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## Whirled News

### Five Terrorist Ships Sunk by Admiral's Forces

The battle-escort ship *Giant Squid* narrowly survived the battle against the small fleet of Calamarian terrorist ships.

"It was touch and go there for a minute," Captain Lu Chon said. "We had half the crew bailing water, while the other half were plugging holes. This lady's scarred and broken, but she'll get us back to Awari in one piece."

The *Sea Claw* was less fortunate, however. It sunk at dawn and all hands were lost.

"Captain Te Pi and his men did not die in vain," Ho declared. "Were it not for their bravery,

our combined might could never have sunk the six Calamarian cruisers."



*Captain Te Pi, sketched here back when he held the rank of Ensign, bravely fought the Calamarian terrorists, even at the cost of his life.*

The Sisterhood has already vowed to launch a new flotilla against the East.

### Archaeologist Arrives with Cult Book

Dr. Rose Kipling arrived at the port city of Caldeni today with her archaeological entourage. When asked if the tomes unearthed in East Point

are, in fact, a portent of doom from an outsider god named Sarcophka, Doctor Kipling answered, "I simply cannot speculate until the entire collection is translated."

Rumours already persist, however, that a member of Kipling's entourage has copied and leaked the contents of this "sacred" tome.

### Overjudge OK's Bishop Inquiry

The Overjudge of Rivna ruled today that a formal investigation against Bishop Valla T. Merrin may proceed. "It is a

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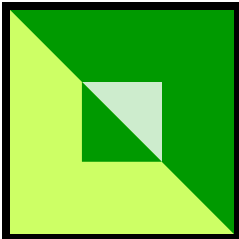
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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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sad day when I must order the audit of the spiritual leader of West Point's largest city. But there are just too many indicators that things are amiss."



Asharak Book,  
Law Twister for  
Bishop Valla T.  
Merrin

Reverend Merrin's Law Twisters issued this statement: "Our client flatly denies any wrongdoing. And

we, of Hand & Book, have never lost a case. Bishop Merrin is an honest, holy man who lives a life above reproach. We have every confidence that the investigators will see things our way."

When asked whether the rumours of his Protector's request for separation, Asharak Book said "Our client can neither confirm nor deny that."

## Construct Rights Ratified Amidst Cheers, Protests

The Clan Elders of West Point ratified the Construct Civil Rights Act of A.

S. 496 this morning, amidst the howling protest of manufacturing leaders and the Flesh & Blood First PAC.

"This will be the end of everything!" Richha Reede of the F&BF. "Now that machines have rights, it's only a matter of time before the Constructs turn us into slaves. Mark my words!"

Other, calmer voices, however, declared a differing opinion. "Some of my best friends are Constructs," said Dulgar Gemfinder, owner of Gemfinder Drones and Appliances. "Construct Frank has spent the past ten years -- his whole lifetime -- battling evil, slavery, and oppression. He's the best friend I've ever had and trust him more than I'd ever trust another flesh and blood person."

Under the Charter, Constructs would be classified into three tiers, depending on their level

of sentience. Nonsentient machines would still have no rights; Constructs of limited sentience would have the legal status of a child, while fully sentient Constructs would enjoy complete civil rights.

Constructs requiring evaluation for level of sentience can be brought to Ex-Libris for Evaluations

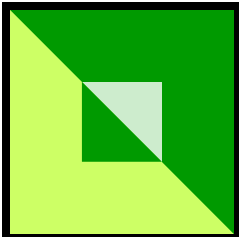
## Local Noose

### "Dark Steeple" Fight— Day Two!

Day Two of the Battle of the Dark Steeple again ended in a draw.

"Those evil Undead Priests have the patience and resolve of the Damned," said Merle of Paru, crew member of the *Wrong Place at the Wrong Time*. "Of course, they *are* damned, so I guess that makes sense."

Thus far, our heroes have at least kept the Illuthielite building from rising any further out of the ground. How long this stalemate can last is up to speculation.



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## Galen Healer Arrives

Thistle Brae arrived in Ex-Libris this morning via hang glider this morning, landing in Valedictorian Park. Rumours surround the enigmatic Bishop of Isle of Gales, the chief of which is that the leader is considering going back into missionary work.

"I go where the True One calls," Reverend Brae said.

The Changeling Priest has been credited with many acts and miracles of healing, including restoring an Undead Sepulchre to full life. When asked about these deeds, Thistle merely replied, "I don't claim any credit. I am just the True One's instrument, nothing more."

For Librarian DeSoto, the mysterious healer is his last hope of ever walking again.

## Construct Five—Orange Status Permanent

Under the new Construct Charter, or Lady of Knowledge has upgraded Five's "provisional" librarian status to "permanent" today. As this unique Construct has the ability to be in five places at once, Madam Librarian feels confident that he will be

able to track down and apprehend the Suited Assassins.

## Dommalon Cleric to Advise Purple Librarian

Min Delray, a Dommalon Wayfinder, arrived in Ex-Libris today to advise the Purple Librarian on a suitable compromise between the Valedictorian Park's current construction and the Dommalonite sacred grove that had once stood on that same spot.

"We've got to do something," Madam Librarian said. "All these strange plant-creatures are upsetting the good citizens of Ex-Libris. And if there's one thing we pride ourselves on, it's order!"

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