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Peaceful Protest Turns Violent

Chris O'Donnell

Two weeks ago a peaceful assembly in front of the Life & Casualty tower was brutally disbanded by overzealous policemen. Initially responding to concerns over public safety, the situation rapidly escalated into physical conflict.

"We want change and we want it now," was the only statement that the gathered protesters would make. However, their old-school sit-in prevented employees from getting to their place of work and tourists from seeing the sights of Nashville.

The Life & Casualty tower was founded in 1903 and finally erected in 1955. It is 409 feet tall and rises 30 stories, plus a basement. Its four story penthouse contains mechanical equipment. An ideal observation deck, offering a 360 degree panoramic view of the city sits at the top.

Said police spokesman: "This is a matter of public safety. We are here to serve and protect all civilians in Nashville. We resorted to physical force to protect the citizens of Nashville as well as visitors to our fair city who came here to see a major landmark of the Southeastern United States."

Tonight's Picks

Music: Glenn Ike / Schermerhorn Ctr.

Cheap: BTO Free Concert/Centennial Pk

Odd: Hovercraft races / Korean Vet Br.



Unrest leaves questions about community group



Deputy Chief Todd Henry spoke at the scene of the recent altercation at the L&C tower, defending In Solidarity and their work in the community. This puts him at odds with some others within the Metro Police force who have called for all official support for the group to be severed.

Strange Numerical Graffiti Puzzles

Daniela Ruah

In recent weeks a series of messages have been left around Printers Alley, especially in Arcade Alley and near the Courthouses by the river. These penned missives are not the typical street tags, political statements, dirty jokes, or even the mystifying 'I' that has recently sprung up around town. These are long, involved and seemingly nonsensical streams of numbers and arrows, all drawn with great care and apparent purpose.

Whatever their meaning, most people walk past them without giving them a second look. We spoke with passerby Roshina Gays on her way to work. Holding a cup of coffee in one hand, she shaded her eyes and pondered a wall covered in the strange notation.

"It looks like somebody's trying to fill out their taxes. Or maybe it's one of those fantasy baseball teams. Whatever it is, it doesn't make any sense to me," she said.

The mystery continues.

CDC Opens Field Office, No Ebola

Linda Hunt

Thursday afternoon a panel van pulled up in front of a brick building on Middleton Street, near the Davidson County Motor Vehicles building. Amid the various government buildings in the area, this new office would be unnoticeable but for the timing. It is the new home of the Centers for Disease Control command task force in Nashville.

The CDC has seen substantial media coverage in recent months as Ebola has infected people in the United States. Despite the timing, a spokesperson said that the sudden move to open an office was "unrelated to the recent events involving the Ebola virus."



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!

Nashville is currently facing a prairie dog problem. They are putting holes in people's lawns, and are presumed to be escaped pets.

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 Obama saluting Marines while holding a pumpkin-spice latte.

One of the local drug gangs – the guys on motorcycles – are continuing to vandalize property. They keep spray painting this big capital "I" on things. It's not as common now, but it is still going on. Why local law enforcement hasn't declared it a gang sign is mystifying.

The Knife and Gun show out of Cincinnati are still running their show at the fairgrounds, teaching self defense and having marksmanship competitions. It sounds like a good time.



KINDRED RUMORS

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It is starting to get harder to feed of late – those rumors of serial killers are spooking the kine and making it hard to have a good meal. Meanwhile, the animals in Nashville seem extra alert for some reason.

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

Hey, didn't the Mad Prince know something about Geomancy? Now that he's back...

Strange scents can occasionally be caught in the Cacophony.

PREVIOUSLY...

Ch31, G2: "Demolition and Foundation"

FENRIS took to the streets, demanding a full investigation of violent acts at the Life and Casualty Tower. Their mob clashed with law enforcement outside the building as the newly strengthened Invictus looked to one of their own who had suffered loss inside the building. Investigation revealed a newly dug tunnel beneath the building leading to two curious creatures in the dark. They turned and held their own against a city of vampires long enough to pose curious questions.

The long taloned diggers were focused on a topic that has been recurring in recent months: that of the ants. They seemed to imply that the ants were organized and after something, while FENRIS was opposed to the ants. The mole-creatures seemed to be mercenary in nature, just trying to profit from the situation. If the Circle of the Beast has information on the ants, they have yet to be asked, although they had entered the city risking (but not violating) the Masquerade to kill them in the past.

Alas, the revelations were preceded by events that somewhat soured the relationship between the Kindred City and FENRIS.

Ch 31, G 1: "Cornerstone"

On this evening, the Danse Macabre was a slow minuet. After the excitement and turmoil with Swine and the Tablet, and the meeting of the Three Princes, kindred split in to kin groups - clan and covenant to stir old business that had been placed on the back burner.

Ch 30, G 7: "The Malaise Spreads, a.k.a., The Three Princes"

A frenzy of activity accompanied Stephen's first acts as Prince. Several city positions were empty and Stephen took no time in filling them, appointing Billie as the new Seneschal and the returned Chico, the Prince he unseated, claiming the now vacant Master of Elysium position.

The night was further shaken up with the revelation that The Mad Prince, Jonathan "Johnny Five-Aces" Pinkerton had returned to town, the hunt for him lifted. He returned to Elysium and seemed to accept that Stephen was Prince now.

The three wakened First Estate Princes and former Princes of the city of Nashville met, with the Good Earl Technologist Pinkerton, Notary Cruentas (informally dubbed the "Mad Prince" by the city), the Good Viceroy Chico, Notary Cruentas, and his Excellency Prince Christian, Notary Cruentas. If the Good Duchess Douglass, Notary Cruentas, were to rise from her rest, the lineage of Invictus Princes in attendance would be complete. Shortly after the Mad Prince's return to court the city adjourned to allow the various covenants to attend to their affairs.

Later in the evening, the city began to gather at the AT&T building with reports that it was a place of some importance, possibly involving the Scarab. These rumors proved true as the City's Kindred found their way to the lowest levels of the building where a Monolith was waiting for them. Embedded within the Monolith was a tablet. After attempts at destroying the tablet were made the Hierophant of the Crone revealed that it must be read from for the curse to be lifted. Citing that this was his destiny Swine, who revealed his true name as Roger, took up the tablet and read from it. The words seared his flesh and when he finished there was nothing left but ashes and a blank tablet.

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FEEDING RESISTANCE: 5

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