

# DAILY PROPHET

## DOWNTOWN DESTRUCTION SENDS NEW YORK INTO PANIC!

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Downtown New York was ripped apart by a mysterious dark magic that has left the most magical magnificent minds mystified.

On Tuesday 8th May, around 11am, an unknown dark magic ripped apart the once grand Merryweather apartment block in Downtown New York. At first, the ground trembled but within seconds the force had built up to a devastating crescendo that reduced the apartment block to nothing but dust and rubble. A confused muggle, Mr Jones, told our reporter, "It was like hell on earth, bricks were flying like birds and a gigantic crack splintered the entire building in two... I was so lucky to get out alive."

Despite being terrified, Mr Jones remained at the scene, only to encounter further devastation as he helplessly watched the ground tremble to reveal a swirling mass of, 'black smoke with demonic eyes' which tore through what was left of the Merryweather apartment block. Shaking whilst describing the scene, Mr Jones claimed that the air was pierced with a high pitched wail, as the dark force savagely tore down Chester Street, ripping it open like a zip and leaving a deep ravine separating the two sides of the road. Meanwhile, terrified drivers gripped their steering wheels tightly as cars were scattered like marbles and pedestrians dashed for cover from the falling masonry and shattered glass.

Silas Thorngreen, a local wand maker, described the scene to reporters, "Pettrified muggles were running in all directions screaming and clutching their loved ones near. Some elderly residents were emerging from piles of rubble with hollow vacant eyes. I hope the Ministry of Magic will find out what is going on."

Members of the wizarding community are eagerly awaiting a response from the Ministry as to what this dark magic could be. An elderly Auror, Mortimus Morello, told our reporter, "People should be very afraid. The last time I saw dark magic like this was in the late 15<sup>th</sup> Century and it very nearly destroyed the world as we know it. If the Ministry doesn't act fast who knows what will happen?"

So far the Ministry is still yet to comment. Just what was the swirling mass of dark magic and how can wizards defend themselves against such an evil force? One thing is sure... the world as we know it is not safe anymore.