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## Whirled News

The last known member of the Modem Nihilist cult was killed today in a meaningless, forgettable way. "That thar Nee-list somehow managed ta git hisself trampled by an Undead mule," Sheriff Dalton Quinn of Orange Line March said. "Don't really know who he was," he added. "Cain't say as I care." The Nihilists were a popular youth cult during the time of the Great Spiral, but their popularity has waned along with the Supernatural storm's power.

More terror has struck the seemingly doomed Green Line March archaeological dig as three more workers mysteriously vanished without a trace. "It's not as bad as the rumours have sounded," said Project Manager Manuel Castile. "But we've asked the Church and the Library to send a few trouble shooters just to be on the safe side." Last night's disappearances bring the total of missing personnel to 21. The dig is being financed by Chan Industries.

The *Akalla's Hope* crew narrowly saved a cruise ship from the clutches of the immortal Pirate (formerly known as Chudra Blothan). "If was a close one," Captain Kirby explained. "We were able to extend shields around the *Chan Fandango* before the *Dark Tide Rising* could sink her." While the *Chan Fandango* took some structural damage during the battle, engineers from the *Akalla's Hope* are optimistic that they can get the cruise ship underway in the next 24 hours.

Lord Robart Brightsky, North Point council president, confirmed rumours today that he is amassing an army of Security Constructs to take Carthag back from the clutches of the Skeleton King. "His been raiding our supply lines for 18 months straight, and his minions have been murdering innocent travellers. His itching for a war, and I'm going ta give him a scratch he won't soon forget!" Our readers may recall that Carthag fell to the Skeleton King when the Undead Truce expired two years ago.

West Point port authorities sized a drug smuggling boat in Paru harbour yesterday evening. "Apparently the Lazy Lady and her crew didn't know about the regime change three years ago," Admiral Wayne Rotan gloated. "We seized two hundred pounds of black rice and another hundred pounds of Focus," the admiral confirmed. Focus is a drug popular with students for it's use as a study aid, but side effects include stroke and insanity. It's use has increased since the Great Library's educational standards increased after Black Librarian Zolotov was promoted to Purple Librarian.

## Local Noose

The Great library is proud to announce that Orange Librarian T5 is being promoted to Red. "I've known Construct Five for many years and I'm proud to make him the first Construct to reach the rank of Red," Black Librarian Illuvatar said. As our readers may remember, T5 was the first Construct to apply to the Great Library. The T5 unit, a unique Construct that has a single sentient intelligence tat controls five drone bodies, distinguished itself twenty years ago during the Five Day War against Lord Bleakstone's Undead army. He also aided in demolishing the Chan Theatre last year (for remodelling purposes) by performing a one-night engagement of "Dance of the Warmaster".

Master Researcher Deckard Caine warned today that the Green Line March disappearances may be the result of Stillpoint activity. "I've seen that kind of thing before," Librarian Caine explained. "In fact, a transient Stillpoint if how I get to this

world in the first place!" Caine, a native from the far away world of Sanctuary, is also the author of the best-selling novels, "Diablo", and "Bael: Lord of Destruction", and was instrumental in translating the Sarcophka Manifesto during the Mummy Crisis of A.S. 351.

Speaking of mummies, two more would-be Sarcophka worshippers were apprehended in Sector 7 last night. Red Librarian Reggor Brand and two Orange Librarians arrived in time to prevent O'Donnell's Liquors from being ransacked by two teenage youths dressed in burial shrouds. "It's sad to see these cultists just not figure out that Sarcophka has been banished and won't be coming back for at least another decade or so." While some cultists have retained some of their once-formidable supernatural powers, religious scholars almost unanimously agree that it is the god of thieves, Abbon Mort, that is granting spellcasting powers. The two criminals were taught the Final Lesson and will be buried on Thieves' Hill outside of town.

The Tome Theatre is proud to present the musical adaptation of The Five Day War. See the drama of the Librarian Army pitted against Lord Bleakstone's foul Army of the Dead - and set to music! The Dark Lord reprises his role as Black Librarian Zolotov for this tap-dancing spectacular! See your local Blue Librarian for details, or order by Whirligig today!

### 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!
- Black: Assassins. The bravest guardians of Knowledge and Order. They teach the Final Lesson to the lawless!
- Blue: Clerical Need copied made? Need theatre tickets? Need to renew a smuggling license? Look no further!
- Green: Master merchant/craftsmen. Need high quality and a great warranty, buy Green!
- Grey: Technical. Need a bridge built? Need a clock fixed? Got a busted pipe? Grey is the Way!
- Indigo: Journeymen. These are the brave seekers of the lost knowledge and wisdom beyond our city gates!
- Orange: Guards and Constables serving the Citizens of Ex-Libris and defending us from law breakers.
- Purple: The Chief Librarian. All praise our Master Librarian, Lord of Knowledge!
- Red: Guard/Constable Captains - The Colour that doesn't run!
- White: True Librarians. Looking for a rare book, scroll, or map? Start your search here!
- Tan: Our reservists on times of need!
- Yellow: Students of the Ways of Colour - the Librarians of Tomorrow!