

Royal Homeland Constabulary – Event Report

Reporting Officer: Sgt. Kirk Fleetfoot. Superior Officer: Assistant Chief Inspector Stover Delft.

Reporting Unit: RHC Gold. Report Number: #001. Report Date: Saturday, 20 Apet, 500 A.O.V.

Incident #1: Crowd Security for the Maiden Launch of the R.N.S. Coaltongue.

Time: Approximately 6:00 p.m. on the evening of Saturday, 13 Apet, 500.

Location: Royal Square, Central District, Flint, Risur.

Attending Officers: Constable Sgt. Kirk Fleetfoot, Constable Cpl. Rene Bosson, Deputy Constable Irony, Deputy Constable Doran, Deputy Constable Rai.

Incident Details: At the indicated time and place, the attending officers were assisting Risuri policy in maintaining the first of two checkpoints for the christening and maiden launch of the R.N.S. Coaltongue. The event was the culmination of weeks of RHC preparation, including site preparation, background checks, coordination with the local police, and the development of a threat profile. Members of RHC Gold canvassed the crowd shortly before the arrival of important dignitaries in order to preserve the integrity and safety of the event.

Constable Irony began by briefing the police cordon on the threat profile developed by the RHC. Possible threats included four separate groups: dockers, primalists, fey terrorists, or anti-Danoran war veterans.

After approximately 30 minutes of investigation, the team discovered three suspects displaying overtly suspicious behavior. Interrogation of these surly dockers confirmed their ill intentions, as well as the existent of a fourth man. At this point, the crowd began moving through the checkpoint, before RHC Gold could locate the final suspect.

After the maximum number of spectators was allowed through the checkpoint, another individual approached the police attempting to get through. Thames Grimsley, a docker, relayed to the RHC the intentions and motives of the suspects, as well as the identity of the fourth man.

Through the urging of our constables, each of the perpetrators surrendered to the police peacefully. They were arrested and taken to RHC headquarters for further interrogation.

Offending Perpetrators: 1. Jim Coulton, male human docker, age 44, 5'3". Charged with conspiracy to incite violence, recklessness, and public endangerment. Currently confined at RHC Flint Headquarters awaiting judgment.

2. Role Mercliffe, male human docker, age 44, 5'5". Charged with conspiracy to incite violence, recklessness, and public endangerment. Currently confined at RHC Flint Headquarters awaiting judgment.

3. Mario Iscalio, male human docker, age 28, 5'6". Charged with conspiracy to incite violence, recklessness, and public endangerment. Currently confined at RHC Flint Headquarters awaiting judgment.

4. Johan Dapton, male human docker, age 50, 5'5". Charged with conspiracy to incite violence, recklessness, and public endangerment. Currently confined at RHC Flint Headquarters awaiting judgment.

Interrogation Reports: Classified.

Casualties: None.

Persons of Interest: Thames Grimsley, male human docker, age 53, 5'7". A grizzled sailor, still with a full head of hair in his early 50s, Grimsley acts as head of a nascent dock workers guild in Flint. Though he only worked the docks in his youth, Grimsley spent decades sailing—primarily as captain of a ferry service in Flint's harbor, but with a stint in the navy during the Last Yerasol War. He took a gash from a policeman's knife on the side of his face in the last big docker riot, and since then has tried to organize a unified front for the dockers' concerns. A couple of months working at a theater as a child gave him a very stylized public speaking voice, one full of unnecessary, melodramatic pauses. Grimsley requested that the reporting officer

deliver a message to Flint Governor Roland Stanfield. The dockers say that his people are tired of the local police harassing them. In addition, some dockers have been arrested for refusing to work additional shifts for the nobles. Grimsley warns that his people are restless, and unless the Governor acts quickly, there may be riots.

Incident #2: R.N.S. Coaltongue Sabotage and Assassination Attempt.

Time: Approximately 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. on the evening of Saturday, 13 Apet, 500.

Location: R.N.S. Coaltongue, Avery Sea, North of the Ayers Islands, Flint, Risur.

Attending Officers: Constable Sgt. Kirk Fleetfoot, Constable Cpl. Rene Bosson, Deputy Constable Irony, Deputy Constable Doran, Deputy Constable Rai.

Incident Details: Following Incident #1, Assistant Chief Inspector Stover Delft requested that the attending officers provide additional security detail aboard the R.N.S. Coaltongue during its maiden voyage. Inspector Delft began by introducing RHC Gold to Principal Minister Harkover Lee. Following the arrival of dignitaries, including Geoff Masarde, Captain Rutger Smith, Duchess Ethelyn of Shale, Governor Roland Stanfield, and King Aodhan, the vessel departed at approximately 8:00 P.M.

Shortly after departure, the attending officers were allowed to interact with the party-goers. At this time, the reporting officer delivered Thames Grimsley's message to Governor Stanfield. Constable Bosson (Bellicose) also questioned engineer and ship designer Geoff Masarde about the design of the ship and its armaments. Shortly thereafter, Constable Irony was approached by Duchess Ethelyn of Shale and her handmaiden, Sokana Rell, with a request. Complaining of a headache, the Duchess requested a private room to take a nap before King Aodhan addressed those at the event. Irony complied and had ship security escort the Duchess to a free room, with the understanding that the Duchess would return by the start of the King's speech and security would be discreetly keeping an eye on her.

Before arriving at the ships' destination, RHC Gold was offered a tour of the Coaltongue by Liaison Petty Officer Elian Aughtbrook. The Petty Officer took the group through each of the three lower decks: the gun deck, the berth deck, and the engine deck. Divianne Athel, the guard stationed in front of the magazine on the berth deck, described the contents of the magazine and the fire wards designed to protect it. Fitzcarrin Luckshore, an engineer in the engine room, described the operation and design of engine and various valves and pipes. The reporting officer questioned specifically the possible vulnerabilities of the ship. After greeting the two other guards comprising the skeleton crew, the attending officers left Elian Aughtbrook to return to the main deck.

At approximately 9:00 p.m., the R.N.S. Coaltongue and its escort reached their destination. While the majority of the crew prepared food and musical entertainment, RHC Gold maintained vigilance. Presumably during this time, the Duchess and her agents began enacting their plan of sabotage, assassination, and terrorism. Rian Jenner and Dietrich Ostman, engineers and primal sympathists, killed engineers Fitzcarrin Luckshore and Harry Cooper and began sabotaging the boiler by shoveling excess amounts of firegeoms into it. Ilton Halfman, an assassin posing as the ship's chef, began murdering the remaining skeleton crew, including Petty Officer Aughtbrook and Sailor Athel. Future interrogation revealed that Sokana Rell and Duchess Ethelyn channeled a ritual, Affect Normal Fires, into an amber rod intended to speed up the detonation of the engine boiler. While the Duchess escaped, Sokana was tasked with removing the protective fire wards from the magazine and throwing the amber rod into the already critical boiler.

Meanwhile, Inspector Delft had grown suspicious of the Duchess's whereabouts with the impending speech from the King. He sent Constable Irony down to retrieve the Duchess and her handmaiden. At approximately the same time, the reporting officer requested that Constable Bellicose collect a plate of food to bring to Divianne Athel, who had previously mentioned wanting something to eat. Upon arriving at the magazine, Bellicose discovered that the sailor was not at her post. Inspecting the interior of the magazine, Bellicose discovered the bodies of Athel, Aughtbrook, and guards Longshore and Froth.

Bellicose reported to his superior officer. Irony, having been rebuffed by Mrs. Rell after her attempts to retrieve the Duchess, reported to Inspector Delft. The reporting officer sent Constables Bellicose and Doran to check the engine room, while he also reported to Inspector Delft. The Inspector was quite clear to both Irony and the reporting officer that RHC Gold would have to deal with the situation until such time that it escalated beyond their control. At this time, the remaining constables, Kirk, Irony, and Rai, proceeded below decks, just as the military band began playing the Risuri national anthem. The loud music would mask the subsequent events below decks.

Constables Bellicose and Doran first confronted the saboteurs when they witnessed false engineers shoveling firegeoms into the boiler. Bellicose immediately drew his musket on the individuals and requested that they cease and desist. Rai and the reporting officer were inspecting the condition of the bodies in the magazine and Irony discovered that the Duchess's room was empty, when Sokana and Ilton began their assault on the magazine. Fighting broke out subsequently.

During the battle, the danger to the magazine and engine room escalated. Through a combination of the amber rod and the ability to rust the emergency release valves shut, Sokana was able to set the Coal tongue on a path of sure destruction. However, amidst steam and flaming elemental creatures, RHC Gold was able to incapacitate and bind each of the terrorists.

In the aftermath of combat, Constable Bellicose retrieved the amber rod from the furnace and began removing firegeoms in order to postpone the meltdown. Rai replaced the fire wards and guarded the magazine, Doran collected and restrained each of the unconscious saboteurs, and Irony went up deck to apprise Inspector Delft of the situation. The reporting officer attempted to assist and oversee in each of these tasks. As the situation continued to escalate despite the best efforts of Bellicose and Doran, Irony rightfully pulled in engineer Geoff Masarde to assist. The reporting officer relayed a plan to prevent the destruction of the ship; based on previous testimony by Masarde, it was determined that the best option would be to channel the excess energy from the boiler into the above decks capacitor and fire the brand, despite the system not being calibrated.

Irony and Doran assisted Masarde in quickly calibrating and operating the capacitor. Ironically, at the crescendo of the national anthem, the brand was fired, and crisis was averted. Quickly and intelligently, King Aodhan excused the display as a planned demonstration of the ship's technology.

RHC Gold was subsequently debriefed, the prisoners were dealt with by the police, and the King was able to give his speech without disruption, revealing that Risur plans to sign a peace treaty with Danor, and the King will marry a Danoran noble at a peace summit one year hence. Unfortunately, the mastermind behind the entire incident, Duchess Ethelyn, easily escaped.

Offending Perpetrators: 1. Duchess Ethelyn of Shale, female human noble, age 64, 5'4". Charged with conspiracy, terrorism, attempted regicide, treason, murder, and acts of war. Currently at-large. This dark-skinned, distinguished woman of her 60s speaks with a poet's precision, always pausing to consider her words before speaking, which helps those she's speaking to feel like she's giving them her full attention. She dislikes industry and wears extravagant diamond cluster earrings—representing the stars of the night sky—to show her allegiance to the old ways. Accounts tell of her possessing many different types of magic, though many of these could be exaggerated.

2. Sokana Rell, female eladrin handmaiden, age 56, 5'7". Charged with conspiracy, terrorism, attempted regicide, treason, murder, and acts of war. Currently in the custody of the Flint RHC, awaiting judgment. Though in her 50s, this eladrin woman looks to be in her 20s. In the Third Yerasol War, Sokana was rescued by the Duchess—then just a sorceress in the Risuri military—from the island plantation of a rich Danoran, who had kept her as a trophy wife. Sokana settled with an elven family in Risur, hiding her true identity to avoid retaliation by the Danorans. The duchess helped her rediscover her Fey roots, though Sokana only displayed a marginal talent with magic. Today she passes as an elf woman, but when she uses magic her eyes flare an unearthly azure.

3. Ilton Halfman, male halfling assassin, age 38, 3'11". Charged with conspiracy, terrorism, attempted regicide, treason, murder, and acts of war. Currently in the custody of the Flint RHC, awaiting judgment.

4. Rian Jenner, male human engineer, age 28, 5'11". Charged with conspiracy, terrorism, attempted regicide, treason, murder, and acts of war. Currently in the custody of the Flint RHC, awaiting judgment.

5. Dietrich Ostman, male human engineer, age 41, 5'9". Charged with conspiracy, terrorism, attempted regicide, treason, murder, and acts of war. Currently in the custody of the Flint RHC, awaiting judgment.

Interrogation reports: Classified.

Casualties: 1. Elian Aughtbrook, male human Petty Officer, Risuri Navy, age 33, 5'7". Lacerations to shins, legs, and arms. Stab wounds in back from 16" kitchen knife laced with poison. Deceased. Presumed murdered by Ilton Halfman.

2. Divianne Athel, female human Sailor, Risuri Navy, age 21, 5'2". Lacerations to chest, face, and arms. Stab wound in lower right abdominal region from 16" kitchen knife laced with poison. Deceased. Presumed murdered by Ilton Halfman.

3. Robin Longshore, female elf Sailor, Risuri Navy, age 47, 5'6". Laceration across leg tendons. Boot marks on stomach and chest. Laceration across throat from 16" kitchen knife laced with poison. Deceased. Presumed murdered by Ilton Halfman.

4. John Froth, male human Sailor, Risuri Navy, age 24, 6'0". Stab wounds in calves, thighs, and buttocks. Stab wound in upper back from 16" kitchen knife laced with poison. Deceased. Presumed murdered by Ilton Halfman.

5. Fitzcarril Luckshore, male human engineer, Risuri Navy, age 20, 5'10". Charred bones recovered from Coal Tongue furnace. Cracked skull indicates a possible bludgeon in back of head from a heavy object, possibly a ship wrench. Deceased. Presumed murdered by Rian Jenner and Dietrich Ostman.

6. Harry Cooper, male human engineer, Risuri Navy, age 58, 5'4". Charred bones recovered from Coal Tongue furnace. Damaged eye socket and marks on the back interior of the skull indicate the individual was stabbed in the eye with a long metal object, possibly a hot metal stoker. Deceased. Presumed murdered by Rian Jenner and Dietrich Ostman.

Persons of Interest: 1. Stover Delft, male human Assistant Chief Inspector, Royal Homeland Constabulary, age 42, 5'5". A local Flinter in his early 40s, Delft is generally good-natured to his subordinates, but has a penchant for grousing about people behind their backs. He gets squinty and condescending when his authority is questioned, but he can recognize talent and good work. A much better manager than investigator, Delft has advanced this far in the Constabulary by finding good agents, supporting them on difficult missions, and sharing the accolades from their successes. Delft chews tobacco, and thinks he looks charming if he grins while sucking on tobacco juices. He walks with a cane because a mantic tore a chunk out of his leg fifteen years ago. He has a habit of poking inanimate objects with the cane before he gets too close to them, and spitting on them when he wants to be extra sure.

2. Harkover Lee, male human mage, Principal Minister of Risur, age 65, 6'2". Perhaps the most powerful mage in Risur, Lee acts as King Aodhan's bodyguard and chief of staff. Straight-backed and virile despite being in his 60s, Lee has a slight Ber-tinged accent, and was said to be quite the lady-killer in his youth. He always dresses in reds and golds and carries a solid gold wizard's orb tucked into his robes. He never eats or drinks in public.

3. Geoff Masarde, male tiefling chief engineer, age 44, 5'8". A 40-something tiefling with an airy voice and a fondness for wine that outmatches his ability to handle his alcohol, Masarde is one of a handful of Danoran tieflings working for the Risuri military to help construct warships and other weapons. He has few kind words for his homeland. He is fascinated with ice, and carries a wand given him as a gift by a Drakran train engineer, which can chill small objects with a touch. Mostly he just uses it as a novelty to cool beverages.

4. Rutger Smith, male human Captain, Risuri Navy, age 37, 5'9". The bold and idealistic captain of the R.N.S. Impossible, Captain Smith earned his first command five years ago. Now 37, he has never led his ship into battle. That, combined with his fondness for the Malice-era philosophical writings of the monk William Miller, has made him the target of mockery by more established naval officers. Smith seems content to just drill his crew twice as hard, encouraging them with philosophical aphorisms between puffs on a cigar.

5. Roland Stanfield, male deva Governor, Flint, age 51, 5'9". Stanfield witnessed the fall of the eladrin goddess Srasama five hundred years ago and died soon thereafter in the chaos of Elfaivar's fall. But he reincarnated, restored to life by a sliver of the divine power he absorbed when Srasama was slain. His memories vague and jumbled, he found his way back to his homeland of Risur and eventually settled in Flint, then just a modest coastal port. In the centuries since he has died with irregular intervals, and with each rebirth he returned to the city he calls home. For most of that time he has served as Flint's governor, having constantly striven to improve himself with each life, from a simple warrior, to a humble leader, to an educated renaissance man nimbly handling the complex challenges of the fastest-growing city in the world. Stanfield wears a near-constant expression of contented optimism, but still occasionally complains of a war wound he took to his back in his first life.

6. King Aodhan, male human Monarch, Risur, age 73, 6'0". Now in his 70s, the current king of Risur looks rather unassuming. He prefers to resolve disputes by being cool-headed and rationally persuading those who will listen to his side. For those who won't, he's shrewd enough to give them a sliver of what they want and then distract them with harmless endeavors while those worth dealing with get the job done. Despite all this, though, he trains regularly to keep his stamina and swordplay robust, and the rites of rulership grant him daunting magical powers.

Development #1: Calibration of the R.N.S. Coaltongue.

Time: Approximately 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 16 Apet, 500.

Location: R.N.S. Coaltongue, Avery Sea, North of the Ayers Islands, Flint, Risur.

Attending Officers: Constable Sgt. Kirk Fleetfoot.

Development Details: The calibration of the brand was 100% successful, replicating the operational efficiency of the first firing. In the opinion of the reporting officer, the Coaltongue will be an unparalleled deterrent. In addition, based on the testimony of the original attending officers from Incident #2 addressed in this report, Geoff Masarde and his engineers were able to make security and technological improvements to the design of the ship and its armaments.

Development #2: Mission to Axis Island.

Time: Approximately 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, 20 Apet, 500.

Location: RHC Headquarters, Central District, Flint, Risur.

Attending Officers: Constable Sgt. Kirk Fleetfoot, Constable Cpl. Rene Bosson, Deputy Constable Irony, Deputy Constable Doran, Deputy Constable Rai.

Development Details: While preparing and filing paperwork on a late Saturday afternoon after a very busy week of conducting investigations and following up leads, the attending officers were called into the office of Assistant Chief Inspector Stover Delft, where they were greeted by the Inspector and a tiefling Danoran diplomat by the name of Lya Jierre. Deputy Constable Doran was easily able to solve the diplomat's presented puzzle by thinking in three dimensions, at which point she presented the unit of RHC Gold with a special mission.

It appears that the Duchess Ethelyn of Shale and her allies have captured a Danoran island in the Yerasol Archipelago called Axis Island. The Danorans have factories, a shipyard, and a port on the island that are now under the Duchess's control. The Danorans themselves are not able to retake the island without declaration of war from their congress. Thus, Lya is requesting that a Risuri force, of which the

attending officers will be a part, retake the island from the Duchess and immediately return it to Danoran hands.

The plan is to infiltrate the seawall, defeat any resistance, and open the island's harbor to awaiting Naval forces. The main hindrance of this plan is that Risur has but three days to accomplish this mission, after a two-day journey, against a backdrop of a primal island where compasses spin uncontrollably, and the island itself battles its occupants. In addition, Ms. Jierre wishes that the RHC find and protect her cousin Nathan Jierre as a personal request.

The attending officers will ship out for Axis Island with other Risuri forces subsequently.

Persons of Interest: 1. Lya Jierre, female tiefling Minister of Outsiders, Danor, age 28, 5'8". Lya Jierre is an envoy from Danor seeking peace with Risur. She is a famous and cunning graduate from the Jierre Sciens d'Arms military academy, from which she wrote her well-known thesis called "Field Study of Melee Effectiveness and Foe Debilitation through Focused Limb Severance Techniques Contrasted with Mainstream Opportunistic Technique." Indeed, her weapon is an unusual mechanical rapier featuring a rod with an edge of mithral wire, which acts as a reciprocating vorpal blade when the trigger alongside the grip is pulled. Lya calls this "the finest of Danoran technology."

Development #3: Requisitions and Supply for Axis Island Mission.

Time: Approximately 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, 20 Apet, 500.

Location: RHC Headquarters, Central District, Flint, Risur.

Attending Officers: Constable Sgt. Kirk Fleetfoot, Constable Cpl. Rene Bosson, Deputy Constable Irony, Deputy Constable Doran, Deputy Constable Rai.

Development Details: Following the events of Development #3, Inspector Delft presented the attending officers with 728 gp each for requisition and supply. First, each constable requisitioned one unusual or hard-to-obtain item that will be unavailable for the Axis Island mission. Of course, the diplomatic talents of Constable Irony put her at the front of the line, so she can expect her requisition to be available in about a week, while the rest of the attending officers will have to wait a month. The requisitions were as follows:

- ❖ Kirk : +1 Vanguard Rapier, Level 3 Uncommon, 680 gp. Arrival on 20 Mavisha, 500.
- ❖ Bellicose: +1 Targeting Rifle, Level 3 Uncommon, 680 gp. Arrival on 20 Mavisha, 500.
- ❖ Rai: +1 Leather Armor of Aegis Expansion, Level 2 Uncommon, 520 gp. Arrival on 20 Mavisha, 500.
- ❖ Doran: Acrobat Boots, Level 2 Uncommon, 520 gp. Arrival on 20 Mavisha, 500.
- ❖ Irony: +1 Farbond Spellblade Longsword, Level 2 Uncommon, 520 gp. Arrival on 27 Apet, 500.

While awaiting the arrival of requisitioned items, the attending officers checked out items from the RHC armory in order to be properly outfitted and equipped for the subsequent mission. The items checked out were as follows, with the item costs paid in full at the time of receipt:

- ❖ Kirk : +1 Military Rapier, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. +1 Leather Body Armor, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. Sidearm Pistol and 20 Rounds, Level 0 Common, 26 gp. Receipt: 746 gp, 20 Apet, RHC.
- ❖ Bellicose: +1 Self-Assembled Rifle, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. +1 Fey Charm, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. Receipt: 720 gp, 20 Apet, RHC.
- ❖ Rai: +1 Leather Body Armor, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. +1 Fey Charm, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. Receipt: 720 gp, 20 Apet, RHC.
- ❖ Doran: +1 Military Longsword, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. +1 Fey Charm, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. Receipt: 720 gp, 20 Apet, RHC.
- ❖ Irony: +1 Reinforced Crocodile Hide, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. +1 Fey Charm, Level 1 Common, 360 gp. Receipt: 720 gp, 20 Apet, RHC.

The attending officers having been equipped, the reporting officer respectfully concludes this report to be submitted to the superior officer at approximately 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, 13 Apet, 500, and is ready to report to duty to Captain Rutger Smith of the R.N.S. Impossible.

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