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Whirled News

Capitol City, Midian, Destroyed!

While speculation about today's catastrophe in Midian has not been substantiated, it does appear that the besieged South Point city was decimated by an act of



Historical record image of the Hemophage-III virus, which kills by dissolving the cell membranes, causing its victims to "melt".

unspeakable terrorism.

"We haven't had a single whirligig response in over twelve hours," said a spokeswoman for Matron Amethyst. "But the last communiqué read 'By the Elements. . . everyone's melting! Every-

one's dying', and the message scroll was smeared with dried blood."

Military experts fear that the Calamarian sisterhood may have excavated and used a canister of Hemophage-III, a genetically engineered virus that causes its victims to haemorrhage to death, giving them the appearance of "melting".

"If this is true," added the spokeswoman, "then the Calamarian leadership will have to face war crime trials if they lose this civil war."

There is also the added danger that the prevailing winds may blow the virus (if that is what caused this massacre) further into the heart of South Point. The Matron added di-

rectly: "I fear these monsters [Calamarian Sisterhood] may have let an evil Djynn from it's jug, without the means to put it back!"

Military Reinforcements Arrive

Arriving a day ahead of schedule, the first ship of



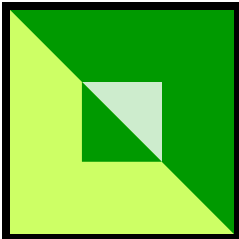
five from the Isle of Gales docked in the provisional capitol of Aloo'Marook this morning, allowing a platoon of one hundred changeling archers to disembark.

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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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"Our main duty here is to secure the city of Aloo'Marrook against Calamarian raiders," said Captain Til Wyron.

"The next three ships will carry Priests to deal with the Undead monsters conjured by the terrorists, a unit of Dwarven infantrymen from Opal Cliffs, and a mixed bag of Rangers and Gunslingers for general-purpose butt-kicking!"

Scaxathromites Want Carthag as New Capitol



Carthag's population lives exclusively on the top ten floors of the ancient skyscrapers built centuries ago before the *Great Cataclysm*.

Scaxathromite hardliners wasted no time waging protest riots in the central capitol of North Point today, and demanded that the sky city become the

new home for the Scaxathrom Church now that Raven's Cape was destroyed by a nuclear weapon several years ago.

"We have the right to practice Human Sacrifice!" Viper-Chief Arathorne Tekka declared. "And Raven's Cape has been taken over by radioactive, Undead Sepulchres!"

A spokesman for the Mayor of Carthag was reputedly to have said "Too damned bad," but we have no confirmation of this.

Bishop Chalkminer says "No" to Merrin Pardon

In a move that surprised no one, Bishop Philo Chalkminer of Rivna, West Point, refused to hear a motion presented by the law offices of Hand and Book to grant the former Bishop executive pardon. When asked why he refused to even look at the Law Twisters' document, Reverend Chalkminer said,

"That the *formerly* reverend Merrin killed several of my friends, tried to have me assassi-

nated, tried to have Bishop Thistle Brae assassinated, and was probably responsible for a string of serial murders and rapes is only the *beginning* of why he'll never get pardon *as long as I live*.

"He's lucky he doesn't get what I think he deserves — to be stranded on a desert island and left to starve to death!"

Local Noose

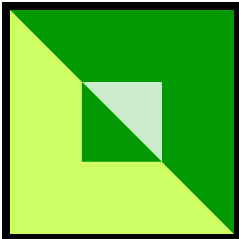
Purple Librarian: "No" to Mummy Cult



The new Purple Librarian's first official act was to deny charter to the Sarcophka Cult, thus making it illegal to build any temple, shrine, or monument dedicated to that religion. This was an expected

move, as a similar application was turned down by Librarian Dell, the former Purple Librarian.

"I read their 'holy' book, and any religion that thinks that becoming an Undead mummy is the end-all of be-



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ing has no place in Ex-Libris," the Lord of Knowledge said.

The Overshaman of Sarkophka, Drakkar Revenclaw (same person as last week, just a new and improved name and title), expressed his outrage at the Librarian-Lord's refusal, saying, "That Unbeliever shall die a slow, hard, agonising death for this outrage!"

When asked how he felt about the Overshaman's challenge, the Lord of Knowledge replied, "Anytime that blowhard wants to mix it up, I'm ready, willing, and able!"

Akalla's Hope Under Siege!

A recent message from Construct Akalla indicated that the ship he powers is under siege by evil spirits that have incapacitated the humanoid crew. Thus far, the clockwork drone has been able to keep the possessed crewmen in check by imprisoning them in geometric shields. He does report that the ship's away team is still unaffected.

Librarian Illuvatar: A Master Assassin, Not a New God

Librarian Illuvatar was promoted to the rank of Master Assassin, taking over the position occupied by the Librarian formerly known as Zolotov.



Proposed Illuvatar "holy" symbol.

This promotion came amidst a coincidental discovery of an outworlder holy text that describes a being called Illuvatar as the light-bringer and creator of that world, and warned that all would perish if Illuvatar fell.

When questioned, the Black Librarian said, "It's just a name coincidence! Geeez!!"

Local Talent Weekend at the Tome Theatre!

The Tome Theatre is hosting Local Talent Weekend -- three days of musicals starring some of the best acting talent Ex-Libris has to offer. See the Lord of Knowledge in "I, Assassin" A fine tale of

Ex-Libris' first Master of Assassins and how he brought Law and Order to the Wisdom City. After that, see Ex-Libris's favourite sentient Construct reprise the role that made him famous: "Dance of the War Master". Finally, we are proud to introduce the Dealer in his first musical comedy, "Know when to Hold'em, Know when to Fold'em". Buy tickets for all three days and save 15%. See your local Blue Librarian before they sell out!

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