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Whirled News

Admiral's Forces Encounter Heavy Resistance

The Eastern battle-escorts *Giant Squid* and *Sea Claw* encountered heavy resistance from the Calamarian sisterhood only a day after they set sail to meet the healers and engineers that are presently en route from the West and the South. The captain of the *Giant Squid* launched the automated whirligig, indicating that the two ships were under assault six smaller vessels flying the Calamarian battle flags.

"Their flagship carries a Luck Priestess," the Captain wrote in the distress document. "She's changed the laws of probability in their favour, and

summoned monsters from the deep ocean. Three of our cannons are destroyed and we are taking on water. But do not fear, my Admiral, we will not become their prisoners."



Captain Lu Chon, seen here in his naval induction sketch, rose from the rank of Botswain's Mate to Captain in only ten years.

Unfortunately, that was the last communiqué received from the *Giant Squid*. We will keep you informed as this situation develops.

Hurricane Looms

Hurricane Iris is presently headed for Touchstone, North

Point. A late-season storm, the Intensity 4 disturbance is slated to make landfall in three days.

"We're not afraid," said Mayor Arel Hurla. "What with the Mist Walkers, Highwaymen, and Scaxathromite Priests harrying our town, what's a little wind and water?"

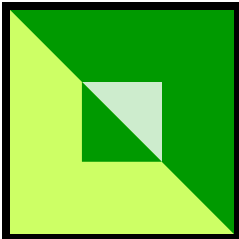
He did, however, announce that the town's annual Touchstone Pickle Festival will be rescheduled for next weekend instead of three days hence.

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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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Violence, Coup in Cali

The citizens of Cali apparently didn't take well to the imposition of Martial Law. Rebel forces overwhelmed the Mayoral Defence Brigade, burned down the Mayor's mansion, killed his staff, then staged a public hanging of Yalli Muldoon and his wife.

"Today is a day of both bloodshed and victory," said Vastiel Orloc, the rebel leader. "As of this moment, I declare myself Lord of Cali, and anyone who dares defy me or my minions shall meet the same fate as Yalli Muldoon!"

The West Point Council of Elders immediately declared Orloc to be an illegitimate leader of Cali, and have announced they will muster forces against the Strongman in order to free the city from tyranny.

Law Twisters Urge "No" on Construct Rights

A spokesman from Hand & Book spoke today before the Clan Elders against the



Mantis Paige, of Hand & Book, speaks out against the Construct Rights proposal

proposed Charter of Construct Rights.

"If we are to grant machines the same rights as people,

what's next? Animal rights? Furniture rights? Undead rights?" Mantis Paige, LT, declared.

"These machines are dangerous and should be catalogued, controlled and contained. They have no rights because they aren't entitled to any! Logic must hold sway, honoured Elders. You must decline this Charter!"

Mantis Paige is representing both Flesh-and-Blood First and Take Back West Point, two anti-Construct political action groups who view Constructs' existence as a devaluation of living peoples' dignity.

Local Noose

Dark Steeple: A Stand-off

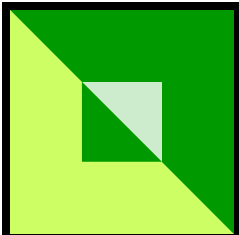
The heroic clash between Professor Cardin's forces and the Illuthielite invaders ended in a standoff at the close of the first day of battle. "

What we need is a Priest who can make some more holy water for us," Cardin noted. "We took out their zombie Acolytes, but the Illuthielite Priests are going to take a bit more time."

When asked if he thought his team would be successful, he had this to say: "You'll be buying action figures of yours-truly by the end of next week!"

Tome Theatre Proudly Presents...

The Tome Theatre is proud to announce a limited engagement of *Make them Shoot You*, a musical tells the tragic tale of a civil rights leader, Porter Coalminer JR., descent into madness and vigilantism after a band of bigoted brigands trash his home and kill



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his wife. The play features the longest sung note of any musical currently touring. Tickets are selling fast! See your local Blue Librarian for seating and pricing!

Librarian DeSoto: Out of Immediate Danger

Wren DeSoto, Black Librarian, regained consciousness at Saint Jareth's Hospital today, and his physicians expect him to make an eventual recovery from his injuries.

"He will need regenerative therapy if he is ever to walk again," said Indigo Raella, Chief Physician. "I've sent for Bishop Thistle Brae, of the Isle of Gales. He is the most formidable healer currently alive. If he can't repaid Wren's broken spine, no one can."

Construct Granted Colour

Construct Five came to the rescue of another Black Librarian last night when the four Suited Assassins attempted to kill Zolotov, another one of Ex-Libris' finest.

"One could not let this crime come to completion," said the mysterious Construct whose single mind somehow occupies five

physical machines. Thankfully, Librarian Zolotov escaped with only minor injuries while Construct Five held the criminals at bay.

Madam Librarian conveyed a *Purple Ribbon of Merit* upon Five for his bravery, and for discovering something about the invaders that was previously unknown: the Suited Assassins are part Construct, part "something else". What the "else" is remains a mystery, however.

The Purple Librarian reiterated her concern for civilians, stating that under no circumstances shall non-Coloured citizens approach the criminals. "Five has been granted the provisional rank of Orange Librarian, as his help is sorely needed," Our Lady of Knowledge added.

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