

CUSTODIA

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ASINA IN TURMOIL

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE STATE OF AD ASTRA? SINCE THE BRAVE SETTLERS OF AD ASTRA CLAIMED THE WALLS OF ASINA FOR THEIR OWN, THEY HAVE HELD THEIR OWN AGAINST NUMEROUS CHALLENGES AND DISASTERS. ARE THE LATEST EVENTS AGAIN A TEST OF THE WILL OF OUR BRAVE CITIZENS, OR IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE BEHIND IT ALL?

CRYSTALLINE RAIN FROM WHICH GIANT PILLARS RISE. ENTIRE LAND MASSES RISING FROM BOILING SEAS. GREY EARTH OVERGROWN WITH LUSH GREEN WITHIN A FEW DAYS. ARE THESE REALLY CATASTROPHES? OR HAVE OUR RULERS NOW FINALLY TAKEN THEIR PLACE AS THE HEIRS OF THE OLD RULERS AND EVEN THE LAND BOWS TO THEM? DID NOT A MIGHTY DISCHARGE AND THIS MYSTERIOUS CRYSTAL RAIN EMANATE FROM THE PALACE?

CRYSTAL GROWTH IN THE URBAN AREA

THE AD ASTRA AUTHORITIES WERE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY RELIABLE STATEMENTS TO CUSTODIA ABOUT THE SPONTANEOUSLY GROWN CRYSTAL STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY AREA. SPOKESPERSONS OF THE STATE CHANCELLERY, HOWEVER, ASK TO REFRAIN FROM TRYING TO REMOVE THE CRYSTALS ARBITRARILY AND BY FORCE. FIRST, MORE MUST BE LEARNED ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE CRYSTALS.

CELEBRATIONS TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED

ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT FROM THE PALACE, THE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF AD ASTRA ARE TO TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED, DESPITE RECENT EVENTS.

ANONYMOUS SOURCES QUOTE THE WINTER KING AS FOLLOWS: "WE'VE ALREADY HAD A BLOODY ISLAND FALL ON OUR HEADS! THEN WE WON'T LET THIS BRING US DOWN EITHER!"

TO YEAR AND DAY

AS EVERY YEAR, THE CITIZENS, RESIDENTS AND GUESTS OF AD ASTRA HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR CONCERNS, DISPUTES AND WISHES TO THE RULERS OF AD ASTRA DURING THE CELEBRATIONS SURROUNDING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE STATE AND, IF NECESSARY, TO DEMAND A RULING.

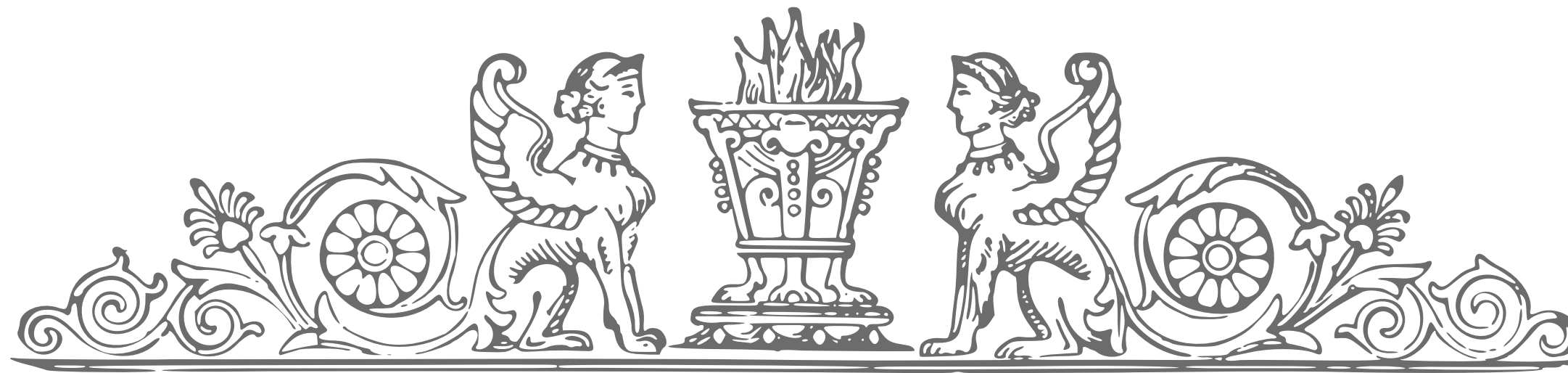
PECULIARITIES IN THE SEWERS

RESIDENTS HAVE REPORTED HEARING STRANGE NOISES COMING FROM THE LOCAL SEWAGE SYSTEM. SOME EVEN SPEAK OF LARGE AND MENACING SHADOWS THEY CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO NEED FOR ACTION ON THIS FROM THE OFFICIAL SIDE, BUT DOES SOMETHING HAVE TO HAPPEN BEFORE THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES ACT?

CASUALTIES AT STAMPEDE

DURING THE CATAclysmic EVENTS, A DANGEROUS INCIDENT OCCURRED IN THE ASINIC OLD CITY. COLLAPSING BUILDINGS WITHIN THE COHORT DISTRICT CAUSED THE HORSES HOUSED THERE TO PANIC AND FORCIBLY MAKE THEIR WAY OUT OF THE CITY. SEVERAL CITIZENS WERE INJURED, BUT FORTUNATELY NO ONE WAS KILLED. SINCE THE INCIDENT, THERE HAS BEEN NO TRACE OF THE ESCAPED ANIMALS. EYEWITNESSES CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN THEM MOVING TOWARDS THE NEW LAND MASSES.

THE ESCAPED HORSES ARE THE STUD FARM THAT AD ASTRA RECEIVED AS A GIFT FROM GERION VON GRAUSTEIN, WHO WAS A MINISTER IN THE MARGRAVIAN CONFEDERATION.



RECONSTRUCTION IN ASINA

THE WOLF PACK AND LEGIO III HAVE ABANDONED THEIR WINTER QUARTERS OUTSIDE THE CITY AND MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOME, THE ASININE NEW TOWN. AS THE STATE CHANCELLERY HAS ANNOUNCED, WORK CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH BOTH GROUPS TO FURTHER THE RECONSTRUCTION AND ENSURE GENERAL MAINTENANCE OF THE ASININE BUILDING STRUCTURES. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION, THIS INVESTMENT IN SKILLED LABOUR IS VERY FORWARD-LOOKING ON THE PART OF THE STATE CHANCELLERY.

MEAT FROM ANOTHER WORLD

FOR SOME TIME NOW, I HAVE RECEIVED REPEATED RECOMMENDATIONS FROM FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES THAT OUR BEAUTIFUL CITY HAS THE BEST SAUSAGE AND MEAT ON THE ENTIRE CONTINENT. IN A SMALL BUTCHER'S SHOP, IN A SMALL ALLEY, THERE ARE TWO RED CAPS WHO HAVE MADE IT THEIR BUSINESS TO USE THE FINEST RECIPES AND HAVE CREATED A HOARD FULL OF THE FINEST SPECIALITIES. SAUSAGES, DRIED MEATS, HAMS AND CURED MEATS ARE LINED UP CLOSE TOGETHER AND INVITE YOU TO TRY THEM, WHICH IS NO PROBLEM HERE, ONE OF THE SHOPKEEPERS, AEY, ASSURED ME. THE HUGE RED CAP GREETED ME WITH A FRIENDLY GRIN AND HIS MEAT CLEAVER IN HIS HAND, WHICH INTIMIDATED ME AT FIRST, BUT THIS IMMEDIATELY GAVE WAY WHEN THE OTHER RED CAP CAME OUT OF THE NEXT ROOM WITH SOME SAMPLES. ANYONE WHO MEETS ONE OF THE TWO RED CAPS SHOULD ASK THEM FOR A SAMPLE ONCE, BECAUSE THEY WILL NOT BE EMBARRASSED TO GIVE OUT A LITTLE SOMETHING TO TRY.

CITIZENS' OATH

SOME OF THE REGISTERED RESIDENTS OF ASINA AND CALADH ERENN ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO BE SWORN IN AS NEW CITIZENS OF AD ASTRA AT THE END OF THEIR ONE-YEAR TERM. A PUBLIC SWEARING-IN CEREMONY WILL THEREFORE TAKE PLACE IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR EXCELLENCIES DURING THE YEAR CELEBRATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE NEWLY SETTLED IN ASINA OR CALADH ERENN IN THE PAST LUNAR CYCLES ARE CALLED UPON TO REGISTER AS RESIDENTS. ONLY THEN WILL THE ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGIN, WHICH IS A PREREQUISITE FOR LATER CITIZENSHIP.

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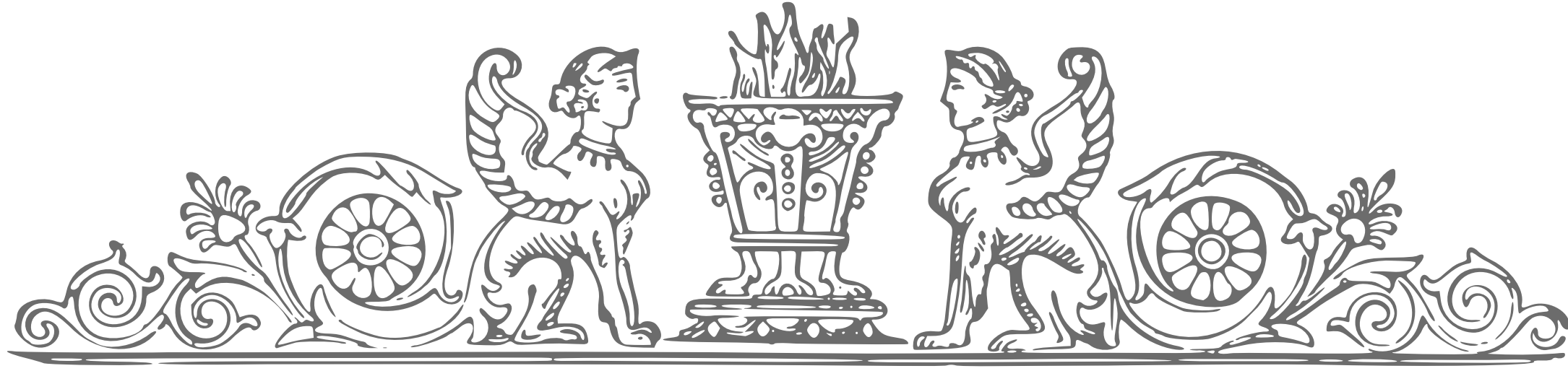
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THE HEROES OF THE HOHLD IN ASINA

BRAVE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS. HEROES OF TERRA, FREE FIGHTERS. BY MANY NAMES ARE KNOWN THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO, ON THEIR OWN, AWAY FROM THE GREAT CAMPAIGNS, RELENTLESSLY DEFEND THE HOLLOW AGAINST THE DECAYING UNDEATH.

A DELEGATION OF PRECISELY THESE BRAVE WARRIORS HAS NOW BEEN SIGHTED REACHING AD ASTRA'S CAPITAL ASINA. IT IS NOT YET KNOWN FOR WHAT REASON THE IRREGULARS ARE SO FAR NORTH, BUT INFORMED SOURCES CLAIM THAT THEY WANT TO NEGOTIATE FURTHER GOODS AND SUPPLY CONTRACTS. FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AD ASTRA HAS BEEN SUPPLYING THE FRONT-LINE FIGHTERS OF THE FREE FIGHTERS WITH SUPPLIES AND DRESSING MATERIALS.



EMPOR ZU DEN STERNEN

WIR KAMEN GETRIEBEN VON SEHNSUCHT UND WIND
NACH FREIHEIT UND TRÄUMEN, DIE UNSRE NUR SIND
BETRATEN VOLL KÜHNHEIT DIES ´ MACHTVOLLE LAND
UND REICHTEN EINANDER DIE HAND
WIR STRITTEN ZUSAMMEN UND GABEN VIEL BLUT
DOCH STÄRKE UND EINHEIT GAB UNS ALLZEIT MUT
UND WANDERTEN WIR DURCH MÜHSAL UND STAUB,
NUN HEBEN WIR STOLZ UNSER HAUPT!

EMPOR ZU DEN STERNEN, DEN WEG WIR BEREITEN
WIR FORMEN DIE NEUE ZEIT!
IHR LICHT WIRD UNS WÄRMEN, ERKENNTNIS UNS LEITEN
DURCH TRAUM UND DIE WIRKLICHKEIT!

WIR STREBEN NACH KLARHEIT IN UNSEREM TUN
DENN NUR AUF VERSTÄNDNIS KANN ZUKUNFT FESTRUH ´N
ERST FRAGEN, DANN SCHLAGEN IST UNSERE WAHL
DENN ERKENNTNIS IST STÄRKER ALS STAHL!
WIR HEBEN DIE STIMME MIT HERZ UND VERSTAND
UND GEBEN ES ALLER WELT STETIG BEKANNT
WO SILBERNE SCHLANGE AUF GOLDSCHWINGEN FLIEGT
FÜHRT WISSEN UND EINHEIT ZUM SIEG!

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KOMPONISTIN: SAMARA SILBERKEHL

DRINK OF THE MONTH

- 1 SPOON LAVENDER SYRUP
- 3 SPOONS POMEGRANATE ELIXIR
- JUICE OF 2 ORANGES
- A SQUEEZE OF LEMON
- DILUTE WITH WATER TO TASTE

FOR EXTRA PATIENCE, ADD 2 SPOONFULS OF GIN.

THE WATCH

STANDING ON THE TOWER
SECOND WATCH, AS DARK AS COAL
“FOR BUT A CUP OF ALE,” HE SAID “I’D GIVE MY IRON SOUL!”

THE GUARD HAD SPOKEN SOFTLY
YET HIS WORDS STILL WANDER FAR
SOMETHING’S UP AND LISTENING, IN NIGHTS AS DARK AS TAR

“COME SIT WITH ME A MOMENT,”
SAID THE MASK, A MAIDEN’S FACE
“I HEARD A PRAYER AND CAME TO YOU, WITH ALE AND MY EMBRACE”

STANDING ON THE TOWER
SECOND WATCH, AS DARK AS COAL
STANDS A GUARDSMAN BLISSED AND BLIND, WITH RUST INSTEAD OF SOUL

A LITTLE PATTER, FINGERS WEBBED
A WATCHFUL CLEVER POWER
ANOTHER GUARD IS WATCHING STILL, AND LOYAL TO THE TOWER

THE SOULLESS GUARD HAD LOOKED NOW
AND MUSED TO BURN THE TOWN
THE FEATHERED BRAVE AND BOLD HAD COME TO PUSH THE TRAITOR DOWN

STANDING ON THE TOWER
SECOND WATCH AS DARK AS COAL
A GOOSE FOREVER STANDING WATCH, PREPARED TO GUARD US ALL

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