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Whirled News

Orloc Unleashes Illegal Spells; Thousands Killed

The assembled army of Clan warriors were met with fierce resistance at the fortified walls of Cali, West Point. As Clan leaders



Vastiel Orloc, seen here in one of his campaign posters before the bloody coup.

feared, the illegal strongman Vastiel Orloc released a barrage of Spells of Mass Destruction, in direct

violation of the Unified Points War Treaty of A.S. 126.

"He shall pay with his life!" Mikal Hellion, War Leader, promised. "But he shall also pay in pain, blood, and suffering first!"

The so-called "lord" of Cali unleashed a

Demogorgon, two Perris, and an Unmasked Demon into the fray. These super-



Perris: The most sharply-dressed supernatural killing machines one can ever illegally summon!

natural creatures slew over three thousand allied soldiers before the monsters were overwhelmed by sheer numbers.

The remaining Clan forces breached the first outer defence of Cali by evening, however.

"He expended his big guns today, and we stood firm against the forces of darkness," Hellion added, then said: "We shall take this city in a matter of days — this I

promise you!"

The Clan Council also issued a travellers' advisory today as a result of the unprecedented violence.

"With so many of our trained soldiers and guards occupying Cali, the Highwaymen have taken advantage and are ruthlessly attacking merchant caravans and are shooting down whirligigs," Mara Trelaine, Council Chief for Clan Trelaine, announced.

While she did not personally blame Clan Mariah, it is a well-known

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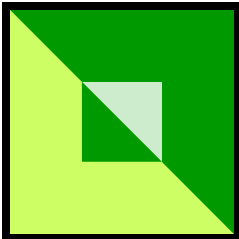
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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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fact that the majority of Highwaymen recruits are from that Clan.

Galen Bishop Arrives in Rivna for Merrin Trial

Thistle Brae, Bishop of the Isle of Gales, arrived in Rivna today via hang glider today. When asked about how he felt about the upcoming tribunal of Bishop Valla T. Merrin, over which the Galen cleric would supervise, he simply said, "It's one of my less desirable occupations, but, sadly, it is all too obvious that there are certain questions that have to be answered."

The accused and embattled Bishop of Rivna, however, had this to say: "If Reverend Brae wishes to try me in the court of public opinion, I could always remind the citizens of Rivna about the good Bishop's disastrous missionary attempt in Chandi that resulted in that city becoming the 'closed' city of Chandi.

"And didn't both of his Protectors die in that mis-

sion? But what's a little history between friends?"

Rifle Club Sinks Pirate Ship!

The pirate Dirk McGruder and his ship *One Eyed Zombie* met with a bit of a deadly surprise this morning when they attacked an unarmed cruise ship. Captain Ilene Bentley's cruise ship happened to be carrying the entire membership of the Paru Rifle Club.

"The passengers shot McGruder's ship so full of holes that the biggest chunk of flotsam was the size of a toothpick and the sharks had to use a strainer to feed on the corpses!" Bentley exclaimed.

The gun club members will collectively and equally share the 32 SP bounty for disposing of the tenth most wanted pirate vessel.

"Guns don't kill people," the club leader boasted. "We do!"

Local Noose



DeSoto: Vows to "Kick Butt"

DeSoto: Ready For Justice

Librarian DeSoto returned to duty today following the successful Rite of Complete Regeneration. Our Lady

of Knowledge also awarded DeSoto the *Red Scroll of Courage* for his valiant effort against the Suited Assassins. In commemoration of the brave battle that nearly cost him his life and health, DeSoto also received an engraved hold-out pistol from the Purple Librarian herself.

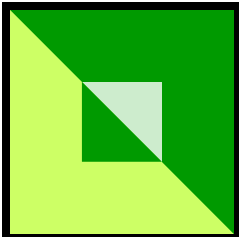


Dark Steeple Destroyed!

The brave captain and crew of the good ship

"Wrong Place at the Wrong Time" soundly defeated the evil Undead denizens of the Dark Steeple that rose out of the ground two weeks ago.

"They had an ambitious plot to kill and convert everyone in Ex-Libris into Undead zom-



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bies," Professor Cardin Montross explained. "They somehow managed to steal an old nuclear power plant core and were going to bring it into the city just to watch everyone die of radiation poisoning!"

Fortunately, with the defeat of the lead cleric of the Dark Steeple, the evil church sunk back into the ground from which it arose.

Church Artefact Recovered



Daros Chan, Grey Librarian in consult with the crew of the *Wrong Place at the Wrong Time*, was

able to rescue a rare True One artefact from the clutches of the Illuthielites and their Dark Steeple. A green marble door, known as the *Door to a Thousand Churches*, had been missing for several hundred years and thought lost forever. The mysterious Door has the ability to allow the user to walk through it into any True One or Saint Eldra church.

It is unknown, as yet, whether Librarian Chan will sell the Artefact for profit, or surrender it to an authority of the True One or Saint Eldra Church. When ques-

tioned, Chan simply replied, "No Comment!"

Tome Theatre Proudly Presents...

The Tome Theatre is proud to present, for a limited time only, the musical interpretation of "I, Assassin", a tale of bravery, heroism, and marksmanship that celebrates the life of Caleb Trelaine, Ex-Libris' first Black Librarian. Credited with over three hundred acts of honourable justice, Caleb shoots his way to the top -- and sings, too -- in "I, Assassin". See it for one week only at the Tome Theatre!

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Dulgar Gemfinder is an honorary Grey Librarian