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All The News, All of The Time

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Dear Gentle Reader,

It has been such a long time since this newspaper reached those who desperately needed to hear what was going on in their world.

It is therefore with great pleasure that we bring back to your City the greatest, and longest-running (minus a few times when we've been illegal, on fire, missing, drunk, or generally avoiding the Militia) news sheet in Aberddu.

For those new to this fair city, Der Snoop brings to you all the news of the City, and news of the world. Our Intrepid reporters scour the known lands to bring to you the most up-to-date news that they can lay their hands on. In this issue, however, we will re-cap some important news that has happened in our hiatus. (not all of it, there wouldn't be space, but such of it that we deem to be important to the general populace.) We hope that you will find this news-sheet entertaining and helpful.

So, dear reader, with out further ado, we turn out minds to the most pressing stories that we have been able to find, and bring to you the news that you have so long been needing on our famous dual-use paper.

Read, Enjoy, and Learn.

If you can't read, find someone who can read this too you!

Yours,

Ronald Edimire, Editor.

Breaking News

Dragon Sighting: Often there are stories of a Dragon being sighted in Albion, it appears however, that the dragon has moved. It has recently, and worryingly, been spotted flying of *Fryisia*.

Lord Lu Khan Missing: The Noble Nipponese Lord has gone missing from his fortified home in Aberddu. There is no sign of a break-in, but rumours of an assassination are rife.

His High Greatness, Lord Protector of Aberddu, Wonderful Counsellor, Head of the Militiaaaaa, Law Cleric Extraodinaire Jona to Give Speech:

HHGLPoAWCHotMLCE Jona is to address Militiaitia and the public in a special meeting to talk about controlling the crime rate as hundreds flood into Aberddu.

Albion Food Scare: *Rumour about a hard frost that has Hit Albion. Fears over food are mounting.*

Exchechex Ate My Dolly!

Early on Friday last, a wailing cry was heard in the Merchant's quarter by little Esmerelda Mauve. With tears flowing down her cheeks, she describe the most heinous act that was committed by the Adventurer

Exchechex. Viciously, this man wrenched the doll from the hands of Esmerelda, and with great gusto, and a wide grin on his face preceded, in front of the distraught girl, to eat the doll. He then leered towards the helpless, and terrified girl, and with an evil grin said "Do you have anything else to eat? I'm famished". At this, little Esmerelda screamed, and our villain disappeared into the back-streets of the city. Esmerelda has this to say: "*I've never seen anyfing like it. I scweamed and scweamed and scweamed until I was thick*". Yes, precisely Esmerelda. It is obvious that the members of the Adventurer's Guild have lost their way since the Death of their Great Hero, Dreg Dregsson.

Marks In City Explained!

After diligent research, *Der Snooop* can exclusively reveal that the marks that have been showing up around the City are, in fact part of a Giant Chaos Star. Amongst the large marks, there are a number of smaller marks that are appearing on walls and out-houses. Initially thought to be the work of the Trickster Temple, who have been silent of late, it appears that it, in fact the work of the Chaos Temple.

The Chaos Temple has

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been relatively Silent in Aberddu since the Death of the infamous Adarius Jager, and the disbanding of Family Jager. Traditionally *Der Snooop* would not have had to look for a culprit, but it appears that there is a new irritating twit in town.

To add insanity to the irritation, it appears that someone has lit large fires at the points of the stars. We initially thought that this would be the Temple of the Celestial Pain-In-The-Ass, however they have denied all knowledge (*of pretty much anything- Ed*).

Return of the Gods

Since our last issue, which admittedly was during 1105, the change in the God situation has been quite dramatic. After the fall of the Follows of the All-Gods, the All-Gods temple became a shrine to the Fallen Gods. Though today, there are a few Gods who are no-longer in there.

During the close of last season, It appears that the Aesthetics managed to not only find a surviving Avatar, but with the help of the *Adventures Guild* have managed to make it Ascend. On the same day, large gatherings of people, and prayers being offered through various Gods to help in this ascension was seen throughout the City. One of which, in a

further surprising place, the Temple of the Celestial Flame, who's temple is right next door to the new Temple of the Aesthetics, just out side of the Temple quarter. Some of you may remember the preaching of the "Rag-Man" in the close of 1104, who preached about the return of the Gods, though it has taken many years for the prediction of this strange, enigmatic man to come begin to come true. It was definitely a surprise that the first God to make her presence known again was the Aesthetics, mostly because no-one really knew what she did in the first place, nor what she stood for. Her followers were generally the kind who were too lazy to do a decent day's work down at the Guild of Seamstresses and Taylor's. It still remains to be seen what the return of the Aesthetics will do for the City.

The temple of the Celestial Flame seems to be continuing in it's old tradition. It is being led by the High Priest Nostros, who if you ever make the mistake of looking like your paying attention to him will spend the next half-hour telling you things you never wanted to know about a God that, as far as we can work out down at *Der Snooop* towers seems to still be resolutely, stone cold, dead. (*Though the Temple of the Celestial Pains-In-The-Ass*

prefer the term "Dimensionally Challenged" -Ed). That said, the Temple of the Celestial Flame has a vote on the Council of Faiths, but the Aesthetics do not.

It may also surprise people to learn that neither does the Temple of the Sea. Recently, you may have seen a wave come to raise up most of the priests of the Temple of the sea to be with their God. This has left a Temple struggling with it's heavy rota of services, and it's numbers have been reduced drastically.

Perhaps the most worrying development that this city has seen since Mad Madam Miranda decided that she was going to make Aberddu her home is that the Kesothians are now *Leading* the council of faiths. Yes, *Gentle Reader* the Kesothians are pulling the strings. What is further disturbing is that it is they who have instigated the current obsession with feeding the peasants. We down at *Der Snooop* warn all our readers to beware. The Kesothians are not known for their Generosity, unless it is with their use of knives in the backs.

Delegation from Middle Kingdoms to Seek Damages.

A delegation from the Middle-

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Kingdoms is heading to Aberddu in search of Damages from the Pit-Gate that was opened in the centre of their lands. The Pit-Gate reportedly belonged to the Aberddu Adventures Guild and was sold to Brand the Bloody, despite the Adventures Guild knowing what power the Snow-Globe (which is what the Pit-Gate was apparently held in) would do when opened.

The delegation are seeking damages for the destruction of their property, damages for stress, as well as damages for loss of work, and damages for those people who lost their life, became a demon, or lost a limb during the period before the Gate was closed.

This delegation is made up of representatives of the majority of the Middle-Kingdoms, with the exception of *Greenland*. Presumably because when the letter was delivered to Greenland, they simply eat it, not being able to read. (*They probably also eat the messenger- Ed*).

Prices Increasing

The prices around the City are still on the increase. The Merchant's Guild have pointed to a problem of supply and demand. The recent push of the temples to feed anyone who stands still for too long, this is generally driving up the price

of food. As the majority of this food is not being purchased, but rather is being divinely created, the Merchants are being forced to drive their prices up to compensate for the lack of revenue. This rise in prices is, in turn, making it difficult for more people to be able to eat, and they too turn to the temples for Sustenance. The Merchant's Guild has made a plea that the Temples only feed those that are in dire need, lest the City find itself in a Financial Crisis.

Disappearing People

Rumours are abound that there are people going missing from the City. Unusually for the City of Aberddu, it is not simply confined to those of a certain walk of Life. Our sources tell us that people from all walks of life are going missing, ranging from the rich to the incredibly poor. Previously in Aberddu, we have had the disappearance of little children that was linked to a member of the Adventures Guild who was apparently working for a Demon. The disappearances do, however, co-incide with the Rise to fame of one Solustaran Brutus Valerian III. The Current Law-Master of the adventures guild, as if that wasn't clue enough. Solustaran has been seen involved in any strange magical occurrence that has happened in the past months, with a magical

power and status that does not seem to befit the length of time he has spent with the Mages Library... we mean Mages Guild. Sacrifice is an ancient, and dark technique of power magic, and the number, and breadth of people going missing could easily point to a power hungry mage.

Farquars Recipies - Middlekingdom Cheeselogs

1. Find an old felled tree or large stone. list and flip and capture Woodlice.
2. Clean woodlice in prepared clean water.
3. Get a clean pot, heat a pound of butter, add any spices you are fortunate to have mix together with a cup of milk
4. Heat until all melted, add the drained Woodlice, keep stirring until they stop moving
5. Serve with bread while still hot

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