

The Rights of Those Who Hold Domain

Let it be known to all Kindred who hold domain within the bounds of Glasgow.

The following rights are granted by my will alone. They exist so long as their holder remains loyal, capable and otherwise worthy. Misuse of these rights will be met with swift and unequivocal correction by my hand.

The Traditions of the Camarilla apply to all. I enumerate these rights for those to whom I have granted domain:

- I. **THE RIGHT OF SUSTENANCE**: The holder of domain determines who may feed within their domain.
- II. **THE RIGHT TO DISCIPLINE THE LESSER**: The holder of domain may take measures against neonates, independents, and others who cause unrest within their domain.
- III. **THE RIGHT OF INFLUENCE**: The holder of domain determines who may exert influence over the Kine within their domain.
- IV. **THE RIGHT OF PETITION**: The holder of domain may submit formal request for aid, audience or favour directly to the Prince.
- V. **THE RIGHT TO SPEAK IN MY NAME**: In matters of urgent threat to the Masquerade, my Praxis or the safety of Glasgow, the holder may act with my temporary authority. All such actions must be justified and reported to the Prince before dawn.

All Kindred of Glasgow beware these rights and obligations.

Magnus Burton
Prince of Glasgow

The Fiefs of Glasgow

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The following domains are recognised by the Prince:

- I. Woodlands: Prince Magnus Burton of Clan Tremere
- II. Battlefield: Jack of Clan Brujah, Primogen
- III. Hillhead: Mary Graham of Clan Toreador, Primogen
- IV. Balmore Industrial Estate: Nathaira of Clan Ravnos, Primogen
- V. Queen Elizabeth Forest Park: Archon Victor Crane of Clan Gangrel
- VI. Castle Douglas and environs: Sir Charles Douglas
- VII. Mount Vernon: Giuliana Dunsirn of Clan Giovanni Antitribu
- VIII. Paisley: held in trust on behalf of the Anarchs of Glasgow
- IX. Wishaw: Clan Tremere
- X. **Barrhead**: a coterie to be named before the Prince, as reward for success in a Blood Hunt

Kine military facilities within my domain are off limits. Trespass therein is a breach of the Masquerade.

Magnus Burton
Prince of Glasgow

My Dearest Kindred,

It has come to my attention that one self proclaimed harpy - having recently ascended to her title after resigning from her local primogen council - has been travelling to speak to many of her peers. She has been travelling to the many salons of the UK, and indeed has been spotted in mainland Europe, where she has been keen to tell other harpies and well connected socialites that one of her domain's ancillae is in trouble.

I speak, of course, of Lady Guiliana Dunsirn, and her recent crusade against the Nosferatu Scourge of Glasgow, Daniel Rodgers. Lady Guiliana, ever the astute banker, has noted that Mr Rodgers has significant debts owed, and seems to have little by way of assets recorded in her boon book. He has also had to ask Guiliana's apprentice for the boons he owes, suggesting he's not keeping careful tabs on his affairs.

With this information, our ever so esteemed harpy has raised the alarm that Mr Rodgers is at risk of a default should too many of his debtors call in favours all at once.

I, for one, am appalled. Not, however, at the state of Mr Rodgers' finances. I am horrified that a court officer would manage to forget what debts he owes to whom. Even a lowly scourge, or a barely released fledgling for that matter, is expected to know what boons he owes to his fellows. And his absent mindedness could easily be seen as a clear flaw in his character to the politically astute; a flaw that could be capitalised on.

But that is not the main thrust of today's discussion. I instead wish to summarise a conversation I have had at least a dozen times over the last month, for the benefit of all to read.

Boons are not an unsecured loan.

I understand why a woman belonging to a family of bankers might be tempted to see them as such. But they are far more important. They are favours owed. For as long as Mr Rodgers is able to personally work to complete any demands set by those to whom he owes any boons, he is no more in danger of becoming boon broken than I am. That he may find himself spending most of the time for the next year doing favours and selling his services like a neonate beneath his station is perhaps distasteful. But the suggestions Lady Guiliana has made over the last few months show either a lack of understanding of prestation, or perhaps that she has an axe to grind, and is using her position to do so.

If, and only if, someone actually calls in a boon, can we see if Mr Rodgers is indeed good for the debts he owes. And the fact that no one appears to have done so in half a decade is a sign of kindred longevity, not his insolvency. But, if anyone is truly worried about their boons, I will offer to buy them at fair market value. I don't know about you, but I for one could use a Nosferatu heavily indebted to me; think of the secrets you could acquire with almost no effort? Or the message it sends your political rivals that you have an information gatherer at your beck at call?

For someone just recently back in her post, Lady Guiliana seems determined to upset the applecart, and undermine her own domain by insisting there is a substantial risk of a court officer becoming boon broken where that risk is negligible. Moreover, she is setting a worrying trend of calling out others without just cause. Am I the only one who remembers when she published a condemnation of a fellow elder for lying about another elder failing to remember that she had promised boons, only for auspex and dominate to reveal that the source of the information was her very own whip? Or when she, as primogen, decided to hand out the boon book like a trophy, only to keep a hold of it and puppet the would be harpy?

Glasgow does indeed have its problems, like any other domain. But as far as I can see, Guiliana Dunsirn is the only one actually working to undermine the conventions of prestation. Until she makes amends, I doubt she will be getting many invites back to the salons where she has been spreading her allegations.

And I can certainly promise that she is not welcome in Rome until that happens.

Matteo

Harpy of Rome

(OOC - the harpy merit has been triggered against Guiliana Dunsirn. Her status is temporarily one lower than usual for the rest of the month.)

To the Kindred of Glasgow,

I'd like to announce my clanmate Valentino as my Whip and Second should the need arise.

They have proven their worth, their intelligence and their courage to me in tests most kindred at court would fail.

If you would like to meet that challenge, feel free to reach out. I'm sure, that for some at least, your curiosity will be better satiated than the cat's.

Nathaira,

Elder of Clan Ravnos and Primogen to those that need it.

When love is lost and loss oe'rtakes me,

The rules of love are then hidden;

And chaos rules and order lost,

And hidden then my heart from love.

From the desk of the Harpy

My darlings,

My apologies for my silence last month - the Prince and I felt that those of us who had been on the bloodhunt of Percy Sillitoe should keep close company and low profile in the nights and weeks following - and in the circumstances, I felt it unwise to send correspondence of any kind. Allow me to make up for lost time, by coming straight to the point.

Unto Daniel Rodgers, of Clan Nosferatu:
I consider you to have fouled your reputation within our society, through flagrant disrespect for prestation and your fellow kindred, and through behaviour unbecoming of an ancilla or court officer. I expect my fellow Harpies to spread these words far and wide.

Like a coward, you chose to attempt to browbeat my assistant for the contents of the Boon Book rather than approaching me directly.

Like a wastrel, you claimed to her to have 'forgotten' the detail of the debts you owe to members of polite society.

Like a fool, you did not even have the common sense to offer her a payment for such services.

Like a boor, you then claimed to me that you knew your own debts - inferring that those of greater standing than yourself were liars. Society knows whom we should trust.

Allow me to offer corrections for your lapse in memory.

All other defects are your own, and I invite you to seek urgent improvements.

Owed to Daniel Rodgers - a total of One (1) Minor Boon - as follows:

- By Sir Charles Douglas, of Glasgow, One (1) minor boon.

Owed by Daniel Rodgers - a total of Four (4) Major Boons and Six (6) Minor Boons - as follows:

- To Prince Magnus Burton of Clan Tremere, of Glasgow, One (1) Minor Boon
- To Sir Charles Douglas, of Glasgow: Three (3) Major boons, One (1) Minor boon
- To Jemima of Clan Nosferatu, of Glasgow: One (1) Major boon, Two (2) Minor boons
- To Abby Irving of Clan Malkavian, of Glasgow: One (1) Minor boon
- To Robin of Clan Gangrel, of Glasgow: One (1) Minor boon

Mr Rodgers, let me be very clear - in the sight of the kindred of the Camarilla and my fellow Harpies: I do not <u>yet</u> consider you to be Boonbroken, because you have not <u>yet</u> defaulted on your debts. Perhaps it will be years - decades, even centuries until someone finds a need to call on your expertise.

But in local parlance - you're on a shoogly peg.

Kindred are advised to consider carefully what you owe, and what you have to offer, when deciding whether they wish to accept any further boons from you.

Through all of this, I will grant that - like a stopped clock - on one matter you are quite right. To quote you in your own words, "You are of course welcome to publish what you like in the Dark Times however this can of course have it's own consequences."

Indeed. I choose to hold you to account.

If it was intended as a threat, it was a poor one - but I am quite sure that society applauds your demonstration. It finds little else to commend.

I <u>am</u> welcome to publish, and there <u>are</u> consequences - both to you, and to me.

The Harpies of the Camarilla shall be watching how I watch you, and your creditors, most closely.

I am fully aware that other Harpies who hope to call me rival will take the opportunity to take potshots over this. Darlings, either try harder or be more subtle. In case you hadn't noticed, I can take quite the pounding and not call 'Uncle'. You, on the other hand, have let your prices be known.

Harpy Matteo Celestino of Rome - my dear correspondent, I thank you for so publicly demonstrating to Mr Rodgers the consequences of having a boon called in on you. It is unpleasant for anyone to lose their agency and have their actions dictated to them by another, still worse for a Harpy - but we must all respect the demands of prestation, must we not? I am sure we shall chuckle in private over this in the future.

But as for others - it is always fascinating to see who has chosen to be bought, and who has flinched at the threat of their dirty little secrets being aired. Do you feel richer now you have heavier pockets, or safer despite that itch between your shoulder blades being freshly nudged by a dagger point? It's a fascinating little shortlist. I'm sure there are kindred who will find great diversion in speculating upon the motivations of each of you.

I <u>will</u> defend the domain I serve, and the prestation and proper standing of the kindred within it, as I am called to do - regardless of any purchased and petty assaults on my personal standing that may result.

Lady Giuliana Dunsirn Harpy of Glasgow

(OoC note: The Harpy merit has been activated against Daniel Rodgers, dropping him temporarily from status 2 to status 1. As implied by Giuliana - Juliet Samson is currently status 3 - this is her permanent status, not affected by the harpy merit. Some status records on the website are currently out of date - but as noted at the top of the relevant page on the website, the status list is only known in full IC by the Prince & the boon book holder - ie Magnus and Giuliana - except where IC actions are taken to discover/disclose specifics)

Prestation

Prestation is something we all hold dear. It is what we Kindred use as currency. We trust each other that what we promise to pay we are able to live up to those promises.

We have Harpies that deal with keeping records and at times a Chancellor as Kindred. We trust that a harpy will deal with boons with impartiality and work towards the good of the system & the individual if there are any issues. We do not assume that a Harpy will attempt to leverage the information they have with boons against someone. All that shows is that you can not trust them with information & leads to less Kindred recording boons.

Both these things will lead to a breakdown in the Boon system of prestation, everything we do with regard to Boons is based on trust but should a Harpy not be honest and trustworthy it cheapens the system.

ilt's almost like a tariff on the Boon system & we all know how well tariffs work - well all but one individual & they are not trusted by anyone. At least that family has all the kids on board with the same behaviour, none have gone away and behaving different from the rest.

Tiffany

Please remember that Boons are based on trust and backed by the one that promised them,

I will make sure to think on if an improvement to the system can be found. Remember kids you should always only give as much information as is needed for recording a Boon, giving more information is giving away power that you may have difficulty getting back.

Yours in service

Daniel

Clan Nosferatu

Scourge of Glasgow Domain for Prince Burton

The Importance of Cybersecurity

As demonstrated at April's Court phones and other devices are susceptible to intrusion and compromise. It does not matter how powerful a Kindred is, their phone can still be vulnerable to attack. In order to assist the Court with this matter I offer a few cybersecurity tips to bear in mind:

If you are using your phone or computer to communicate, assume those messages can be read by a third party. You can use an end-to-end encrypted service to mitigate this, but it is not a guarantee.

If you are having an in person meeting remember that all phones have at least a microphone, if not a camera. If the meeting is sensitive in nature you may want to turn off your phones, or leave them in a screened, secure location.

Be careful clicking on strange links or adverts, these can be used to infect your device with viruses.

When storing sensitive information I recommend doing so on a server/device that is not connected to a network. The extra steps necessary for you to access it are worth the added layer of security.

If you have the know-how, remember to regularly scan your devices for viruses and utilise firewalls etc. If you are unsure of how to do this I suggest speaking to someone you can trust to set this up for you.

These steps may not be able to completely prevent every attempted incursion but they should make it more difficult and limit the information that can be stolen. If you would like additional advice or help with your digital security there are several highly capable individuals in our Court who can provide it.

Atticus Clark

<u>Wanted</u>

Training in Fortitude wanted, price negotiable, exchange of Discipline preferred.

Contact Draven Southsea