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Whirled News

War Update!

The Civil War in South Point entered its second month today, with the Matron's forces seemingly evenly matched with those of the Calamarian Sisterhood.

The Second of South Point spoke before an audience of the Matron's loyalists, saying "This war is a terrible tragedy. The hatred and



Statue of the Second of South Point.

bigotry of the Calamarian Sisterhood is only killing those of the South. Because of their racism and unforgiveness, brothers war against sisters, mothers against sons, neighbours against neighbours. Already the dead number ten thou-

sand. I thank the Spirits of Nature that the slain do not come back to life as easily as they do in North Point."

While the Second denies rumours that his delegates plan on negotiating a surrender with Calamarians, political scholars believe such a move may be inevitable in the face of mounting casualties and dwindling military resources.

Liberal Scaxathromites Win Big!

Scaxathromite Reformists won two additional council seats in Cape North in yes-



Cape North: A picturesque port city in the uppermost reaches of North Point. Population: 75,000.

terday's elections. This places the liberal faction of the Viper Lord's faith in the majority for the first time in thirty-five years.

Curomon Yaska, direct descendant of the Memon Yaska, founder of the liberal Reform movement, hailed this election as a referendum on the violence and tyranny of the mainstream Scaxathrom church.

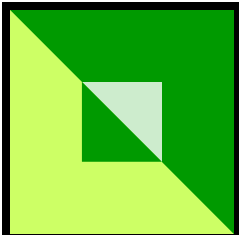
"We enter a bold new age of Scaxathromism," Curomon announced. "We, the faithful, will seek to do what no

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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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one else has ever done: we will change the thoughts of our god through prayer and fasting. Bloodshed for spells will someday no longer be the bargain for the faithful!"

Hardliners, however, decry this movement, summarised by Anthok Tekka, "These liberals are just taking advantage of the political capital they gained when Raven's Cape was destroyed by terrorists. Everyone knows that blood is the only acceptable coin of the spirit realm!"

First Wave of Cali Reconstruction Completed!

Transitional Mayor, Leif Ericsson, in a bittersweet ceremony at city hall, pulled the lever that restored water and natural gas to the city of Cali. The reopening ceremony, held at dusk, was attended by representatives of the True One, Saint Eldra, Dommalon, and Del Tannon faiths.

"Tonight, we ignite the street lights in honour of those slain by the evil of Vastiel Orloc. Today is declared a day of remembrance and reflection on man's inhumanity to man, and of the danger of power unchecked. The rebuilding has only just begun. Cali shall not only live again, but thrive. But in the thriving, we will never forget the dead. We will honour them here each year on this night."

Ericsson's engineers fed a chemical compound into the gas supply that turned the colour of the street light flames from blue to red for this ceremony.

Killer Undead Robots Discovered in North Point Ruins

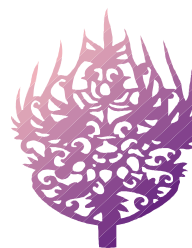
Adventurers Bev Lexington and Onyx Caratha made a grisly and dangerous discovery in North Point today when surveying the ruins of an industrial complex south of Carthag.

"I haven't seen one of these things in years," Lexington said. "The ruins were still patrolled by these weird Undead robots. They were half machine, half zombie, and they tried to kill us when we didn't know some kind of authorisation code. Anyway, they stopped chasing us after a mile or so."

The North Point council issued an advisory for citizens to keep out of industrial ruins -- particularly treasure-seeking adventurers!

Local Noose

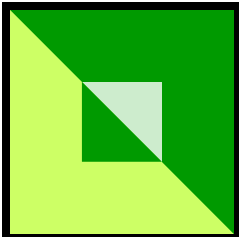
Akalla's Hope in Danger!



Sailing flag of the Akalla's Hope

Deckard Cain, Master Researcher for the Great Library, revealed today that he received another communiqué from the Akalla's Hope.

"It seems that there is no shortage monsters in Parse," Librarian Cain explained. "Apparently, the landship is now being attacked by fire-breathing horses! We wish them the best of luck in the



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current crisis."

Transitional Team Formed

The Madam Librarian formed a transitional team to help Librarian Zolotov prepare to take the leadership of Ex-Libris.

"The role of Librarian Lord is not for the faint of heart," the Purple Librarian said. "Librarian Zolotov is bound to make a few mistakes when he first takes command, but I ask all citizens to give him any help he may need when he takes control next month and to show him the same respect you showed me when I took the reigns four decades ago. I know you all will -- for we of Ex-Libris, citizen and Librarian alike, are the brightest beacons of civilisation in the known world."

Tome Theatre Reopens!

The Tome Theatre reopened today after a month-long renovation project.

"Since we had to be closed

for a month to repair and reinforce the stage, we took this time to upgrade the acoustics and lighting as well."

The theatre management has apparently been hounded for reprise performances of "I, Assassin" and "Dance of the War Master".

"You can bet those musicals will be playing by the weekend," a spokesman for the management declared.

As readers may remember, the stage was accidentally destroyed when Construct Five's weight collapsed the woodwork during the final tap dancing scene in "DotWM".

Illuvatar: Watch out for Pickpockets!

Librarian Illuvatar, successor to Zolotov as Master Assassin, warns Ex-Libris citizens that tomorrow is Pickocket Day, a yearly holiday for the Abbon Mort faithful. All citizens are encouraged to report suspicious activity to

their local Orange or Red Librarian, as well as minimising cash carried on one's person.

"Ex-Libris is always a target for young hoodlums, as we have the best security on West Point, and the strictest penalties for those who break our laws," Illuvatar explained.

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