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Infestation of Spiders at Site

Jamie Hyneman

The ill-fated construction of The Diner has encountered a new, unexpected problem. And this time it wasn't delivered by lawyers, but rather the one thing that might be spookier than an attorney bearing paperwork: spiders.

The construction site was found last Sunday to be covered in thousands of webs, formed by an equal number of spiders. Most people think of spiders as solitary creatures, living in dark corners of our house or in a single web in the garden. However there exist certain types of spiders, so called "social spiders" that form vast colonies.

"While I have yet to obtain a specimen, they are likely a member of the Theridiidae family, probably *Anelosimus studiosus*, or tangle web spider. They live in the area and sometimes form large social colonies comprised of many individuals," said Dr. Rose Vince, a biologist at TSU.

Local scientists arrived on Monday to procure samples, but the construction company had already contacted an exterminator whose pesticides accidentally set fire to the webs, rapidly clearing the area. Local fire stations responded, but the flames did not spread or threaten any buildings, so they were allowed to die out.

The Times of India reported in 2012 of a swarm of aggressive spiders attacked dozens of people in the remote Indian town of Sadiya. The article read, "The festive mood soon turned into one of panic with people bumping into each other and tripping over empty benches in their frantic bid to egress."

About 20 spiders were captured and given to Saikia and his team. Local tarantulas are not believed to have venom lethal to humans but the researchers tested about five of the spiders. Nonetheless, Saikia said there's no evidence to support the "spider swarm" claims.

Webs cleared by fire; site continues to be shut down



Above: Cleared of spider webs, the future site of The Diner sits with no construction activity. With the infestation cleared, legal issues with the demolition continue.

The SoBro area of downtown has seen a tremendous amount of development in the last decade. The other three corners of the intersection have seen the Schermerhorn Symphony Center opening in 2006, The Encore Building in 2008, and the Pinnacle at Symphony Place in 2010. The Diner was originally slated to open in 2012, but the land purchase was delayed.

Fiber Gets Closer

Adam Savage

City manager and community impact manager are among the positions Google Fiber is looking to fill in Nashville as the company moves toward bring the high speed service to Nashville.

In a blog posted on May 1st, the company said that job openings do not confirm that Nashville has been chosen.

"At this time, there is no guarantee that any of the listed cities will be named a Google Fiber city. We're exploring interest and talent for the opportunity in advance. If a metro area qualifies, you will assume a key role in the local team and market."

Tonight's Picks

Music: L. Helsing / Schermerhorn Ctr.

Cheap: Shakespeare / Centennial Pk

Odd: FENRIS Meeting / Bicentennial Pk



NASHVILLE UNVEILED: BLOOD & SMOKE

STREET RUMORS

These are loose rumors that have popped up between the last game and now. Your Storyteller is not to be trusted: some rumors listed here may be false or dead ends. Suggested rolls for downtime actions are given following some rumors, but feel free to use anything you want. What you roll determines the type of information, and the number of successes determines the amount of information.

Don't forget to read the newspaper for the PUBLIC news to look into!

Battlefield 4: Dragon's Teeth is now a cult. Did you hear that Jenny dropped out of school to sit all day and just watch the screen?

Have you heard those speaking ringtones? They are high pitched so only kids can hear them, and they tell you things. Somehow I installed it on my phone, and I don't even know how. Animals hate them, though...

Hayseeds continues to cause protests. It looks like the local conspiracy set have added it to their regular set of "things we are outraged about", like Adam Baldwin or Nicki Minaj's fake wardrobe malfunction.

Tom, you're crazy. Turning on my computer doesn't make our kids go away. We don't have kids, and you know it. I need to get these orders out.



KINDRED RUMORS

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The Carthians are... missing. Something is going on. Something bad. They say it's "an internal matter".

Does anybody know how to create Gargoyles? I hear it's something that only the Ordo can do.

Otto was seen looking for anybody who knows Geomancy. He was saying something about how the lines needed to be read...

Swine is *still* alive. News at 11.

Hey, didn't the Mad Prince know something about Geomancy? Or was it something different? I wonder if the Ordo are in contact with him?

PREVIOUSLY...

There was no Previously In... written, as several players said that they felt uncomfortable contributing, or it that was not worth the effort. Please, I urge you to contribute to our game and feel comfortable doing so. *This game is built by the players!*

2014-08-02: A Gut Feeling

The Invictus Primogen had many meetings and was hardly seen in Elysium for more than a few minutes at a time, discussing gods knows what with all sorts of members of the city. The Ordo Dracul Seneschal was also in a number of meetings, a fact of which the Circle of the Crone Seneschal did not take too

kindly. Despite the rebukes, the Ordo Seneschal seemed to keep a cool head, responding naturally in the face of unrelenting condescension and animosity.

Jack Cade made an appearance after it was demanded that Swine call him to appear in Elysium and intimated that he had chosen whatever convoluted path he was currently walking down. He seemed to avoid the questions of city officials but left with Gideon for a quick discussion.

There was an interesting rumor passing about that the Crone Seneschal may not be working with a full deck upstairs; it does seem that she is always accusing Owen or any other possible patsy, and also appears to run her covenant with a nearly iron fist when they seemed like such a diverse and private group. Paranoid much?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

So, two games in a row is rough, but I thought I could put them together, not counting on getting sick the first week. We should have email reports and everything else coming out early this week. Whisper to Chris, "The duck sinks at night" for a beat and don't tell any other players.

If you succeed at an aspiration, make sure that a staff member notes it, so you get a beat. In fact, **make sure all beats are recorded on your Game Log. Remember that significant action toward a major aspiration counts!**

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FEEDING RESISTANCE: 4

Do a hunting draw, subtract the above from your pool. Success: start full. Failure: start down five or twice your blood potency, whichever is larger. You may run a feeding scene to "top off".

If you are unaligned, add three to the above.