

# The Ex-Libris Gazette

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## Whirled News

### Midian's Destruction Confirmed

The West Point Clan Council received visual confirmation from Construct Five regarding the destruction of the southern city of Midian.



"The Library of Ex-Libris was kind enough to spare one of their Red Librarians for recon work and gated him to Midian," said a Council spokesman.

"Our worst fears were realised today when Five transmitted visual imagery of decomposing corpses in every direction as far as the eye could see. We can't confirm that it

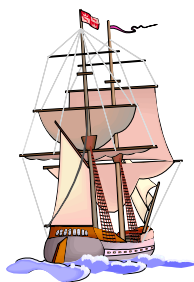
was Hemophage-III, but it really doesn't matter now. Everyone in Midian is dead, and they died horribly."

### Galen Reinforcements Arrive in Aloo'Marook

Reinforcements arrived in the provisional capitol of Aloo'Marook, just in time to thwart the advances of the Calamarian forces.

Four Isle ships carrying Priests, Gunslingers, and Dwarven soldiers docked into port, followed by

five ships each from West Point, North, and East.



The Calamarians had apparently been expecting an east victory, as they attacked Aloo'Marook

in a direct frontal assault. They were met with Gunslinger arms fire and the sharp blades of Dwarven infantrymen. It was the first major victory for the Matron's forces since the Civil War began.

### More Debtors Become Undead

Controversy erupted in Awari, South Point, as agents of the notorious Banker sent agents into the seedier sections of town to convert



Zombies as the new "Hired Help"

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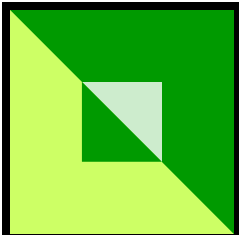
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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 Master Librarian!
- Grey: Technical (fixes/repairs things, builds roads, digs ditches, etc.)



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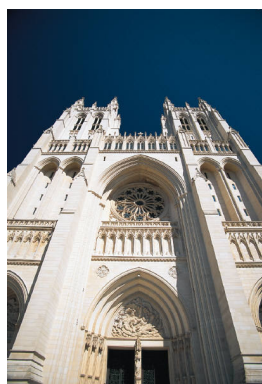
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debtors into Undead zombies. While the local law tried to stop the transformation procedures, the Banker quickly imposed an injunction by was of the Law Offices of Hand & Book.

"We are only fulfilling a contract option," said a spokesman for the Banker (East Point's other Immortal). "These debtors knew what they were signing when we loaned them money at two points below Prime. The fine print did say that the penalty for loan default was forfeiture of the debtor's *soul*. All we're doing is collecting!"

## Rivna Church in Financial Trouble

The Bishop of Rivna, Rev. Philo Chalkminer, announced today that he was sending an emergency appeal for funding from the Diocese of the Isle of Gales.



"Me and my accountants went over every page of every ledger this church has, and we've discovered that the financial structure of the church is about as sturdy as a house of cards!"

While the former Bishop, Valla T. Merrin, is currently serving a twenty year term for embezzlement, fraud, and the misuse of empathic powers, it now appears that his financial impropriety was much greater than anyone had ever expected.

"We're in trouble, there's no doubt of that," Chalkminer added. "And Merrin hid the stolen loot so well in so many different accounts that we'll be lucky to recover a tenth of it."

When asked about the present condition of the Rivna Diocese, the imprisoned Merrin said, "My heart just bleeds and bleeds."

## Local Nouse

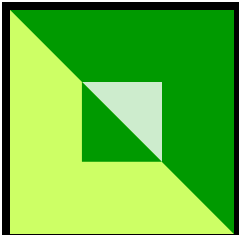
### Mummy Cult on Rampage!

Violence erupted in downtown Ex-Libris today as masked goons from the Sarcophka Cult executed an unsuccessful assassination attempt against the Purple Librarian. In an hour-long shootout that left three Orange Librarians, six citizens and thirteen cultists dead, the Purple Librarian prevailed when he shot the cult leader in the eyes with his legendary sniper rifle.

Afterward, the Master of Knowledge said, "Did the Sarcophka cultists *really* think they could assassinate me?! They obviously forgot that I used to be the Master of Assassins around here!"

Funeral services for the three deceased Librarians and the six citizens will be held later in the week. The bodies of the cultists, however, were dragged outside of town and left for the buzzards and crows to eat.

When asked why this procedure was performed on the



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dead criminals, the Purple Librarian remarked, "The Buzzards have to eat, same as the worms!"

## Akalla's Hope Returns Victorious

The missing crew of the Akalla's Hope emerged from the misty Stillpoint that recently formed a few miles south of town.

"We set the people of Parse free from the tyranny of the Grey Masks, and restored colour to the city," said Captain Kirby. "We only suffered one loss -- Merle of Paru, our Mathematician."

When asked how the crewman died, Kirby explained, "No, no, no! He's not dead. He just couldn't come with us."

The city of Parse apparently employs a single person to fill a position known as "Companion", which is a quasi-deific role of great responsibility and power. Both the mist and the Stillpoint evaporated after the Akalla's Hope returned.

## Unauthorized Cult Forms

Librarian Illuvatar attracted unwanted attention as word of a cult based around her was forming in District 7 of the city.

"Look," she said in a press conference, "I'm not a god. I don't make worlds. I'm not immortal. I have know idea what a 'Silmaril' is. So all of you saying prayers in my name, let me tell you: Get Over It!"

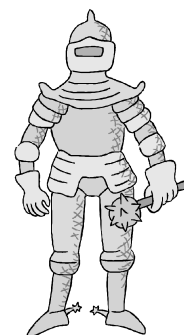
## Tome Welcomes "Affirmative"

The Tome Theatre is happy to welcome the Isle's premiere contemporary quartet "Affirmative" for two days only this weekend. The vocalist, Yhon Adner-son of Brightfeather, earned both fame and notoriety from the power of his voice, which music scholars claim is as close to being an Angel's as any Human or Changing could hope to achieve. On a few occasions, his voice has been

documented to heal others, repair buildings, cure insanity, and even to extend life.

Tickets are selling fast, so see your Blue Librarian before it's too late!

## Advertisement



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