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Whirled News

Reward Offered for Kidnapped Criminal

The Rivna Constabulary has offered a 30 SP reward for the return of the criminal Morrow LaCie, who was kidnapped (or rescued, depending on which actually happened) yesterday by armed gunmen.

"It's time this arch-felon is put to death," the Chief of Constables said. "We showed mercy by giving him a five year stretch in the salt mines, but that mercy is at an end!"

Chief Ferna Merrin's authority has come into question lately, however, as he has been unable to solve a recent string of prostitute-murders, and is viewed by many as a mere political ap-

pointee who acquired employment by virtue being the Bishop's cousin.

Bishop Under Scrutiny Again

The beleaguered Bishop of Rivna is plunged into controversy once more. An anonymous represen-



Bishop Valla T. Merrin (file drawing from an obviously happier time for him!) Will he survive the second wave of controversy?

tative of the Order of Saint Eldra delivered to the Mayor a dossier on the what they call "a clear, noted record of Bishop Valla T. Merrin's misconduct against the Church and the City." The Bishop was un-

available for comment, but his Law Twisters issued this statement: "Our client is as innocent of the crimes listed in the so-called 'dossier' as he is of the crimes he was accused of in the LaCie trial, for which the honourable Bishop was exonerated."

Architect to Investigate Bishop

Like a one-two punch, the Valla T. Merrin's troubles went from bad to worse as the Architect arrived in Rivna this morning with his entourage of craftsmen from the Carpenter Church.

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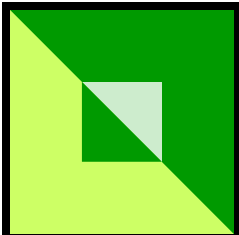
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- White: True Librarians (like you'd find in an ordinary library.)
- Yellow: Students (those who are in training to be a librarian of some sort.)
- Orange: Guards and Constables
- Red: Guard/Constable Captains
- Green: Master merchant/craftsmen
- Blue: Clerical (office assistants, secretarial, or works in copy centre.)
- Black: Assassins. They are the heroes of our city!
- Indigo: Journeymen (they travel outside the city seeking rare tomes and scrolls for inclusion in Ex Libris)
- Purple: The Chief Librarian. All praise our Madame Librarian!
- Grey: Technical (fixes/repairs things, builds roads, digs ditches, etc.)



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"We're not entirely convinced that the attack on me and my men en route to Rivna from Caldeni was a coincidence," the Immortal said.

His first act was to petition Rivna's Overjudge, Orva Trelaine, for a subpoena of Church records concerning the housing for the poor, as well as for the Bishop's personal financial records. Representatives from the Law Twisting Offices of Hand & Book immediately issued an injunction. The Overjudge announced that he would issue a ruling in one week.

South Point Leader Injured by Assassins

The Matriarch of South Point was injured late last night in an assassination attempt. The Calamarian Sisterhood claimed responsibility.

"If we wanted the traitor dead, she'd be dead," said a masked Sister. "The Matriarch betrays everything South Point stands for when she offers aid and

comfort to the East."

Matron Amethyst Oologatan dismissed the accusation, replying "Helping the East in a time of crisis can only help bring about a reconciliation that is long overdue."

Matron Amethyst has been a controversial leader since her election five years ago (now at the midpoint of a ten year term). Considered a liberal by many, she ran for office on an economic-growth platform that specified patching up relations with the North and East, both of which would make lucrative trading partners.

Conservative hardliners, however, accuse her of "selling out". The Southern grudge against the North and East is not only legendary, but also the foundation of the Calamarian faith, South Point's second most popular religion.

Local Noose

Missing Librarian Sets Sail for Home

Hook Malgog set sail from the Isle of Gales this morning on the pirate hunter vessel Choral Sea, captained by Anna Watermark. A friendly rivalry exists between Watermark and the Dark Lord, both of which seek to defeat the legendary pirate Chudra Blothan.

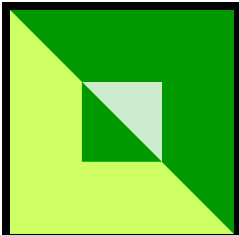
"I just hope she doesn't run into him on this trip," Librarian Malgog said privately. "I've had enough thrills for one week."

Librarian Malgog was stranded when the Ex-Libris Twilight Gate unexpectedly collapsed.

Mutant Cacti Invade Ex-Libris City Park!



The contingent of mutant cacti seem to have taken up residence in the center of Valedictorian Park. As to why the waves of mutant vegetation are drawn to Ex-



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Libris's largest park, Librarian Renna Bryn explained, "This site was built upon Dommalite holy ground several hundred years ago. It used to be a garden dedicated to the hunter god. It seems that perhaps Dommalon's spirit may be calling to this place to make it his own again."

The Madam Librarian, however, had a different opinion, saying "I like Valedictorian Park as-is."



Well-dressed assassins... Where do they come from? What do they want?

Mysterious Assassins Attack Again!

The brave crew of the "Wrong Place at the Wrong Time" fought off an at-

tack from the four mysterious assassins last night.

"I don't know why these monsters are out to kill my shipmates, said Captain Kirby. "We had to hold them off with crosses until the Orange Librarians came to our rescue!"

This is not the first encounter this crew has had with the hired killers. "They tried to kill me two nights ago," Librarian Maggie Rockaby confessed. "If it weren't

for the courage of our three Construct friends, the murderers would have gotten me for sure."

Black Librarian Appreciation Week!

Today starts Black Librarian Appreciation Week. Honor your local Black Librarian by purchasing black carnations from your local florist. Our sanctioned assassins keep the peace, maintain the order, and neutralize the harmful elements. These are the true heroes of our city! For Black Librarian week, the Great Library is releasing a special anniversary collector's pack featuring all twelve Black Librarians, including perfect scale replicas of their robes and rifles. See your local Blue Librarian for more details!

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