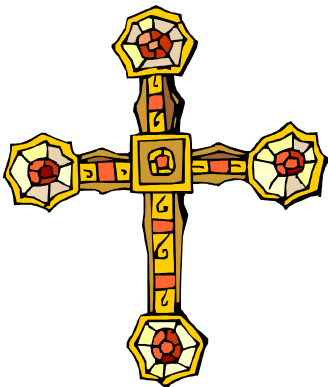


Whirled News

Eastern Cross Found!

Indigo Librarian Dara Trienne, of Clan McGruder, recovered the Eastern Cross from an abandoned monastery along the northern coast of North Point.



*The Eastern Cross:
Part of a four-unit set
of powerful True One
artefacts.*

"This holy place appears to have been deserted for over a hundred years, but was run by a holy order of monks who apparently believed in meditation and celibacy as the

path to enlightenment," Librarian Trienne theorised.

"There seemed to be no signs of violence, and the compound is relatively undisturbed, so I'd guess that all the adherents died of old age."

The Indigo librarian also expressed her hopes of being able to successfully bring the artefact back to Ex-Libris for further study. The Four Crosses do have a firmly established history of not staying put.

Dark Lord Seeks New Recruits

The Immortal pirate hunter, the Dark



Flag of the Gaelic Knot, sister ship of the ill-fated Celtic Knot.

Lord, pledged a recurring annual grant for young fighters

wishing to apprentice as seamen, port guardsmen, pirate hunters, or rescue workers.

"I have the wealth of several lifetimes," the Dark Lord said. "And if I can recruit young people out of poverty and train them to fight against those who make the seas their hunting grounds, then I will at least be able to repay something of the huge debt I owe to society."

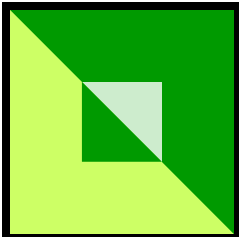
The Dark Lord has been an enigmatic figure for the past two centuries, as he made the transition from

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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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being one of the most infamous criminals of the high seas to into being one of the pirates' most feared enemy.

The scholarship includes paid apprenticeships for ten students each year, five in Paru and five in Caldeni.

South Point Rebels Advance; Matron's Forces Struck Stunning Blow

Calamarian Rebels captured four more villages this week in South Point, slaughtering another hundred of the Matriarch's soldiers.

"The Calamarian Sisterhood have no honour," spat Captain Oo'Li'Balla of the 3rd Infantry. "These cowards use terrorist tactics and have been despoiling the land by turning trees into Undead abominations."

"For as much as they hate the North, they certainly seem to emulate their penchant for manufacturing the walking dead to do their bidding!" He

added.

On the bright side, the Matron is expected to resume duty tomorrow now that she is recovered from temporary paralysis.

North Point: We Will Help the Matron

Given that the South Point civil war is going quite poorly for the rightful government, the North Point Council of Cities met in an emergency session to lay out a plan for giving aid to the Matron and her battered forces.

"We don't want another World War on our hands," said the Professor, and Immortal who resides in Brighton's Reach (who is also the inventor of the Whirligig).

"But I don't see how we are to avoid full-scale global war. If we fight beside the Matron's troops, we will only invite more terrorism and desperate acts of vio-

lence from the Calamarian Sisterhood. But if we do nothing, and the Calamarians overthrow the Matron, only a fool would believe they would not next attack the North or the East.." The Council is expected

Local Noose

Sarcophka Faith: No Charter

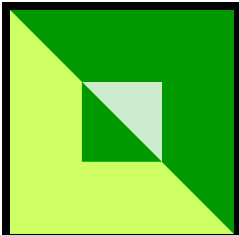
In a completely expected move, the Purple Librarian refused to grant religious charter to a Shaman purportedly representing the Sarcophka faith.



Sarcophka
Cult Holy
Symbol

"I have read their 'holy' text, and I feel this new religion poses a clear and present danger to the citizens of Ex-Libris. I hereby place the Sarcophka cult in the

same category as the Crystallins, Scaxathromites, and Charnalites -- that of outlawed religions. Librarian Zolotov is free to reconsider when he assumes leadership next month, however."



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When asked if such a reconsideration was likely, Librarian Zolotov quipped, "No way in hell!"

Akalla's Hope Update

Master Researcher Deckard Cain released the latest communiqué from the landship *Akalla's Hope*.

"Apparently the fascist rulers of Parse use monsters called Hell Hordes to threaten the citizenry into submission," Librarian Cain explained. "The local police, known as Grey Marks, also use empathic powers in ways that our laws would consider illegal, but under their leadership is merely standard procedure. We wish our heroes the best of luck in this daunting challenge!"

Criminal Shot!

Librarian DeSoto bravely accomplished a daring feat of justice yesterday when he shot a teen-age youth spotted in the act of pick-pocketing.

"That's one Mortite who learned a Final Lesson," DeSoto said. "It was a tough

choice, too -- whether to risk injuring a civilian by firing into a crowd, or to risk allowing the lawless to go unpunished. But Zolotov trained me well, and I did exactly what he would do: accomplish justice!"

We commend with Librarian DeSoto's bravery and dedication to duty. Indeed, Librarians like him and Zolotov are just a part of what makes Ex-Libris great!

Tome Hosts "Worst Play Ever"

In lighter news, the Tome Theatre is proud to announce a limited engagement of "Springtime for Scaxathrom", arguably the worst musical ever made.

While the producers of this train-wreck remain in prison for fraud to this day, the play is so bad that it's run for twenty years, thanks to its entirely unintentional humour!

Come and hear lyrics like

"Warheads falling from the skies again / the Undead are on the rise again!" and the gaudiest costumes ever designed!

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