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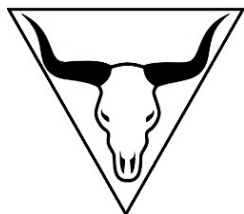
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NO EXPLANATION FOR RIFT COLLAPSE

The Colorado Rift remains closed as of going to press, and its sudden collapse still remains unexplained.

Scientists from the Smithsonian Expedition and others have been studying the Rift in an attempt to find a way to re-open it and restore communication with Stateside. A source reports that their experiments have shown that Colorado still exists on the other side of the Rift, and that communication may be theoretically possible, however so far the methods or tools to do so have proved elusive.

The Quartermaster has repeated assurances that the town of Consequence is well-supplied, and that there is no chance of running out of provisions in the immediate future.

SERIAL MURDERER UNMASKED!

Local antiquities expert Alephus Hyatt was revealed to be responsible for a series of gruesome murders perpetrated against Vanguard officers. The eccentric former museum curator's obsession was thwarted when he attempted to assassinate Governor Fiorenza Acerbi during the Town Fair. The assassination attempt was fortunately unsuccessful, and Hyatt was shot and captured by the Governor's bodyguards. After spending the night in jail Hyatt was executed at dawn by firing squad. Following normal Vanguard procedure, his personal effects & possessions were immediately auctioned off to the highest bidder. As a result, the museum is closed until further notice.

MONTGOMERY GANG FOILED TWO DEAD, ONE CAPTURED

Last Sunday saw a concerted effort by Consequence inhabitants, newcomers and locals alike, to attack the fortified camp of the Montgomery Bandit Gang. The assault was multi-pronged, with one group removing traps along the pathway to the camp, while another group infiltrated through the woods to disarm the guards, before the main force attacked.

The fight was extremely bloody, with many wounded on both sides. But eventually the Montgomery siblings luck ran out. Una and Monterey Montgomery were killed in an explosion, while Charlie Montgomery, the ringleader, fled and was run down. She is now enjoying the hospitality of the Blood & Bone.

NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE OF CONSEQUENCE FROM WARDEN HOLTZ

The convict workers in Consequence are present to repay their debts to society by undertaking extensive manual labour to expand the town for the benefit of law-abiding citizens, and to undergo moral reform through the same.

Between shifts, they may move at liberty through certain areas of town to enjoy the example of right-thinking moral citizens for their betterment. This is a PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT!

If a convict bothers you in any way, including but not limited to damaging or dirtying your property or person, propositioning you for engagement in criminal activity, or subjecting to you lewd and vulgar comments, report them immediately to the Warden who will enforce punishment at once.

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— Warden Holtz

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TOMB OPENED, MONSTER RAVAGES FAIR

More details have emerged of the origins of the monster which attacked the Riftside Fair last Saturday night. According to multiple sources the monster was released from the mysterious sealed tomb reported in our last edition. The tomb was reportedly discovered by members of the Chain gang, and during the fair they and a group of archaeologists from the Smithsonian Expedition used dynamite to destroy the huge granite slab covering the tomb's entrance. Following the blast, those present were attacked by the monster, described as a tall black creature with long arms, claws and a stag-like skull for a head. The creature then rampaged through the Riftside Fair, leaving panic and carnage in its wake and shrugging off any blow or bullet that met its mark.

In the aftermath of the attack trackers followed the creature to a crossroads, where it broke into a gallop across a field and disappeared into the woods.

Vanguard have strongly discouraged further attempts to locate the creature, lest it become enraged and visit the town proper again.

GOVERNOR OFFERS RESEARCH PERMITS

In a rare display of good humour, Governor Fiorenza Acerbi has extended the offer of a Vanguard research permit to those interested in studying the properties of "Cruispetramite", the unique mineral that Vanguard have been mining in Riftside Consequence. Research permits are also available for other areas of scientific inquiry. The Governor has also issued a warning that the Blood & Bone will not be looking kindly upon dangerous research performed without a valid Vanguard permit.

MINING DISASTER

An explosion at the mine last Friday trapped a number of workers below ground. Following the explosion a water pump failed, threatening to drown the trapped workers, but the day was saved by an engineer from the Smithsonian expedition, Arthur Blackwood, who was able to repair the pump and get everybody out. Mr Blackwood has a long experience of mining owing to his work with the New England Coal Company, and we were fortunate that he was in town at the time.

The monster, by Dr van de Laar.

LOCAL ITEMS

— Bodies continue to go missing from the local cemetery, much to the anguish of those whose relatives have been interred there. If the problem persists, the Governor warns, the cemetery will be placed under constant guard.

— "Physician, cure thyself." A common saying, but in the case of Charles Andrews, not entirely practical, as he was suffering from impending blindness. As if by fate however, the latest batch of newcomers to the town included several talented physicians who pooled their skills and resources to accomplish a medical miracle and restore sight to one of the good doctor's eyes. Consequence is fortunate to be blessed by the presence of such talented surgeons in its time of need.

— Local farmers continue to complain that their crops are being ravaged by crows as someone seems to be stealing scarecrows out from under their noses. Fingers continue to be pointed at rivals, however the Governor warns that if the problem persists, Scarecrow's Vigil will be placed under constant guard.

— Suspicion mounts upon the newly-local Carnival now that rumour has spread about the newest performer to join their act. Notorious chicken-rustler Bojangles has purportedly been offered a roost in the company of clowns and card-readers. Attempts to obtain a formal comment on the matter from the Carnival's management were met with a cry of "Hey, Rube!" and this reporter was ousted bodily from the premises.

— The President of the Consequence Mollusk Appreciation Society, Elijah Marmaduke, would like to invite all conservation enthusiasts and snail supporters to the inaugural meeting of the society. Meet fellow mollusk aficionados, and join the movement to preserve the natural habitat of the miracle of nature that is the Colorado *lubricus inestimabilis tulcarensis*. Please bring your favourite snail to introduce to the group. There will be tea and cake.

— Dr van de Laar has obviously been deeply affected by the Monster attack, and has painted several artworks depicting the creature. They are quite striking portrayals which capture the true horror of the creature.

FROM THE EDITOR

It has been a week since the closure of the Rift has separated us from Stateside. A week without trade, a week without mail, a week without news. As a result of the latter, this abbreviated edition of the Riftside Review contains only local news, with no national, territory or European sections. While we will continue to carry advertisements for services on the other side of the Rift in the hope of a swift re-opening, we will review this policy if that does not occur. In the event of a suspension, all affected advertisers will receive a credit when the Rift re-opens.

A week is not a great length of time, and many of us have spent longer than that without mail or news when on holiday, or while travelling. But the concern is that it will stretch into weeks, or even months. While the town is well-supplied, it is worth remembering that this is a strange land, with unknown dangers. We know little about the area we are in, or what creatures lurk here — a fact more than amply demonstrated by the events of the Riftside Fair. Vanguard's policy towards Riftside has been one of local exploitation, with seemingly little interest in the wider questions of where we are or what lies beyond the horizon. Now that we are trapped here, if only for a little while, perhaps we should try answering those questions.

As for the Rift, Consequence's best minds are working on the problem. We must all hope that they do not fail. — W.D.

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