writer – The Veil, am here to give you some tasty tidbits to surely satisfy the most gossip hungry among you. Our first tidbit comes to us from the ever lovely Ashe Ward. They seem to be peddling their wears without much luck this month. Offering power and notoriety can entice most little fishes, however, if the power is in the Isle of Man, you are fishing with an empty hook. Be careful young, Not all that’s gitters is gold. | | | | Speaking of young ones, there has been a sudden influx of all these new kindred. Having observed them there is no merit in any of them. One is already being punished and the rest have no value to this court. The one I have, however, found the most displeasing is Millie Howard. Her holier than thou act makes me want to vomit. No one can be that innocent. What’s her angle?  And finally, in other news, one of my loyal cowls saw a certain Giovanni feeding from rats. I guess money can’t buy you everything. Maybe it’s a refined taste that my common pallet doesn’t quite understand? | | | | |
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| Deacon  The Gossip Corner  The latest updates  Modern building against a clear sky | | On a slightly less graceful note, there appears to be a mild impasse between two Kindred over the role and identity of Glasgow's Harpy. Certainly, I had some interesting conversations about this on the continent recently. We had something of an informal gossip circle of the Toreador and friends (and I suppose, Giuliana was also involved) at court, and we were surprised to see two Kindred who should definitely know better embroiled in this. For the avoidance of doubt, a Harpy simply is.  On a slight tangent, but I suppose speaking of Vampires who should know better at their age. I am not the only one to have recently heard talk comparing a certain Elder Prince of significant standing to the south as to a cranky, human toddler in need of a good long nap.  It's even being suggested - although discretion and decorum has my mouth sewn quite shut against saying by who - that it is time for a certain Seneschal (sorry, Rat Scabies, not you) to step into the limelight of Praxis for the good of their domain, and others around it. | | | | Requests:  Greetings Kindred,  I would offer a minor boon to any Kindred who could offer me information on the various Kindred resident in the Domains of northern England.  Nothing too sinister, I hasten to add. Merely names and biographies so that I can get to know my new neighbours a bit before I visit their Domains.   My thanks in advance, Zev Ben-Zion, Rafiq of Clan Assamite.  Urban skyline in with distant view of empire state building | | |
| Brought to you by a questionable Toreador | |
| It has been an eventful time has it not? Our last court, while I am told a little quieter than usual, was no less interesting for it. We were, of course, graced by the presence of a new Kindred to the court in the form of the incomparable Elder Julie D'Aubigny of the Brujah - simply a masterpiece, sharp, graceful and flawless ... but enough about the sword she was carrying. This led to a somewhat interesting three way tie for the most populous Clan at the Princes court - between the Brujah and Toreador, and strangely the Assamites. Interesting times indeed.  It would be remiss were I not to mention recent announcements by Sir Charles as Sherrif, it was overheard when I was speaking of it with some acquaintances that it seems "going medieval" is not simply a phrase these days.  It has been a long time since I have born witness to the use of stocks, let's hope that the whole matter is put to bed after this and the Kindred involved can move on with grace. | |
| Glasgow – in competition with over 300 cities across the continent – has been ranked as the top large city in Europe for foreign direct investment strategy, according to a report published today by fDi Intelligence (part of the Financial Times portfolio).  The European Cities and Regions of the Future 2022/23 report ranked Glasgow as number one within Europe in the Large City category for foreign direct investment (FDI) Strategy. In addition to this ranking, Glasgow retained its 7th position as Best Large City overall, is 4th for Business Friendliness and climbed the rankings for Connectivity to 7th position.  This is a biennial award, with Glasgow moving up from second in the rankings in 2018.  “Glasgow’s ranking as the top European city for foreign direct investment is a great achievement, and something that has come about through the hard work of the council and our many partners. An environment that is friendly to and supportive of business investment has been created, attracting a number of major new developments including Barclays in Tradeston and JPMorgan Chase on Argyle Street. These investments bring thousands of jobs and increased economic activity to Glasgow, in turn attracting further investment that can benefit the whole of the city.”  Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader of Glasgow City Council  With this in mind, how will this change the outlook of Glasgow, with all this additional income flowing through some of the most influential vampires in Glasgow. It is hoped that this wealth will funnel its way into the court, allowing for more defence and protection to be secured, which is required in our current climate. | | |
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| OUT OF CHARACTER  Announcements from the STs and World Knowledge | | | | | | | | | |
| Editors:  Maeve  Ellissa  Claire  Susan | Changing Flaws & Backgrounds from creation (points related) 28/7/22 This relates to those that granted the character points at creation. If they are to be changed it must be with appropriate roleplay over an extended period. | | | | Lores & Secret knowledge’s – these require a trainer/teacher method for every level of learning. So Sabbat lore would need a trainer/teacher method at every level. As would a clan lore that isn’t your own clan etc. | | | | |
| Also, with approval of the STs. These Merits/Flaws should be replaced with others to an equivalent value – ideally related to the Character history etc. You do not need to spend XP to change these.  Example: Flaw: New Arrival (Level-1) To buy off this flaw its almost something that happens naturally once you are accepted etc.  Example: Rising Star (Level +3) you have been in court for a long time and as such this is no longer relivant to the character.  Orders  Ghouls - max X 6 should all be named/identified and simple tasks can be defined for them. They can all be submitted in a single order point. More than 6 causes blood pool issues that may affect your blood reserves. Training – upto 4 tasks in a single order point. This can be giving or receiving training for Attributes, Abilities, Backgrounds, Other Traits.  I.E. I am Learning Melee level 4 with Specialization berserker. I am training with jack spending time each week doing intense training. It takes me 2 months to learn the Melee 4 berserker due to the level & specialization, you can master crazy fighting to be effective. | | | | | **These changes are in keeping with the system mechanics of V20**. | | | | |
| Dice Pool/ Trackers – you do not need to give us the total dice pool with your order point but you do need to provide the dot numbers as this allows the STs a much easier time when dealing with orders  Dice Rolls – How we calculate dice rolls. As per the vote at the EGM we are using the V20 system.  Attribute + Ability + bonuses + Discipline – flaws  Or  Attribute + Background + bonuses + Discipline –flaws  Backgrounds do not stack it’s the most appropriate background from those you have for the task at hand. Backgrounds do NOT stack. This makes your total dice pool between 3 and maybe 15-20 as an estimate.  This is a change as you roll to use the background or to use an ability. Disciplines can either give a general boost to what you are doing, or you can state you are using a specific power from those available to you. | | | | |
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