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## Whirled News

The abandoned city of Orlo's March was flooded by a tsunami last night. Min Delrey, lead ecologist for the Cross-Point / Joint Ecological Task Force, witnessed the destruction first-hand and barely escaped with his life. "I was taking notes for a monograph on natural reclamation of abandoned urban structures when a wall of water 40' high ran straight through the town!" It is suspected that the tidal wave was generated by an offshore earthquake.

In related news, the West Point Clan Council announced today that it will be selling tracts of land in Orlo's Reach at bargain-basement prices. "Orlo's Reach has been abandoned for twenty years," Council spokesperson Erin Trelaine explained. "With the tidal wave smashing the place flat, we're talking prime development land here at subprime rates!"

The Skeleton King responded to Lord Robart Brightsky's unveiled threat with sabre-rattling of his own. "You think you can send a collection of drones to take back this city! Fool! You'll find that I have the power to unleash all manner of deviltry against your wind-up toys!" The Skeleton King was not forthcoming with specifics on the aforementioned "deviltry", however.

More trouble abounds at the Green Line March archaeological dig, as one of the three outside consultants also mysteriously disappeared. Chan Industries' security director Pablo Alomar confirmed rumours that project manager Manuel Castille has been relieved of command pending an internal investigation.

## Local Noose

Red Librarian T5 distinguished himself on his first official day wearing the Red Colour. He apprehended three drug smugglers attempting to bring ten pounds of Focus into Ex-Libris. After a brief truth-scan by the Circle of Interrogators, the three criminals were given the Runner's Chance at noon today. Two were shot by Black Librarian DeSoto, while the third did make it to the city limits and is therefore exiled.

Black Librarian Illuvitar denied rumours that the Purple Librarian is missing again. "He's on... vacation. Really. There is positively no reason to think otherwise," the second-in-command said. Our readers may remember that the Purple Librarian vanished once before, just prior to the Five Day War. The Master Assassin also took this opportunity to reiterate the notion that there is no such thing as a cadre of "colourless" Librarians who work above the law.

Disaster struck the TrueGate™ processing centre in Sector 6 today when the Major Hub shut down unexpectedly for three segments, sending packages to random locations all over the city. Master Technician Roal Grinderaus was summoned to determine the cause. "It turns out that Grey Librarian Otto Macafee accidentally caused the disruption when he activated

a 'fast-time' experiment too close to the TrueGate hub," Librarian Grinderhaus explained. Our readers may recall that the use of fast-time, slow-time, stasis-time, and dimensional-folding devices is not recommended within 2000' of a TrueGate.

The Chan Theatre is proud to present the acrobatic spectacular, "Without a Net". The ten-person trapeze team stuns audiences worldwide with feats of balance and coordination -- all without flight spells, innate power augmentation, or technological enhancement! The Tome Theatre is also proud to present "Memoirs of a Construct", the poignant drama of a pleasure-drone who is forced into all manner of degrading servitude in her thirty-year quest to gain both her freedom and her self-respect. Buy both and save 15%. Blue Librarians are standing by!

## 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!

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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!

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Tan: Our reservists on times of need!

Yellow: Students of the Ways of Colour - the Librarians of Tomorrow!