

# Yesterday's News

## Exhibit E

## **Baroness dead!** **Police suspect foul play**

Distinguished archaeologist Baroness Audry Von Munchen died last week. Her maid, Miss Linda Lovitt, found her dead in bed when bringing in her breakfast. An enquiry into the death has been set up and is being led by Inspector Clu d'Eau - a bumbling idiot who, it has been suggested, could not organise a drinks party in a brewery. The police are already describing the death as 'suspicious'.

## **Obituary:** **Baroness** **Audry von** **Munchen**



The Baroness died at the age of sixty-seven, after leading a most extraordinary life. She moved to England from Germany in her early twenties and soon became known as an accomplished historian and archaeologist.

Her fame in the antiques world was accentuated last year after her extremely successful excavation of a site near the ancient city of Antioch in Turkey. Some of the remarkable relics she uncovered are described on the left.

The Baroness did once marry, but it is believed her husband died very soon afterwards. She rarely talked about him. There are no known heirs to her fortune and it is believed that all the money raised by the sale of her relics will go to her favourite charity, C.O.N.S. (the Care of Newborns Society).

On behalf of us all at Yesterday's News, may I say that she will be sorely missed.

**John Doe**

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## AUCTION OF THE YEAR



Following the tragic death of the Baroness Audry Von Munchen, three of her glorious relics are to be auctioned.

A fourth relic, the 'Brooch of Salaar', went missing on the night she died. Its value is much reduced now that it is stolen property but perhaps it will resurface at the auction and be legally sold.

The auction is expected to attract interest from a wide variety of people including a Cardinal and several antiques dealers. Expect the bidding to be high.

The Baroness found all these the relics herself on her expedition in Turkey last year. All date from early Medieval times and have "good provenance" as all are described in "Semper Malum" - Geoffrey The Unwell's illuminating account of his visit to Antioch in 1124 A.D.

The Baroness no doubt paid the Turkish authorities a large sum of money to claim ownership of the items and take them home with her. Finding is one thing. Keeping another!

### THE RELICS

#### **The Cross of Unity**

The Cross belonged to Robert Curthose who carried it with him on the First Crusade to help keep his fellow knights united in faith. He threw it in a ditch after one of them insulted him. It has been missing ever since.



#### **The Japanese Sword**

Legend has it that this weapon once belonged to an aide to the Emperor of Japan. After a breach of the Samurai code, the aide was banished and fought as a mercenary for the Crusaders.



#### **The Crown of Salaar**

Salaar was a Seljuk leader who died in battle while trying to stop his crown from falling off. This is believed to be that crown.



#### **The Brooch of Salaar**

The Brooch is also believed to have belonged to Salaar. It has now gone missing and can only be sold at the auction if someone finds it and returns it.



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