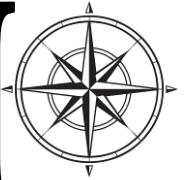


THE DISPATCH



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PORTAL CONTAINMENT ZONE OPENS

With the completion of the perimeter wall and internal watch-posts, the Ambassadors of the Treaty Signatory Factions have unanimously agreed to re-open the Containment Zone to authorised Agents. The Opening Ceremony will begin as close to 8PM as possible, dependent on the level of Fog and Stranger activity. Agents and their staff are advised to assemble from half past 7 in the evening. As the threat level at the portal is as yet undetermined, attendees are advised to bring arms or bodyguards in case of Golems, Phantoms or other aggressive Strangers. The Dispatch offers its heartfelt thanks to all those who are risking themselves at the Portal for the furtherance of truth and knowledge.

BARBER SURGEON CULTIST ARRESTED

Erich Strauss (34), a labourer on the Portal Camp walls, was arrested by Hegemony Agents after being found in possession of a sacrificial dagger and a selection of unsigned contracts detailing deals with Hellions. Interrogations revealed an arcane mark of a straight razor on his right ankle. Mr Strauss claimed that the items and mark had been placed on him by enemies in the Builder Church, but had no evidence to back up his wild claims. Hegemony Ambassador MacAvoy has stated that she is overseeing the investigation personally.

ASA ASASDOTTIR NAMED CLAN ROVANIEMI DUELLING CHAMPION

In a thrilling knife-fight on Tuesday afternoon against Juho the Sailor, Asa Asasdottir has emerged as the Clan Rovaniemi dueling champion this week. Having picked his favoured weapon, Juho scored an early touch, but Asa struck home late in the fight, landing a decisive blow. As is fast becoming a tradition, the Guild of Physicians trauma surgery lecture also took place on Tuesday afternoon, shortly after the fight.

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MYSTERIOUS PHANTOM MANIFESTATION IN LOCAL WAREHOUSE

At 9pm on Tuesday evening havoc occurred at the newly opened Mat Sellah branch of VonTrap's Rope and Caltrap Warehouse, just off the main route through the Camp behind an Explorer Church outbuilding. Mrs VonTrap, who has been the main supplier of Caltraps (yet oddly not ropes...) to the Guild of Antiquarians for the past decade, reports that a half brick crashed through the window shortly before closing. While, in and of itself this would not be unusual, the two phantoms that burst from it were. Apparently they were seen to attack the staff, while sobbing and screamingly near constantly, causing one fatality.

Where have these phantoms come from? Why were they in a brick? The Dispatch is on the case

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