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Society Matters

Well darlings, a rather truncated column this month, as I have just been soooo busy on the usual social whirl of parties parties parties that time has slipped away from me like an eel coated in K-Y jelly. However, I am sure all the salient points have been included, so here goes...

First of all, results of the status review seem to be filtering back to the city from the Camarilla, and I'm delighted with what good light so many of the city's kindred seem to find themselves illuminated. Indeed, my own Clan in particular has been deservedly recognised as the fine pillars of the community that we are, and let us hope that such works will be reflected through some of the other clans in Glasgow in the months to come. On a related point to status and prestation etc, it has been suggested to me at Court that someone needs to keep track of favours owed between Kindred within the city, so as to ensure the right word is whispered in the correct ear when appropriate. In addition, it has been suggested that I, being chief Harpy, should be the one to take note of such things. So should anyone want to inform me about boons owed etc, feel free, and I shall bear the information in mind when it might be useful for the individual concerned. Two new female members of Clan Brujah popped up in the city at the last Court, visiting/on the run* (delete as you feel appropriate) from London. They certainly seemed much more pleasantly turned out than master Weaver, who apparently relatively early on in the night suggested to Mr Thompson that he assassinate Lady Lucy as a favour to Clan Brujah, of all things. Admittedly if this was on fashion grounds it might not be quite so off-putting, but in any event this all turned out to be a rather moot point after what happened later (see below), but still, rather naughty nonetheless.

Conspiracy theories and more seem to abound around Clan Tremere these days. As usual the majority of the clan were noticeable by their absence, but of much more importance was the fact that Mr Malek's aura apparently seems a touch bright of late, in fact almost dazzlingly white. Rumours swirl that Malek may have found the state of Golconda, and although many scoff that this is just a fable, the truth must be there for all to see...

And finally a matter which I have been saving up due to its import: wasn't Gemma's frock fabulous? Although her visits are rare they are like a breath of fresh air, bringing colour and glamour to these rather jaded eyes. Like a peacock amongst ravens, one might say...

Hmmm now is there anything else before I sign off? Ooh yes I knew I had forgotten something. Michael Thompson, ex-Prince of Glasgow, is a small pile of ash, after apparently getting in the way of the Sheriff's big weapon and Cassidy of Clan Brujah. Between a rock and hard place one might say, still some might say he's never looked better, and it certainly makes a fashion statement darlings!

'Til next time gentle readers... Alexander Paul, Clan Toreador

Hotel Guest Dies in Window Fall

A stay in a plush southside hotel has ended in tragedy for an English family after a male guest fell on his death from an upstairs bay window. David Field (55) was staying at the Ewington Hotel in Queens Park after travelling up from England with his family. But he was found dead around 7am Sunday 7th of July by a female member of staff as she turned up for work. Mr Field apparently fell from a second-floor window in one of the hotel's 44 bedrooms.

The distressed employee who discovered his body at the basement raised the alarm. Gorbals Police responded setting up a tarpaulin at the scene and then maintaining a presence for 48 hours.

Officers from Gorbals police station are still liaising with hotel staff to establish what exactly happened early on Sunday morning, which led to the tragic accident.

There is much speculation locally following the tragedy. One Queens Drive resident, who saw a woman grieving outside after the incident, said that police had asked him if gunshots had been fired. However, a police spokeswoman contradicted this: "There is no truth about the gunshots, and his death is being treated as an accident. "Police are satisfied that the circumstances surrounding the guest's death are not suspicious and, as with any sudden death, a report will be sent to the Procurator Fiscal."

The accident has shocked and distressed staff at the £100-a-night Victorian hotel, which is part of the Best Western consortium. Manager of the Ewington Hotel, Douglas McCreadie, said "There was a tragic accident at the hotel over the weekend and we are not allowed to say anything to the press.

"We are assisting police with their investigation. They have asked for no further details to be given out and we must honour their request." Mr. McCreadie added: "Our thoughts and deepest sympathies are with the family".

Worrying times ahead for Glasgow

A prophecy has lately arisen which talks of a dark force arising in the Glasgow area that must be combatted. Warning was issued of a fire rising which would destroy much unless opposed by a sword of Ice. This blade is apparently one made by the famous smith Weyland and already resides within the domain of Glasgow. Much mention was made of support that would be required to fight against this force probably including the other blades made by Weyland whose locations unfortunately vanished from Kindred knowledge many centuries ago.

To whom does this city look for safety against such a dark force and which of its Kindred will take up arms to aid in the cities defence? There is a time coming when there will be no option of standing on the sidelines watching others fight your battles as many Kindred are prone to do but instead all must fight together or all may fall together!

Rising Violence

The following stories are indicative of the rising level of violence daily occurring on our city streets. So when your out there hunting be careful your not the only killer in town.

Tuesday, 2 July, 2002, 11:52 GMT 12:52 UK Net widened in murder hunt

Police stopped people going into Dowanhill. Police investigating the murder of a businessman in Glasgow have interviewed 120 people in the hunt for the killer. Alexander Blue, 41, was found with head injuries outside his home in Dundonald Road, Dowanhill, last Thursday.

Between 2200 and 0130 BST on Tuesday, officers stopped and interviewed drivers and pedestrians in the streets leading into Dowanhill.

Detective Chief Inspector David Swindle said: "I am delighted with the co-operation by members of the public who were stopped and interviewed last night. DCI Swindle said he wanted to trace the movements of Mr Blue after he left Bean Scene coffee bar in Cresswell Lane at 2000 BST on Monday 24 June, three days before he died.

"The person or persons responsible for this crime may have had blood staining on their clothes," he added. Mr Blue, who was not married, had a number of business interests including the car franchise the Taxi Centre in Queensborough Gardens, Glasgow. He was well-known in the Byres Road and west end areas of Glasgow where he frequented cafe bars for business meetings. Posters featuring a photograph of Mr Blue and appealing for information are being distributed to shops, pubs and cafes in the Byres Road area.

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Friday, 28 June, 2002, 13:30 GMT 14:30 UK Hunt for businessman's killer

Police are investigating his final movements A murder inquiry has been launched following the death of a "well-known and popular" businessman in the west end of Glasgow. Alexander Blue, 41, was found with injuries in Dundonald Road, Dowanhill, on Tuesday morning. He was taken to the Southern General Hospital but died on Thursday. Strathclyde Police said his death was being treated as murder. Mr Blue had a number of business interests including the car franchise the Taxi Centre in Queensborough Gardens, Glasgow.

Police said Mr Blue was a single man who was a popular individual and he had the reputation among his business and professional associates of being an entrepreneur and generous to his employees.

He was well-known in the Byres Road and west end areas of Glasgow where he frequented cafe bars for business meetings. Detectives have been trying to piece together the movements of Mr Blue prior to his death and have been conducting house to house enquiries in the Dowanhill area.

The officer in charge of the inquiry, Detective Chief Inspector David Swindle, said: "Alexander Blue appears to have been a well known and popular individual and there are no indications at this stage of our enquiries why he was murdered."

Eyes of Glasgow Finds Art In Rubbish

Unbelievably the Seer has proclaimed the find of an astonishing piece of random origami. He/she/it was simply sorting through the trash when their eye was caught on a crumpled piece of newspaper. When they picked it up they realised it was a perfect miniature replica of the City of Glasgow, but to their horror they notice that where the Museum of Modern Art should have been was shaped like a pile of rubble!

Missing Masterpiece

"Cupid Chastised", the 16th century masterpiece of Bartolomeo Manfredi, has been removed from the Art Institute of Chicago. The Primary suspects in the extraordinary theft include a group of wealthy socialites who had been using the museum for a private event the night the painting vanished. A reward is offered for information leading to the recovery of the painting anonymity will be preserved.

Bartolomeo Manfredi, born in Mantua and active mainly in Rome, where he was one of the most important of Caravaggio's followers. He specialized in low-life scenes of taverns, soldiers in guardrooms, card playing, etc., and it was he rather than Caravaggio himself who was mainly responsible for popularising this kind of work, particularly with painters from France and the Netherlands who came to Italy. In spite of his contemporary reputation, no works survive that are signed or documented as his, and several of the forty or so paintings now given to him were formerly attributed to Caravaggio, an example being the Concert in the Uffizi, Florence.



Vampire Joke Of The Month

Q: What's black and brown and looks good on Lady Lucy?

A: A pack of ghould Doberman Pinschers.

Ritual Murder In City

A rather grisly discovery was made by an unnamed neighbour in some Merchant City Apartments on the morning of Monday 15th July. The body of a young woman was found spread-eagled on the floor of her living room, badly mutilated. It is rumoured that her intestines had been pulled out into the form of a pentagram, and her blood used to daub what is being described by authorities as 'occult symbols' on the hardwood floor. Despite all this there was no obvious sign of a struggle, although the apartment door was lying open, suggesting she might have known her attacker. The victim has been identified as a Ms Lorna Cowie, and although her boyfriend was initially arrested he was released without charge three days later. Investigations are continuing.