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# WATERFRONT DISTRICT AWASH WITH MURDERS

## *"They Just Keep Turning Up Missing"*

These are the words spoken by Miss Isabella Hardt of Water Street (see lead article). They are a regrettably accurate description of the evolving situation in the Waterfront District.

Since our last edition, it will not have escaped the notice of our readers, nor of any of the citizens of our city, that crime has been on the upsurge in that neighborhood, despite new-fangled enhancements such as electric lights along the boardwalks and bridges. Robberies, beatings, and indeed, murders, have become an almost daily occurrence. But the sheer number of disappearances now afflicting those streets surpasses what even the most cynical could describe as normal.

Many speculate about bootlegging operations in the district. Undoubtedly, such illicit enterprises contribute to the rise in crime, and with the Waterfront still under heavy reconstruction there is ample opportunity for calamitous activity to take place. It is possible that some of the recent victims who have disappeared ran afoul of gangsters, or are criminals themselves, and their absence the thunderous result of score settling. But, regrettably, a lack of proof—and bodies—means there are far fewer criminals and bootleggers behind bars than reputable Arkhamites would expect. Instead, grim paranoia seeps into the life of the working-class Waterfront residents.

Until the police arrest the responsible parties, citizens must remain on their guard.



## DISTRICT A GHOST TOWN AT NIGHT

An alarming series of murders and mysterious disappearances has deluged the Waterfront District with fear. Police have made no arrests. Citizens are afraid to go out after dark. One question lingers on everyone's minds: who will be next?

### *Gruesome Discoveries*

Barely a week has passed since the first of the horrendous crimes was reported in this newspaper. In last Thursday's early morning hours, located in an alley one block north of the train yards, a group of workers on their way to their shift came across the later-identified body of Jeremy Mandrell. His body was in a state of extreme exsanguination, testifying to the perverted imagination of his killer.

More disturbing yet was the lack of blood at the scene. Police have concluded that Mr. Mandrell was murdered elsewhere and his body then abandoned at the current crime scene. This has raised ominous questions. In what frightful lair was the victim sequestered and then done away with? Where is the fiend hiding? Does he walk the streets with impunity while making his home in a house of horrors?

### *Frightful Tally*

Since then, three more murders have been committed. Patrick Lu, Elaine Wallace and Forrest Nelson have all met terrible demises. Though the precise nature of their wounds has varied, the state of their bodies again suggests displacement. Is this the work

of one murderer or several?

The questions become even more urgent given the evidence of more unreported deaths that haven't yet been properly investigated. Vittoria Maldonado, Elbert Drury and Jonathan Pomalla have been missing for two, three and five days respectively. Their families and neighbors fear the worst, yet the police have given them little to no sympathy.

Even as the Arkham city councilors have fought to reassure residents of the Waterfront District's safety, especially after the recent catastrophic storm surge, no amount of renovation can soothe Arkhamites' worries. Instead, many wonder if the district has opened up opportunities for the nefarious to slink into Arkham, instead.—

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## EDITORIAL

# City Shake-Up: Shocks and Surprises Follow



## One In, One Out

Charlie Kane's defeat in the recent civic election continues to reverberate throughout Arkham. Supporters are still finding it hard to believe that Kane should ever lose his seat in the mayor's office. For so long, he was considered a permanent fixture in the city's political sphere.

How then, was such a titan toppled? Part of the answer could be the emerging rumors linking him to the underworld. Is it truth or political malevolence? Some say these rumors are nothing new and have been part of the mayor's colorful background for the duration of his career. However, it must be painfully acknowledged that these links,

if true, may have also contributed to his political longevity.

Clearly, such rumors can add to the roguish charm of any political figure, only to the degree that they remain dismissible. The gossip swirling about Kane during, and since, the election could no longer be ignored, even if malfeasance on his part remains impossible to prove in a court of law.

The court of public opinion does not require the same level of proof. Public gossip proved troublesome in the first phase of Kane's campaign, unquestionably putting wind into the sails of mayoral candidate Jared Morse's insurgent challenge. When, with victory within his grasp, Morse disappeared under uncertain circumstances, the event did not clear the way for Kane. It only seemed to confirm the truth of the rumors.

As damaging as these stories were for Kane, it is possible that he might yet have weathered them, were it not for the policy failures during and after Arkham's terrible flood. The

voter's message is now clear: they no longer see Kane as the steady hand at the wheel of Arkham's ship. He is yesterday's man. The upheavals that have transformed the city require fresh faces and fresher ideas.

## Fresh Leadership

Whether mayor-elect Leland Gettys will provide those fresh ideas and lead Arkham to renewed prosperity remains to be seen. He is, at least, a new face. Perhaps he will receive the support of Howard Wilkes, who had previously backed Jared Morse, and whose New Horizons Industry is an example of exactly the kind of thinking this city needs.

As for Charlie Kane, it is unlikely that he will disappear from Arkham's civic life. His reputation may be in tatters, with many once-powerful friends abandoning him, but he still wields considerable influence. It is safe to say that Arkham has not heard the last of him.

## Distinguished Alchemist Hosted by Miskatonic University

Miskatonic University has announced that Professor Diego Lozano will be taking up a residency as visiting scholar. Professor Lozano comes to Arkham after leaving a prestigious position at the National Autonomous University of Mexico.

Though only thirty-two years of age, Professor Lozano has already established himself as one of the pre-eminent researchers in the interesting, if debatable, field of alchemy. It was this scholarly endeavor that put him in conflict with the government of Mexico and prompted his move to Arkham.

He will undoubtedly find a congenial home at Miskatonic University, especially considering the institution claims to have the best Alchemy Department in North America, along with the most extensive holdings on the subject in its library.

Professor Lozano said, "I am thrilled to be joining Miskatonic's academic community. I feel as if my work is only now truly beginning, and exciting days lie ahead."

## ATLANTICA RECALLED

Thursday night's opening of the new "After the Flood..." exhibit at the Miskatonic Museum provided a reminder not only of recent troubling events, but also of one episode from the somewhat more distant past that some have sought to submerge from view.

Among the range of items—both everyday and esoteric—revealed by the receding floodwaters and now on display are the broken remains of a lifeboat from the *S.S. Atlantica*. The *Atlantica*, as longtime readers of the *Advertiser* may recall, was crossing the Atlantic bound for Boston in September of 1913. The *Atlantica's* fate beyond that point is the subject of much rumor, disagreement and conjecture.

What is known is that on the third night of the voyage, a passenger was found murdered in the ship's chapel. Another passenger, William Bowleg, was detained for questioning after being seen leaving the victim's cabin shortly afterward, and news of the events reached passing vessels by telegraph.



Following messages described something altogether more mysterious, however—reports of dark shapes in the water, unrest among passengers and crew, and several transmissions sent in an undecipherable code—before clear evidence of the ship's voyage vanishes entirely from the record.

The *Atlantica* failed to reach Boston as planned, and at the time its disappearance was reported in both local and international press. This was later described by Fairmont Shipping Co., the vessel's owners, as a misunderstanding, with the vessel having been diverted

from its planned route by bad weather and mechanical problems, and the passengers transferred to sister vessel *Oceania*, which reached Kingsport some days later.

## Questions Remain

This account remains in considerable doubt, however, with no certain trace of the *Atlantica* itself known after this date. Around the time of the ship's planned arrival in Boston, family members and close acquaintances of several of those believed to be aboard contacted authorities and spoke to a

number of New England newspapers, including this one, in search of passengers thought to be missing. Almost all such claims have since been described as misunderstandings, although claims of hush money paid to families, survivors, and investigators continue to circulate. Furthermore, assessing the veracity of any of these accounts was made more difficult by the destruction of Fairmont Shipping Co.'s Boston offices in a fire some two years after the events aboard the *Atlantica*.

This reporter and others continue to investigate.

—Lowe Tidus

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## NEW ARKHAM, NEW HORIZONS

### *Waterfront Wonderland*

While the Waterfront District has been the subject of unfortunate headlines recently, not all the news is bad. Arkhamites who make it a practice to avoid the area are missing out on the exciting transformations taking place. It might well be said that Waterfront is leading the charge in the renewal of Arkham after the recent hardships.

A look at Water Street and Garrison Street is ample evidence of the renewal heralding a new era to the Waterfront District. The shops are cleaner and more appealing than what has hitherto been the norm, including a new General Store, an antiques establishment, and even a new café called Peak's Place for those seeking a different establishment to Velma's

Diner. The homes, rebuilt or entirely new, are now desirable. Artists have been drawn by their affordability and have brought new vibrancy to the area. Why, even an art display by new up-and-coming talent, Lina Husserl, has been announced in the district!

Prospective residents need not fear an excess of bohemianism, however. The best homes are priced commensurately with their desirability. These prices, while still reasonable compared to some other districts of Arkham, ensure that the residents are also desirable.

### *A Busy Day On the Factory Floor*

A sterling example of this rebirth is New Horizons Industry. This paper has been on record as welcoming the arriv-

al of the New Horizons Meat Packing Facility, and the faith placed in Howard Wilkes and his enterprise has been amply rewarded. Work at such a plant may not be appealing to all, but the fact remains that it provides steady, gainful employment to the industrious members of the working class. "You work for me," says Mr. Wilkes, "and you work for life. This is where you shape your future."

During a tour of the New Horizons facility, this reporter was introduced to Mrs. Julia Stern, a model employee and stand-up wife dedicated to industry. "I love working here," Mrs. Stern said, her eyes shining with enthusiasm. "I spend more time here than I do at home. If I could be here all day and all night, I would."

A hearty well-done to Mrs. Julia Stern! There speaks the new, indomitable spirit of the Waterfront District!



### *The Host with the Most*

Not content with reviving the Waterfront District, New Horizons Industries owner Howard Wilkes is now sparking up the social scene for Arkham's elite. Faithful readers know how much your reporter depends on little birds telling her tales, and every single one of those little birds is twittering that New York City would be hard-pressed to beat the glamor and glitter of Howard Wilkes's dos.

### **Howard Wilkes's Luxury Dining**

Who would have thought the best and the brightest would be clamoring for invitations to a Northside address? But everybody who is anybody wants to be part of the incrowd at Howard Wilkes's penthouse, perched proudly

at the top of his brand new apartment building.

### **Penthouse Party People**

Just who are the movers and the shakers who have been rubbing shoulders in the penthouse? Those little birds whisper that Jared Morris was a regular, before he so mysteriously disappeared. Mayor-elect Leland Gettys has also been spotted, so here's betting that he and Mr. Wilkes have a lot to talk about! Arkham newcomer and society shaker Josephine Husserl, who knows a thing or two about hosting, has been seen holding court.

And that's scratching the surface! Face it, gentle readers—Howard Wilkes's penthouse is the place to be seen.

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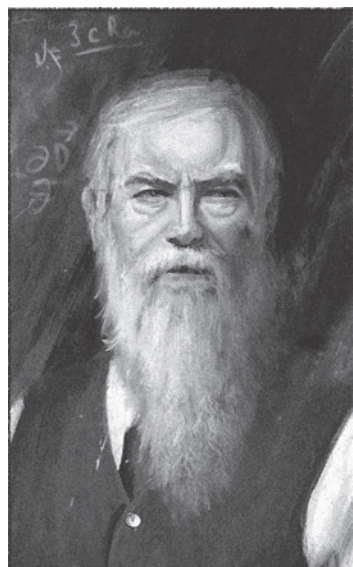
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## FINEST MIND GOES MISSING!

*Stargazing scientist suspect!*

Arkham police officers yesterday arrested the noted astronomer Professor Norman Withers in relation to their ongoing investigation into the disappearance of Gordon Stuart, Dean of Miskatonic College of Sciences. The University's woes were further compounded by the burglary of Orne Library, home to innumerable archives and

acres of paper. Orne Library is the jewel in Miskatonic University's crown, with collections both famous and infamous in academic circles.

The arrest of a senior member of staff in connection with one or more of these events is deeply embarrassing for the embattled university. A source in the Police Department reports that several witnesses observed Professor Withers and the Dean "really going at it" in heated arguments. Meanwhile, Stuart has been described as "acting just plain weird" by those who know him well, and was spotted wandering around the Waterfront District in the days leading up to his disappearance.

Professor Withers's controversial astronomical claims have long proven awkward for Miskatonic University's reputation. These further events shame the good name of the Warren Observatory and its otherwise invaluable efforts to map the starry realms above and beyond our own.

The city awaits resolution of this sorry state of affairs and the return of the Dean to his stewardship of Miskatonic's venerable science department.

## WATERFRONT DISTRICT AWASH WITH MURDER CONT'D FROM PAGE 1—

Once more, the new district finds itself under a cloud of anxiety and suspicion. At night, Waterfront appears eerily deserted. The streets and canals are empty, doors are locked, and windows are tightly shuttered. Shops are changing hours to reflect this state of fear.

Whether citizens toil at the train yards, the river docks, or the New Horizons Meat Packing facility, the newly acquired habits of the residents are the same. They rush home as quickly as possible, racing behind the security of their doors before nightfall. Those working late shifts do everything they can to travel to and from their employment in groups. Rare now is the citizen of Waterfront who dares to walk the dark streets alone.

## Living in Fear

Asked for her thoughts on the situation, Miss Isabella Hardt of Water Street said, "Everybody is so afraid. They just keep turning up missing. My sister has come to stay with me and we daren't go out alone. Not ever. I'm just so terrified of turning up missing too!"

If the first question on residents' minds is "who will be next?" then the second is "what are the police doing about this?" Frustration over the lack of arrests is palpable. "The police don't care 'cause we ain't the fancy crowd," said Miss Hardt, a perception shared by many this reporter spoke with. "Not like we livin' on French Hill."

Detective Reynolds of the Arkham Police Department wishes it to be known that this is most emphatically not the case. "We are taking these murders very seriously," he said, when asked to comment.

"Arkham P.D. is determined to track down those responsible for these crimes. Be assured, we will succeed, and the murderer—or murderers—will face the full might of justice."

When asked for updates on the investigation's progress, Detective Reynolds said that leads were being followed, but offered no further details.

He went on to say that if any member of the public has any information that could help in solving these crimes, they should come forward immediately.

"We will make the streets of Waterfront safe again," he added.

## A New Chapter for Tillinghast Endeavors

A Tillinghast Endeavors archaeological team has just returned from Romania with a wealth of new finds. Among the discoveries are rumored to be tablets, ceremonial tools, and other relics associated with a heretofore unknown pagan cult. This cult, according to one archaeologist associated with the expedition, paid homage to an obscure ancient deity.

The finds are included in a bid to become part of a permanent collection at Miskatonic University, joining the university's extensive collections of mummies and other pieces of the mysterious past. It is cause for celebration and civic pride that, despite Arkham's hardships, M.U. continues to stand as one of the country's pre-eminent scholarly institutions, especially in the fields of alchemy and archaic religions.

Further announcements are expected with regards to the outcome of the bid and hopes for when the new treasures will be put on display for the public.

## Classified Advertising

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**PAPER CHASE.** This Saturday, 10 AM. Starting point outside City Hall. Come one, come all! No prizes.

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**FOUND YACHT.** Beached on south bank of Miskatonic. Name scraped away. Blue hull, two masts.

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**OUTDOOR CRAFT SALE.** Sunday, 9 AM till noon, Water Street. Knit goods, pottery, paintings, preserves, home crafts. Cats welcome.

## Missed Connections

**SOPHIE.** All is forgiven. You were right and I was wrong. Please take the mirror back.

**JACK.** Please come back. Mother is gone. I promise. I checked this time.