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- Whirled News

An ominous message came through the VTTT beacon at Brighton's Reach from the Iconian Autocracy: "You, Robart Brightsky, are the 'leader' of this backwater planet. You shall feel the sharp sting of revenge for the terrorist actions of the Purple Warrior. We are sending a fleet of Look-Downs to finish you!" The pronouncement stated that Ex-Libris would be the first target.

In related news, the *Akalla's Hope*, after a pitched battle, defeated the 200' tall War Construct sent from Icon-4. "It had enough firepower to vaporise a town the size of Blue Line's March", Captain Kirby confirmed. "Fortunately, the *Akalla's Hope* has Class-7 shielding. We pretty much just ran the machine over with our ship's caterpillar treads."

The cruise ship *Chan Calliope* has vanished in the mysterious fog bank south of Awari (East Point). Chan Cruise Lines cites failure of the ship's data beacon for the recent communication blackout. The *Akalla's Hope* and *Gaelic Knot* have been dispatched to investigate.

Musical sensation Ian Anderson, of *Affirmation*, created quite a stir in Bali this weekend when their music mysteriously caused the Harper Hall Theatre to suddenly be raised on a 300' high cliff. "I certainly didn't think that was going to happen," Ian Anderson said. "All we did was play 'Close to the Edge'". Fortunately, the high cliff featured a stone staircase that led back to street level. *Affirmation's* music has had unusual effects before: in Ex-Libris, all the patrons were turned into Changelings (when they played "Revealing Science of God"), while the theatre house in Red Line's March was turned into a sentient being (when they played "Lost in the City").

- Local Noose

The Purple Librarian made his triumphant return from his month-long "vacation" today. Apparently the "Purple Warrior" and our esteemed Lord of Knowledge are one in the same! "Personally, if I can cut down on the Iconian threat to Ex-Libris while piloting a gigantic combat war machine for a month and call it a vacation, I just call that being *efficient!* But then, I always did mix business with pleasure!"

Talshiar Longshadow, famed Gunslinger and weapons designer, announced a new firearm designed with Black Librarians in mind. "I call it the 'Librarian Special', and this sniper rifle is a must-have for any law enforcement professional," Captain Longshadow explained. "This new rifle has laser sighting, starlight scope, and telephoto viewfinder. And it's got 10% greater range than anything else on the market!" The new rifles will be sold through the "Lord of Handguns" chain of weapon stores. See the local shop in Sector 2!

Blue Librarian and Master Scribe, Betsy Faye, wishes to remind all Ex-Libris citizens that Smuggling License renewal fees are due by the end of the week. "You don't want to get caught smuggling on an expired permit," Librarian Faye warned. "Especially with all the Black and Red Librarians buying those newfangled Librarian Specials!"

The Tome Theatre is proud to present a limited engagement of "Pirates of the Inner Sea", an action comedy featuring the hilarious misadventures of Captain Jake Canary of the *Dark Diamond*. The Illuvatar's Honour Dinner Theatre is featuring a new dark drama of how Scyral Tekka's lust for power eventually caused him to sell his soul to Scaxathrom and become the Avatar of Evil. See "A Serpentine Embrace" this week and be stunned by the drama! The Chan Theatre is hosting "Cannonball Express", an Inter-Point competition for stuntmen who get shot out of cannons! Bring your earplugs and your appetite for excitement! Buy tickets to all three and save 25%! Order by whirligig, or see your local Blue Librarian for details!

- 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!