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## **Company Company, Lost at C**

*- Josephine Asher, Journalist*

Following further data leaks, tighter environmental regulation, the withdrawal of the Cranium Shopping Mall takeover, and the collapse of the Harcastle property deal, the Company Company has officially announced its plans to downsize their operation in Museford. CEO Cassandra O'Leary made a public statement from her Museford Residence on Forgetmenot Hill:

"Though we wholeheartedly disagree with the judge's decision, we are of course going to comply to the fullest extent of the law. As a result of this decision, we are scaling back operations in Museford. Whilst we regret that this will result in the closure of numerous businesses and the layoff of thousands of workers, we find the situation at every level of Museford's governance

unacceptable with our business standards. Thank you to all of our hardworking employees and rest assured we remain committed to the highest level of customer service."

Though the Company has retained some presence in Museford, rumours abound that the Museford Cheese Marketing Board, flush with cash from the recent stadium sale (which the Company has resold back to them at a loss) and a sudden surge in demand for artisan cheese, intends to buy out them out. Only time will tell what the future holds for the Museford branch of the Company Company.

*Inside: "BUT THE HOUSING PRICES???" (pg. 2)*

## **The Curious Case of the Murders of Museford**

*- Diana Dawkings, Ed in Chief*

The Museford police department announced just hours ago that they have arrested the murderer of local legend Chad Donovan, revealing that it is none other than Linus Ficknaire, owner and proprietor of Ficknaire's Fantastic Fantasies. A confession gained from Mr Ficknaire by IPP (International Psychic Police) Special Agent Coffey O'Mooney confirmed that the motive behind the killing of Museford's most beloved hero was the same as always: money. Mr Ficknaire would receive regular sums of money in return for hiding the heritage of Linus' supposed son, in truth, the secret child of Lord and Lady Harcastle, and heir to the Harcastle fortune! Our beloved Chad discovered the truth and was silenced for it. Although Agent O'Mooney was unwilling to comment, her partner, Constable Sireen el-Aly, had this to say: "Um, whattup Museford! Sireen 'ere! Its like total brill that we caught the

murderer - he's a totally tosser like. Me and me partner Coff, we're awesome, totally kicked butt, they gave me a new hat, justice dun, and, er.... don't mess with Muse-PD yo! We' on it! Peace out." Constable Sireen would later receive a promotion to Sergeant (Detective in Training) for her "outstanding contributions to the force," as her superior, Sergeant Ascloun, put it.

The arrest of Mr Ficknaire brings only the smallest of consolation to the weeping hearts of thousands of Musefordians, but it is consolation nonetheless. Also consoled are the Bowers family, whose husband and father, Victor Bowers, was also murdered by Mr Ficknaire when he uncovered the same secret and attempted to blackmail Mr Ficknaire.

*Inside: "Sergeant Sireen shows of her kung-fu" (pg. 7)*

## **Receptives Receive**

*- Bill Bryan, Journalist*

Numerous sources have reported to Muse-News Now! that so-called unreceptives (those receptives who lost the ability to host over the last few weeks) have now returned to full receptibility. The Head and Heart Hospital has called for anyone who begins to experience these symptoms again to immediately come to the hospital, but inside sources have reported that cases have

dropped to zero overnight. The exact cause of the condition, and its sudden solution, are not precisely known, though some blame the effect on three types of novel psychic Entities interacting in previously undocumented ways to block psychics from entering Headspace, known colloquially as Chromas, Phages, and Vores.

## **Cranium Conference Closing Day**

*- Felicity Entwhistle, psychic corresponant*

This week brings the annual Cranium Conference (formerly Company Company Conference, formerly Cranium Conference) to a close. Though the conference has been described as "unorthodox" this year by some attendees, the people it helped, the stories it enabled us to tell, and the relationships it allowed to blossom will undoubtedly remain in our hearts long after the final meeting. And what better way to end it all than with a Headspace party? Did someone say psychic shots?!

*Inside: "The curious characters of the Cranium Conference: An in-depth review of the attendees" (pg. 14)*

## **Justice for Clio!**

*- Coriander Stern, educational analyst*

"Evidence has emerged that the former Chancellor of Museford City University, Clio (7), was in fact INNOCENT of the poo-related scandal that forced her impeachment and untimely removal. Scientists from the MCU department of scatology have conducted a DNA analysis of the offending deposit in the university library, and found that it in fact belonged to Schubert the Schnauzer, the mascot of MCU marching band. The MCU board have offered a formal apology to Clio, but while a spokesperson for the former university leader said they were "pleased this terrible miscarriage of justice was overturned", they will not be returning to high office, and instead will retire from politics to focus on her traditional support role and games of fetch the stick. "