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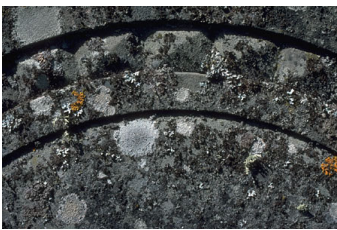
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## Whirled News

### Planned Fires Finish Midian

The fires that consumed Midian gutted out this morning, finishing the purification of the contaminated city. The



Only the stone streets of Midian survived the conflagration that cleansed the city of the Hemophage-III virus.

troop of Constructs report only a few stone structures remain standing.

The dozen sentient machines also report that the charred skeletons of the dead lay randomly strewn about, raising concern that the victims of the Hemophage-III virus may spontaneously reanimate as Undead unless proper fu-

neral rites are soon carried out.

The city's central park was reduced to ashes and the sacred grove at its centre now appears as a collection of blackened stumps.

"It is horrible," Dulgur Gemfinder, operations coordinator for the away team, "The whole city looks like one huge blackened scar. I've never seen so many dead in one place before, either."

### Architect Vows Aid for Midian



The Architect, one of the Twelve Greater

Immortals, vowed to take his cadre to Midian once the smoke clears and begin an ambitious reconstruction project. Master Gemfinder's

Constructs will also remain to provide manual labour.

"I appreciate Dulgur Gemfinder's loan of his construction team," the Architect said, "as I am sure the Matron of South Point does."

Reconstruction of the ruined city may take several years, and may require financial backing from more than just the Carpenter Church.

### Dinosaur Bones Found!

Mordo Copperhammer, foreman at the Opal Cliffs gemstone mine, made an inter-

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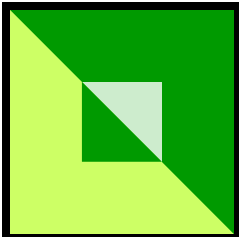
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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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esting discovery this afternoon. While excavating a new vein of silver, he and his crew unearthed the fossilised skeleton of some gargantuan lizard that must have perished in a volcanic eruption.

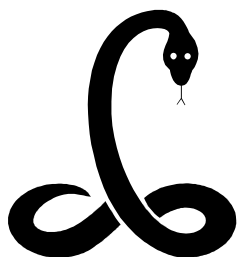


"The bone structures were almost perfectly preserved in

compacted ash," Copperhammer said. "This ought to make some museum junkie pretty happy!"

With five interested parties representing various universities and museums, the foreman announced an open bid to take place three days hence. Anyone interested in the auction should contact Mordo directly via whirligig at [Idynamic.person.mordocopperhammer](mailto:mordocopperhammer)].

## School Reform at Scaxie High!



Liberal Scaxathromite Reformists angered conservative hard-

liners yet again this week when the Cape North oligarchy, in a 21-19 decision, voted to strip hate language from city-run schools.

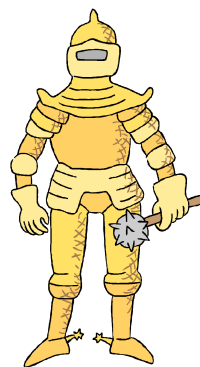
"It's about time we stopped blaming followers of the True One for the Great Cataclysm," Councilman Yaska said. "Just because they don't believe in science doesn't make them evil!"

Hardliners are not convinced, however, as Councilman Tekka rebutted, "You can take hate out of the schools, but you can't take schools out of hate!" To this, Yaska replied, "*What the hell does that mean?!*"

## Local Noose

### F&BF Denounce Construct 5

Representatives of Flesh & Blood First, backed by the Law Offices of Hand & Book, submitted a demand that Construct Five be stripped of his Orange Colour on the grounds that an ancient Ex-Libris law forbids the "unliving" from holding office.

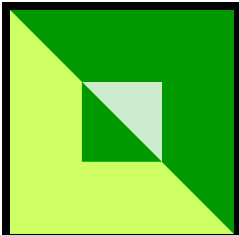


One of Construct Five's bodies. This Construct is unique as his single mind somehow controls five physical bodies.

"We can't have these stupid, evil machines bossing honest folk around,"

declared Rikka Reede, founder of F&BF. To this, our Lord of Knowledge replied privately, "I'd rather have Five around than you -- stupid oaf!"

In a public press conference, the Purple Librarian tore the demand into shreds, saying, "These Law Twisters have obviously confused me with an idiot, and confused Ex-Libris with a *democracy*."



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## Purple Librarian: Seeking

Avenging Adventurers  
The Purple Librarian is looking to hire adventurers with assassination and espionage backgrounds to help accomplish revenge against Lord Bleakstone for the savage murder of Librarian McFellows and her entourage.

When asked whether this constituted engaging in "contract killing", the Lord of Knowledge replied, "Of course it does. *Your point?*"

## Hunter's Return Starts Today!

Today marks the commencement of Hunter's Return and the end of Hunterfast. Min Delrey, our local Dommalon Wayfinder, announced a huge barbecue in Ex-Libris park this afternoon to celebrate the end of the month-long vegetarian fast. Admission is 2 CP, and all proceeds go to help fund Blueline Scenic Wildlife Refuge. The Dark Lord will also be present -- the worlds second fastest tap dancer (after Mikal Flat-

lander, of course.) Dommalites, Elementalists, and those of all Good Faiths are welcome!

## Tome Theatre Presents...



The Tome Theatre is proud to present a new musical sensation, straight from the mysterious city of Parse, called, "I Could Just Kick You To Death!!!"

Unlike the Parse version, however, the Tome Theatre promises that no one is actually going to get kicked to death. See this great new musical that peeks into the culture of another world! Tickets are selling out fast, so contact your local Blue Librarian today!

## Advertisement

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