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Whirled News

Tide Turns in Southern Civil War

Coalition forces captured four more villages south of the burned out city of Midian.

"We're making progress," War Leader Mikal Hellion declared. "The Matron's spearmen also fight with a bravery I have seen matched only



Mikal Hellion, War Leader of West Point. Is he the Matron's last, best hope for peace?

by my own Clan!"

When asked about the Calamarian's tac-

tics, he replied, "They're running out of Undead monsters to throw at us. They're resorting to suicide troops carrying explosives on their bodies. But our own warriors do not fear the Scythe Bearer, so the rebel troops can only kill themselves in vain!"

While the Calamarians had nearly conquered the entirety of South Point as recently as a month ago, the Matron's forces, backed by a world coalition, have been winning every battle for two straight weeks. What was once a certain victory for the rebels is now far from certain. And with the destruction of Midian officially deemed a Crime Against Life, the rebel leadership face capital murder charges should their

faction be defeated.

Construct to Conduct Burial Rites

Construct Frank, of Myracannon, was gated to the ruins of Midian to provide burial services for the masses slain by the Hemophage-III virus.

"Frank was the only choice," said Bishop Chalkminer of Rivna. "He's the only Construct



Protector's Emblem from Construct Frank's shield.

that's also an ordained cleric. Granted, Protectors only do

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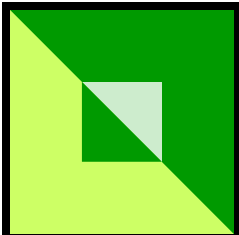
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For our Welcome Visitors keep track of what your Librarians can do for you! Refer to their function by Colour. And remember, friends, there's only one punishment for any crime in Ex-Libris, so behave yourself while in our Fair City!

- 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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burial rites in extraordinary circumstances, but I dare say this qualifies."

This decision drew fierce criticism from leaders from Flesh & Blood First.



Official flag of Flesh & Blood First.

"It isn't enough that these damed machines can vote and own busi-

nesses, and have to be paid for their labour," exclaimed Rikka Reede, the anti-Construct spokesman. "Now they're going to preach to us and bury us too?! This is an outrage!"

The Southern people, however, feel differently about this new precedent. The Matron of South Point herself agreed to this decision, as there exists the high possibility that the burned skeletal remains may spontaneously reanimate as Undead monsters as a result of having died by violence.

As a side note, Construct Frank has been the subject of numerous death threats by anonymous members of the anti-Construct hate group "Flesh & Blood First."

Dino Auction Makes Miners Rich

Mordo Copperhammer and his labour crew are rich citizens today after the successful auction of a giant fossilised lizard skeleton that was unearthed at the Opal Cliffs mine on the Isle of Gales. Selling for 36 GP, Mordo and his crew each get a share of 3 GP -- more than a year's pay for the average miner.

"It just goes to show you that hard work really does pay off now and then," Mordo said. The skeleton was purchased by Orlo McDour, Dean of Natural History at the newly reopened University of Cali, West Point.

Celtic Knot II Makes Test Voyage

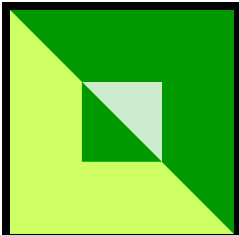
The pirate hunter Celtic Knot II launched amidst cheers and celebration in the Caldeni harbour this afternoon. With sunny skies and favourable winds, the CK2 made a successful trial run around the harbour, with two of the three sails unfurled. While still operating on a skeleton crew (figuratively, not literally), Captain Caragin Lossa expresses confidence that he shall soon have his ship fully crewed, declaring, "Once the weapons are installed, the third sail sewn, and about 20 more crew members, we'll be ready to tackle Chudra Blothan once and for all!"

Rumours that the CK2 is partially powered by a Clockwork Construct could not be substantiated at press time.

Local Noose

Terrorists Run Amok in District 11

Chaos broke out in District 11 this morning when twenty masked members of Flesh & Blood First initiated



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a sneak attack against Construct Five. In a gun battle that lasted over an hour, two of the Construct's five bodies were severely damaged and six Orange Librarians were killed. Over thirty civilians also fell to F&BF small-arms fire before hostilities were bravely halted by the Ex-Libris's finest. In the end, seventeen masked terrorists were shot and killed, with three escaping in cowardly fashion through the southern gate.

"This is the last straw," the Purple Librarian promised. "I hold Rikka Reede personally responsible for the actions of his followers. Should he set foot in Ex-Libris, he is to be shot on sight!"

Construct Rights Loop-hole Patched

Law Twisters representing Ex-Libris amended the city's constitution to clarify that while sentient Undead individuals are indeed barred from serving as a Librarian Colour, this prohibition does not apply non-living sentient Constructs. The amendment, which passed

in the Librarian council with seven "yays" and one "abstain" went into law at noon today. Rikka Reede, whose terrorist attack failed to destroy Construct Five, was unavailable for comment.

New Adventuring Team to Fight Bleakstone

Responding to the Purple Librarian's call for a mercenary attack against Lord Vorani Bleakstone, the adventuring team of Red McGruder and the Red Shirts departed on the westbound kinetic shuttle to settle a score with the Undead Lord of Bleakstone's Dominion. Aside from Bleakstone's admitted murder of five Indigo Librarians, he is also suspected of hiring the four Suited Assassins that terrorised Ex-Libris four months ago.

Raid on Sarcophka Lair Successful

Black Librarian Illuvatar, aided by two Red Librarians, executed a midnight raid against an illegal Sarcophka Cult meeting

place located in the basement of "Orkon's Instruments". The proprietor, Max Orkon, tipped authorities off to the cult's presence when he spied them smuggling in a crudely made sarcophagus and a box of black candles.

"They said they needed it as an art studio," Max said. "But I know cult crap when I see it!" The captured cultists were not caught in the act of any particular crime, so Librarian Illuvatar ordered the five citizens permanently expelled from Ex-Libris instead of having them summarily shot.

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