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The World Takes

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A Time of War

Victory or Death. These words were the password for Washington's surprise attack during the Battle of Trenton, a small but pivotal battle that reignited the waning spirits of the rebellious colonists two-and-a-half centuries ago.

Trenton is no stranger to war, and among us are warriors that know of that battle firsthand. Yet in these nights, residents of Trenton are being called upon to evict not encamped Hessians but one with a much closer tie to the soil of this city. Called to war against an ancient being that has slumbered beneath the Grounds for Sculpture for long before that land was put to that

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purpose. Called to war to drive out an unaligned Kindred that the land may be turned over to Shifters that offer an ancient claim to the land. This Kindred trespasses on **Sovereign** Elder Prince **Walter Merrick's** Domain, so no other reason is necessary to do as we are bid. Protecting the integrity of the praxis, that it stand inviolable, is sufficient to motivate **Noble** Nosferatu Primogen Col. **Greene** to take command of this conflict. Victory or Death indeed...

Well, if Trenton Has One... Pt 1.

On the subject of burning hellholes, while the subterranean coal fire that had been burning at the Grounds for Sculpture for two months has finally been extinguished, it would appear that Trenton has yet again set a new fashion for others to follow. Enter Owensboro, Kentucky, and the unaligned amalgam of Kindred that call it home. Not content to let Trenton claim exclusivity over toxic infernos, a collision of multiple fuel trucks dumped thousands and thousands of gallons of diesel fuel into the tunnels under their city earlier this week. While the resulting underground fire lacks the volume

that Trenton's mysterious coal vein fire had, the fact that Owensboro has natural gas lines in those very same tunnels certainly gives them a strong possibility of creating their very own Centralia. Best wishes in exploring the exciting world of fire dynamics... it's so hot right now.

Trenton or Urinetown?

Like a bad taste that lingers in the back of your mouth, the memory of the dedication of Independent Alliance's new Elysium in New Brunswick triggers a slight gag reflex for any with a sense for the refined. It was not the Elysium itself, nor even its distasteful appointment of a Caitiff as its Keeper. No, it was the selection of... 'art' that **Dona Maria Capobianco** chose to display for its grand debut. Clearly intended as a slight against the proper society of the Ivory Tower, Dona Maria selected such tasteless pieces as Duchamp's famous signed urinal, *'The Fountain'*, Ofili's pachyderm dung piece, *'The Holy Virgin Mary'*, Serano's urine sample display, *'Piss Christ'*, and a host of other equally distasteful and disingenuous efforts to shock and offend. Each to their own, one could say... and that would be true if Dona

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Maria would keep this offensive collection to herself. However, not content to keep her lack of taste confined to New Brunswick, she has now decided to display this Godawful collection in various cities throughout the Garden State, with Trenton soon on her short list. With his strong and clear position on the sovereign integrity of his Domain, one must naturally conclude that if this showing occurs in Trenton, it would only do so with the blessing of Elder Prince Merrick. I, for one, have no intention of squandering another moment with such trash, but if it does occur and if you find yourself in Trenton with time to waste and little taste, do visit it to see what garbage masquerades as art these days. Piss Christ, have at it... while you're in town.

Those Who Serve

The words of Her Grace, **Ascendant** **Diana Iadanza**, Justicar of Clan Toreador...

Kindred of the Tower,

We all work to ensure the safety of our Tower and that we prosper in the night to come. There are some who have shown through their steadfastness and loyalty to duty the willingness to

deepen that devotion and service to the Tower.

*Josian Archon **Artemisia Martelo** has taken **Danika Astor** as her Servire. Archon **Lott 666** has taken **Angelino Torzani** as his Servire. We welcome these two kindreds to their new roles and look to them to be a guiding light of service and duty to the Camarilla.*

*Recently, there are two among you however that has gone above and beyond in their service. Their tireless efforts to root out where the enemies of the Camarilla lie as well as interdicting to secure and protect assets dear to the Camarilla as gone far beyond most in proving their dedication to the very Ideal that we as a community hold dear. Justicar **Lucinde** has accepted the service of **Archon** **Sol**. Justicar **Bevan** has accepted the service of **Josian Archon** **al-Tanin**. They both look forward to seeing how these two bastions will help shepherd our Society.*

*The following kindred are seen as **Defender** by Justicar **Carfax** in their deployment and assistance in trying times. Servire **Ava Melamed**, Deacon **Davis**, Servire **Cassmair Swain**, and **Ophelia Valentine** his Grace looks forward to seeing how you will continue to defend the Tower.*

By my hand and witness,

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Justicar Diana

Tax Time

Having the same haven for 75 years without a single electric bill, school tax bill, water bill and all the other petty annoyances of mortal life sounds like a blessing... until the time comes when hunters in the know begin to poke around in certain city tax archives and recognize that the same name's been on this deed for 130 years. Sadly, that time is now, and those auditors are deep in the Trenton city hall records at this point. Wise Kindred have a regular pattern of keeping the accoutrements of mundane life in order. If that's not you, then perhaps you should schedule an appointment with Trenton's Cryptomancer, Arthur Crowley, to see about getting your paper trails properly filed...

Well, if Trenton Has One... Pt 11.

It seems that our dreadful little revival of Dracula the Musical has found it's way beyond the borders of the Capital City and all the way over to the Steel City, praxis of

**Sovereign* Elder Architect*

Frederick de Gorizia. Much as our good Elder Prince Merrick shared this dumpster fire of an experience with the residents of Trenton in December, Elder Prince de Gorizia followed the lead of his fellow Ventrue and inflicted this assault on the senses on the fair residents of Pittsburgh a month or two past. I do hope that the 70's disco soundtrack was all that they could hope for...

Don't be Sloppy

While it may go without saying in most cases, carefully avoiding any sort of potential breach of the Masquerade is part and parcel of our existence. It would seem that some Kindred never quite learned that point, as demonstrated by the Kindred that was caught feeding at The Slaughtered Calf. Did I say caught? I meant caught and confronted by a group of hunters. Well, perhaps not caught...because this oblivious fool then proceeded to turn into mist in the club, causing all sorts of issues for the Masquerade. Fortunately people were able to easily Smooth Over the matter, right? Wrong! Apparently someone has caused a series of red tape Blocking any attempts to Smooth Over any

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Masquerade breaches. My, what interesting times we are in...

Odds & Ends

Any proper Kindred understands that they are responsible for the actions of those in their charge. The Fourth Tradition is crystal clear on that, and it goes without saying for property like ghouls. When a dog bites someone, it doesn't know any better... it's the master that is to blame. But, when the discipline doesn't come and the dog starts to think it's acceptable to bite the hand that feeds it, then the animal needs to be put down.

When you absolutely, positively have to make sure that the boxed Anarch is delivered safely to the neighboring Baron, the Lady of Roses recommends you use Byron, Martel and Torzani for all your overnight deliveries...

From lowest of Disgrace to highest of honors... what a difference a year can make.

Has anyone seen that missing tanker truck filled with nitroglycerine? Alternately, has anyone seen any very new looking craters in Trenton? Rumors suggest that if we don't find the former, we'll find the latter...

Servire Torzani is the second Kindred recognized to service from the praxis of Elder Prince de Gorizia. While His Grace Justicar Carfax pronounced that the Elder Architect no longer suffered under the blemish of being accused of heresy, it is curious about the servants of Their Graces appointing multiple sets of eyes and ears there...

Eyes and Ears

It is simply impossible to be everywhere at all times. So much juicy news that goes unreported... unless YOU bring the story. Appropriate recognition as the situation calls for, naturally. Who lives, who dies, who tells your story...