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## Whirled News

### Rivna Mayor: Merrin to Face Religious, not Criminal, Trial

The Mayor of Rivna declared today that Bishop Valla T. Merrin should be tried in a church tribunal rather than a civilian trial, citing the Bishop's alleged bribing of public officials as justification for this change of venue.

"The justice of the Church can be just as thorough as secular justice, with the added benefit of excluding the Law Twisters from Hand & Book!"



Asharak Book,  
Law Twister for  
Bishop Merrin

Asharak Book lodged a formal complaint with both the Mayor and the Overjudge, with neither official

commenting on the complaint. Valla T. Merrin has the dubious distinction of being only the second



A rare, well-preserved ceramic bust of Marna "Mad Eye" Muldoon, the only other Bishop to face a full Church Trial.

Bishop to be impeached by a church tribunal. The first such trial was over five hundred years ago, when Bishop Marna "Mad Eye" Muldoon was to hang for cannibalism.

While under impeachment, the Bishop retains all duties except for the ability to appoint and terminate staff members. The

church tribunal is slated to commence in two weeks.

### Eastern Ship: A Hero's Re- turn

The battleship *Giant Squid* arrived to a heroes' welcome in Awari this morning. Although they were unable to accomplish their primary mission of escorting the Western and Southern relief workers, they did bravely battle and win against a fleet of five Calamarian terrorist ships.

A midnight vigil is also scheduled for tonight to remember the brave crew of

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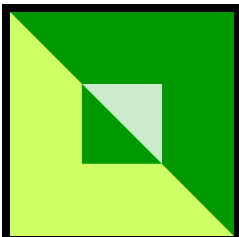
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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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the *Sea Claw*, whose lives were extinguished in combat against the Calamarian forces. The Admiral, Awari's immortal Commander-in-Chief, posthumously awarded each crew member of the Sea Claw the Silver Eye for heroism in combat.

## Sarcophka Cult in Chandi

A Doomsday cult appears to be forming in the



*Masked Cultist demands appeasement and sacrifice for Sarcophka!*

closed city of Chandi as news of Dr. Kipling's research leaked to those outside her team.

"We must appease Sarcophka," said one black masked cultist. "Sarcophka is hungry for souls, and soon the Gathering shall begin."

Doctor Rose Kipling, however, remains unimpressed by the doomsayers. "There's a scientific phrase that describes what's going on with

these ill-educated cultists, and that is: 'What a bunch of hooley!'"

## Clan Council to Ponder Cali Action

With the Construct Charter of Rights passed into law, the Clan Council of Elders convened again to discuss the next threat to Western civilization, which is the bloodthirsty takeover of Cali by Vastiel Orloc, who now refers to himself as "Lord Orloc". With columns of smoke from burning buildings rising miles into the sky, and escapees from the city telling tales of atrocities and mass murder, it is doubtful that the Council will reach a solution other than that of military intervention.

## **Local Noose**

### Construct Found Murdered

Only a day after the historic enactment of the Construct Charter of Rights, Construct T4 was found murdered just

outside the city gates of Ex-Libris. T4 was a simple maintenance drone whose duties included sweeping the streets and trimming hedges.



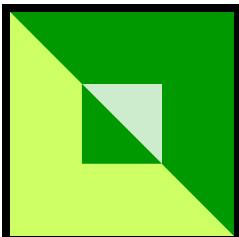
T4, a non-humanoid Construct, appeared to most as a big, animate collection of gears and gadgets. But he will be missed by his friend, Jimbo LaRoo.

"Who would do such a thing?" Jimbo LaRoo, one of the Construct's coworkers asked.

The answer to that question was answered less than an hour later when an anonymous confession from a member of *Flesh & Blood First* took credit for the foul deed. Black Librarian Zolotov, Master Assassin, whose life was recently saved by Construct Five, vows justice for T4 in the way that Ex-Libris knows best: Assassination of the criminals.

### Galen Bishop: Judge for Church Trial

Thistle Brae, Bishop of the Isle of Gales, agreed to serve as Adjudicator in the upcoming trial of Valla T.Merrin,



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provided his work in Ex-Libris is complete by then.

The first round of the cleric's healing ritual has proved successful so far. Much work is left to do, however.

"Librarian DeSoto can wiggle his fingers and toes now," Reverend Brae reported. "It's a start, but I am far from finished."

It is thought that Thistle will attempt the *Ritual of Complete Regeneration*, a highly taxing rite that may fully restore the Librarian's mobility but at the same time gravely risk the Bishop's own health.

## Dark Steeple: Evil Priests on Defensive

Day three of the Battle of the Dark Steeple took a strange turn as the Illuthielite Priests within the foul temple cast a defensive spell that covered the building with locks and bars. Our Lady of Knowledge has dispatched a Grey Librarian to assist in dismantling the locks and traps.

Daros Chan, an antique shop owner, is well known in Ex-Libris for his ability to repair locks, clocks, safes, and other complicated mechanisms, and thus was

a logical choice for this job.

"I'm always up for a new challenge," Daros reported. "Especially one that includes hazard pay!"

## Tome Theatre Proudly Presents...

The Tome Theatre announced today that it is hosting a special three-day engagement of "The Lyin' King", a musical about a Southern ruler who is punished by the gods for his falsehoods and turned into a lion. The musical features "Huge contraptions are hanging over me," and "Can you feel the pain tonight?"

Tickets are selling fast, so buy your pair from your local Blue Librarian before it's too late!

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