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Whirled News

Orloc Lieutenant Surrenders

A Vastiel turncoat escaped from the besieged city of Cali this morning and surrendered himself to Clan authorities. Thanks to the cunning of Vastiel



Orloc's Lieutenant, shown here disguised for his safety.

Orloc's lieutenant (who, for his safety, shall remain nameless), we now know of a sinister trap await-

ing the Clan forces once they breach Cali's secondary defensive wall.

"No one knew [Orloc] was a Scaxathromite," the ex-lieutenant explained. "After all, who the heck worships Scaxathrom in West Point? Well, he's been using the

Dark Arts to resurrect all the people he murdered last week, and now he has a pretty formidable army of



Artist's conception of Soyal Tekka, founder of Scaxathromism (who later became the Incarnation of the Viper Lord.)

the walking dead. Hell, we were a lot better off under the old mayor. At least when

he committed a political assassination, you got to stay dead!"

Man Mech Colony Destroyed!

Dr. Gregory McClurry, physician to the Yeager's Line township made a ghastly discovery today. Yeager's Line, a Man Mech colony of 212 people, was founded on the ruins of an old nuclear power plant whose reactor core

melted down during the Great Cataclysm. As most citizens know, Man Mechs require ambient nuclear radiation to survive.

"I visited the colony once each month so that the citizens there could get any required medical treatment they needed," Dr. McClurry explained.

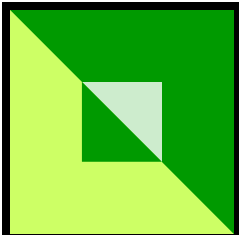
"I had accepted with a clear conscience that my work would kill me, since radiation is as deadly to normal humans as it is life giving to the Man Mechs. But when I arrived yesterday, I discovered that

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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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every last citizen of Yeager's Line was dead from radiation starvation. Someone stole their radioactive core! Who would do such a thing, and why?"

It is theorised, however, that the same core that was stolen from Yeager's Line is the same core that the Illuthielites had planned to unleash upon Ex-Libris.

Rivna Bishop Trial: Begins Today

The church trial of Reverend Valla T. Merrin begins today. In a surprise move, Bishop Thistle Brae, acting adjudicator, ordered the deployment of an Anchor for the duration of the proceedings. The Anchors are recently developed artefacts that were developed by the Church of Saint Eldra and have the power to suppress telepathic powers in a limited radius.

"This should not surprise anyone," the Galen Bishop explained. "As an empath with an E-50 rating, and with a defendant who is

accused of using telepathic powers in the commission of certain crimes, the implementation of this device helps to make sure that justice is served."

Rural Village Mysteriously Abandoned

The rural village of Toletov's Gulch was found gutted and devoid of life last night. Antony Cherenkov, a beer merchant that makes monthly deliveries to Toletov's Gulch and other nearby communities, arrived in town last night to find most of the buildings burned to the ground. No bodies were found however, and the sole standing building was the local church. Even that building was not left unchanged, however.

"It was really creepy," Cherenkov narrated. "Since it was the only building left, I took a peek inside. The walls were scorched black, and a wooden staircase had opened in the mid-

dle of the floor and had sucked down all the pews. I looked down, and the staircase stretched down as far as I could see."

Local Noose

Daros Chan: Church Door is Gateway to Profits, not Prophets



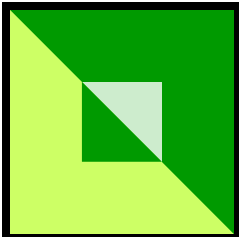
The Door to a Thousand Churches, a priceless Artefact, is now being used for personal gain.

Librarian Chan announced today that he is adding travel services to his already-successful antique trade.

"The Door to a Thousand Churches can get my customers anywhere on the planet instantaneously -- so long as there's a True One church handy, and that the customer isn't a moral degenerate."

Some church officials decry this launch, however, stating that Librarian Chan is profiting from the use of a stolen antiquity.

"If the Church wants this Artefact back, they can pay me for it," Daros Chan declared.



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"It is an antique, after all, and I *sell* antiques, not donate them!"

New Action Figures Released!

The Great Library announced today that it is releasing action figures of the four Suited Assassins.

"It only makes sense that collectors should be able to add a few villains to their collection," Blue Librarian Dalan Quayce said. "And if the SA's, as we call them, aren't villains, I don't know who is!"

The figures come accessorized with suits, sunglasses, and shotguns. A small-scale model of the landship *Wrong Place at the Wrong Time* should also be available by the end of the week, which includes "Captain Kirby" and "Construct Akalla" action figures.

Visit the Great Library gift shop for more information!

Sacred Grove: Rituals Complete

Min Delray, visiting Wayfinder, declared today that the purification rituals for the Dommalon sacred grove are now complete and that visitors may now see the gardens and small shrine dedicated to the Hunter God.

"I'm grateful to the Madame Librarian for allowing 15% of Valedictorian Park to be zoned as a historic and religious site dedicated to Dommalon," Min said.

Religious services will soon begin on a weekly basis, and members of all non-destructive faiths are welcome.

Dr. Montross: Man Mechs Aren't Monsters!

Professor Cardin Montross reiterated his desire to find a way to fabricate portable radiation sources for the Man Mech community, especially in light of the recent tragedy at Yeager's Line.

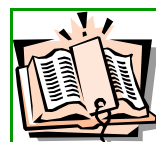
"Man Mechs are the most misunderstood of West Point's citizens," Montross explained. "They aren't monsters to be feared or shunned. They deserve to be able to live a better way."

The professor's project involves the search for a rare element known as neutronium, which has the unique property of both storing and dampening radioactive discharge.

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"Pop" Stevenson is an accredited Orange Librarian
