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Whirled News

Celtic Knot Sunk

The pirate hunter *Celtic Knot* (sister ship of the Dark Lord's *Gaelic Knot*) was sunk after a protracted battle against the arch-pirate Chudra Blothan and his bone-

ship
Dark Tide Rising.



The Celtic Knot: A Proud Pirate-Hunting War Ship that serve well the forces of Good!

While the captain and a third

of the crew survived, thanks to the use of a Wishsinger gate, the loss of the *Celtic Knot* serves as a stunning blow to the pirate hunters.

"There *is* a way to defeat that ship," Captain Lossa Caragin said defiantly. "I saw it with my own eyes. He's got an artefact of some sort built into

the helm. It glowed with a black radiance and made the hull self-repair. If that infernal device can be removed, then the *Dark Tide* can be sunk!"

Caragin also swore to immediately commission the construction of the *Celtic Knot II*.

Fresh Water Resumes in Eastern Port City!



Reverend Jacobi Smity, of the Carpenter Church, puts the finishing touches on the emergency infrastructure repairs.

The relief workers from Caldeni and Midian successfully restored the water supply and sanitation to

the devastated village of Awa'Laroo, South Point. The joint venture, headed by Father Jacobi of the Carpenter Church, rebuilt a bridge, patched three dozen buildings, and rebuilt ten homes for those whose residences were completely destroyed.

"It's a good thing I'm a man of peace," Father Jacobi said. "If I were a war cleric, I'd be bringing our Mission straight down the Calamarians' throat and tear them to shreds from the inside out!"

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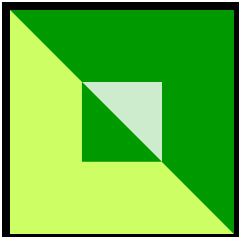
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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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Merrin Defence Makes its Case

The defence in the Bishop Merrin tribunal made its case today, citing the many charitable works Reverend Valla T. Merrin was once in charge of, as well as his long-standing record as a man of deep piety and humility. The defence rebutted the persecutors' assertion that the Bishop is little more than a slumlord with a white collar. Towards the end of the proceedings, Bishop Valla T. Merrin took the stand in his own defence.

"I am a man of God, pure and simple," Rev. Merrin said. "My accusers send affidavits in secret, a hidden hand from another church slips a dagger between my ribs. But the Almighty knows the truth, and that truth will declare me innocent!"



Valla T. Merrin. Will he still remain "Reverend"?

Tinker Announces New Train Service

Local tinker, Alro McCafferty of Greenline's March, announced today that he built an alcohol-burning locomotive that can ferry up to a hundred passengers between Bali and Saboo, with Ex-Libris as the central stop. "I bought the engine



off this flaky archaeologist named Cardigan Monotose," McCafferty explained. "Then it was just a matter of assembling the locomotive from the wreckage of a dozen ancient trains. It was easy!"

The train is expected to run once per week and cost only ten copper per passenger.

Local Moose



Coin Rattlin' Wraith: A good stiff drink, or a Scaxathromite joke?

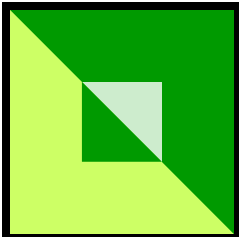
Drunkards Attacked by Wraiths

Three citizens on District Nine were assaulted by ghostly, black-caped apparitions last night while walking home from the Bookbinder's Bar.

"It was the damndest thing I've ever seen!" Morely Chufnick exclaimed. "Every time those monsters hit us, our coin purses got lighter until all our money was gone!"

By the time the Orange Librarians arrived, the strange creatures had vanished into the night. While an exhaustive search was made of District 9, neither the phantoms nor the stolen loot turned up.

Deckard Cain, the ranking White Librarian, speculated that the beings were likely to be Coin Rattling Wraiths, somehow summoned into being by the over-consumption of the Scaxathromite beverage of the same name.



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Award Ceremony Today

The Purple Librarian reminds all Ex-Libris citizens that the award ceremony commemorating the successful "Suited Assassins Showdown" commences at noon today. The twelve Black Librarians and the crew of the landship *Wrong Place at the Wrong Time* will receive the *Red Scroll of Courage*. Join Ex-Libris' finest in the banquet and celebration that follows.

Mikhail Flatlander, of Gutterdance fame, will make a guest appearance and entertain the heroes and citizens alike! All are invited, so plan your lunch for being at Valedictorian Park!

New Pocket Dimension Opens; Investigators Wanted!

A strange pocket dimension has opened up ten miles outside of Ex-Libris and seems to be surrounded by nearly impenetrable mists. The event horizon is approximately half a mile in diameter and seems to have displaced the local landscape.

The Great Library is currently hiring adventurers with scientific backgrounds to investigate this phenomenon in order to determine if this Stillpoint connects to somewhere else on Gaianar or to another world entirely — and whether this manifestation is transient or permanent. Interested adventurers should contact their local Indigo Librarian for more details.

Heroes' Ship Renamed

Captain Kirby, leader of the brave adventurers who so valiantly assisted the Black Librarians in the defeat of the Suited Assassins, announced today that he is renaming his landship.

"It no longer makes sense to call it the *Wrong Place at the Wrong Time*," Kirby explained. "We've had several successful missions, made many new friends in this region, and found a home that we are proud to say is called Ex-Libris. I'm happy

to announce a new name for our fine ship, and it's one that is appropriate and fitting. It shall be called *Akalla's Hope*."

Akalla is the name of the Clockwork Construct that was granted citizenship by the Purple Librarian, and who serves as the heart of the landship. The re-christening is scheduled for sunrise tomorrow at the north gate.

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