

# LEVIATHAN SHIPS LOST



## DOSKVOL ILLUMINATOR

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### SOCIETY NOTES

Lady Horatian of Cullfield will be taking residence in Doskvol for the remainder of the year. She is accepting introduction cards from the best families only.

It is rumored that the City Council has moved to prevent Commander Bowmore from appointing his daughter as a Captain of the City Watch.

Magistrate Wott has declared that his Gratitude Day party will, this year, be open to five randomly selected citizens of the Empire. Applications are due in person before the final day of Suran.

Lord Scurlock has filed a notice of interest in the case of Lady Loretta Valcorel, currently incarcerated in Ironhook Prison.

Chef Roselle will be closing the doors of the Golden Plum for two weeks in service of a contract to a mysterious salon in Nightmarket. The Illuminator is paying a bounty for reliable information on its location.

The infamous duelist Roethe Rowan was shot and killed in fair combat last week. She leaves no heirs or dependents.

Lord Welker has announced the engagement of his second daughter, Janelle Welker, to Lord Tumbridge of Wintercliff.



### SABOTAGE OR SLOTHFULNESS?

*Five Leviathan Ships Lost In The Last Month*

DOSKVOL, 3<sup>rd</sup> Suran — The fury of the windswept Void Sea claimed yet another leviathan ship last week. The Keepsake II, owned by the Leveson-Gower family, is two weeks overdue in Doskvol and she has no reported sightings in the last four weeks. Accordingly, the Leveson-Gowers have begun insurance proceedings and there is no indication that the Emperor will reject their claim.

But there are whispers. Leviathan hunting is the most dangerous of all professions — yet the number of ships lost to

date this year is more than twice the number lost in a similar period in the previous annum. This newspaper is informed that our ordinary sailors mutter of curses and dour omens.

Superstition has no place in a modern city newspaper. We ask, then: are Iruvian forces at work, sabotaging the flow of leviathan blood, which is so vital to the Empire? Are Skovish rebel elements raising their heads once more? Or are our sailors finding themselves too put upon to do their time-honored jobs?

In either case, remedies exist.

### Six Towers Slaughter

The illicit Church Beyond was the location of a deadly brawl last week. There is one confirmed death: Pickett Brogan, known member of the Lamplighter gang. Magistrate Dalmore has designated this as a low priority investigation: "Outlaws killing outlaws doesn't bother us."

### Ground Broken in Silkshore

A new club will be opening in Silkshore in two months time, adjacent to the Ease. The owner, entrepreneur Hollipin Weasling, promises festivities appropriate for adults and a small fun fair for the children. The name of the club has not been announced. Watch this space as news breaks.

### WATER RATS MAKE MOVES

Nightmarket's most dangerous criminal gang, the Water Rats, are reliably reported to have expunged their last rivals for control of the bloodneedle trade in Nightmarket. Nania, the leader of the Water Rats, was unavailable for comment. So was Giffard Keel, former leader of the Night Men. We do not expect that Mr. Keel will ever be available for comment again.

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