

THE COSMIC BALANCE



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PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the West where most of the combat has occurred. Starting in the generally unpleasant region of Mireland we see the Trekkers (Lawful Terminator Humans) defeating a fleeing Lions Of The North (Wicca worshipping Humans) in a running battle through the swamps. Several days later at the nearby city of Hesh T'eerakk the Wyraxian (Lawful Terminator Giants) smashed One-eyed Jacks (Trimorph worshipping CSA Humans).

On the Illyrian plain the city of Andar saw a number of important battles. In the first the Lions Of The North (several days after their previous engagement) defeated the Free Company (Lawful Terminator Humans). Almost a week later the feared Wolverine Psychos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) attempted to storm Andar (Humans) itself only to be turned back more through exhaustion than anything else. The devastated city defenders are unlikely to survive another attack. At about the same time as the Andar assault the Lupine Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) destroyed the undefended masses of the battered Free Company.

* Late-Breaking News! * Just before we went to press it was learned that Urotsukidoji (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Humans) defeated Jihad (Lawful Terminator Humans) on the Illyrian plain outside of Stormhold.

Moving to the Central region, the isle of Mycenea saw the first round of combat as Thunder (Lawful Terminator Humans) had only marginal success in chasing down the fleeing Short Arm Of Chaos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Orcs). More than two weeks later on the Isle Of Mist the mighty Mental Militia (Chaotic Kodan Raman Orcs) stormed the city of Atlantis (Lawful Terminator Humans) despite a spirited defense. The city fell but was not garrisoned

In the East, on the Crystal Plains outside the city of Narga Thum, Arty's Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) defeated the 1st Lysandrian Guard (Lawful Terminator Giants).

In the region known as Kythos outside the city of Trevington, Silent Covenant (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) defeated White Guardian (Lawful Terminator Centaurs).

LORASIANEWS

On the Vardian Plain outside the city of Kaffa the Knights Of The Rose (Cosmic Balance worshipping ICON Humans) smashed the Windriders (Humans).

On the Agerian Plain outside Kingston, Graybeard's Raiders (Lawful Guardians Dwarves) devastated Last Rights (Chaotic ACE Vampires). Two weeks later they launched a second attack that completely eliminated the once feared Vampire menace.

In the Pryma Forest outside of Morlok'ced, Tonatiuh's Torch (Kobolds) destroyed the remnants of Dreknexar's Horde (Vampires).

More than two weeks after their previous attack Tonatiuh's Torch launched another, this time on the Nulean Plain outside Port Royale. This time their target was the mighty Wolf Pack (Trimorph worshipping Gnolls of the Triad alliance), a force of four hundred heavy troops. After a costly battle the Kobolds proved victorious.

PANAGEARUMORS

The Kodan Raman has lost all direction and their armies wander aimlessly.

The leader of Narga Thum has become a toady of the Kodan Raman, granting them carte blanche to do as they will in exchange for his life. COWARD!

The Kill-Terminate alliance has been formed with a stated goal to eliminate the Kodan Raman.

The floundering KIL invasion force has resorted to negotiations with the Terminators to help them get established. Talk about strange bedfellows....

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The Kodan Raman is led by a flea-bitten mutt.

The Terminators aren't called that for nothing!

The Chaotic cities are falling one by one.

Everyone's a critic. The Kodan Raman despises critics.

LORASIA RUMORS

Dragonmen make fine mercenaries, as long as they enjoy regular feasts otherwise they tend to feast on whoever is close at hand!

ACE is looking for you.

Conflict levels are intensifying with increased alliance involvement. Global warfare is in the offing.

The Crystalian Warriors are about to take over Lorasias!

Vampires are now on the endangered species list.

A new class of Battlemage combined with the new battle spells makes for a KILLER combination.

City building is developing at a prodigious rate. Welcome to the age of suburbia!

BULLETINBOARD

PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

For those who care, and those who know me, I have returned! My address and phone number follow. Would like to contact old friends and members of the Kodan Raman.

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: Commander A#473 Zurwagen
From: C#732 Gideon Arkynsword Servus Servorum

On behalf of the Houynymen and the Revenants League, two Lawful Empires, allow me to publicly express our admiration of and gratitude for the splendid road your organization constructed. Well done! The road between Magdenheim and Port Royale will make everyone's life easier and increase the economic development of the region.

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

The Crystalian Warriors are looking for Lawful/Neutral armies to join this up and coming alliance. Do you have leadership abilities and would like to be given a chance to show your talent? Or maybe you like to help others with bonuses, skills, etc. so they succeed? Is planning and/or information gathering your specialty? Then the C.W. wants to talk to you! We believe communication is top priority to having an alliance that works and stays together. Interested parties can contact me via diplo at A#179 K-9 Knights or snail mail at:

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Response to notice in Oct. 2000 CB

To the Chao"ticks" ACE leader, Decapitator:

I find your October's CB notice a joke and very two-faced. In paragraph 3 you state, "A call to arms by any brethren is a call that MUST and WILL be answered." Then in the following paragraph you state, "Looking for support without pressure to perform." You want these readers to join you and your so-called progressive alliance to battle again and again and again until they, and you, get it right. I think the people are much too smart for that. Megalomania got what was coming to him, so don't try and recruit new armies for your revenge. The void cannot be filled with deceit or lies. But I guess that is why you are Chaotick, even to the point of attacking your own kind.

The On-Looker

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

The alliance of the Crystalian Warriors is looking for army bonuses, skills, and map info. Contact me via diplo at A#179 K-9 Knights or snail mail:

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We will answer any and all messages sent to us, so let's talk. All messages are confidential to ensure your privacy, so drop us a line. We are also open to suggestions, help, comments, or complaints. Long Live the Crystalian Warriors!

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Terminator II: Judgment Day
Are you ready to be judged?

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Greetings Clan Leaders

ICON is growing. We intend to establish ourselves here on C1.

If you wish for trade that benefits all, contact us.

If you are Neutral, we would like to show you how allying with us will serve "you".

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Open Letter to Yoshua Greybeard

From: C#732 Gideon Arkynsword, Servus Servorum

Hail Elder Greybeard!

Your magnificent declaration of intent in the October CB aroused much admiration in the hearts of those belonging to the Revenants League and the Houynymen. I beg to differ with you on just one point. There is no such thing as a humble Dwarf! Modest, yes; quiet, yes; but absolutely and rightfully proud of who you are! As Lawful Empires we too struggle against Chaos, best personified by the odious Layter, who needs both toilet training and a rabies shot. Perhaps we can help. Please contact Gideon Arkynsword S/S.

WHAT'S NEW — COD I & II

Having trouble keeping track of all the latest rule changes, hints and strategy articles published in the Cosmic Balance? Now available: "The Best Of The Cosmic Balance" covering Issues #126-#166 (more will be added as time permits). This publication is FREE for the asking when your request is accompanied by a turn or a payment to your account otherwise we ask \$1.00 to cover postage and handling. Another great service from your friends at ADVANCED GAMING ENTERPRISES.

SCORE CARD

Can't tell the players (ie. alliance abbreviations) without a score card? Here it is:

Panagea (COD I)

A.I.M. — Aegis In Malum (Latin for Shield Against Evil).

C.S.A. — Circle of Steel Alliance.

D.O.A. — Defenders of Aldaryn.

E.G.A. — Elderwood Guard Alliance.

L.O.O.T. — League of Orcs Ogres and Trolls. Sometimes also referred to as L.O.O.(G.)T. when Gnolls are included.

P.T.L. — Panagea Trade League

R.P.A. — Royal Panagean Alliance

S.W.A.R.M. — Shhvoon Worshipers And Respected Mariners.

Lorasia (COD II)

A.C.E. — All Chaos Explorers

C.W. — Crystalian Warriors

Guardians — Guardians of Destiny. Sometimes referred to as G.O.D.

F.R.C. — Fourth Reich of Chaos

ICON — Independent Confederation Of Neutrals

K.I.L. — Kobolds Invade Lorasia

R.O.C. — Reign Of Chaos

R.O.T. — Raging Odious Terror

S.O.B. — Soldiers Of Balance

REMINDER

It is important to remember that the newsletter now covers two different game worlds: PANAGEA (COD I) and LORASIA (COD II). All newsletter submissions (Player Notices or Rumors) should clearly be labeled indicating to which world they refer. Not only does this make the information more useful to the reader but it also helps to avoid confusion between two positions with the same ID Number (one in each game). As stated in the House Rules, materials for the next newsletter must be received by the 21st of the month. Diplomatic messages should also clearly indicate what world they are for.

COD ON-LINE

Our presence on the Internet is growing rapidly with a number of resources currently available.

If you want to learn about the happenings in the CRACK OF DOOM (I and II) check out the following message boards:

www.insidetheweb.com/mbs.cgi/mb144455
<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/conclavecodiichat>

Message Boards are a great way to share ideas and pick up the latest gaming gossip. As with anything you get of the internet — don't believe everything you read! When in doubt, ask the GM. Also, if you have an important comment, question or complaint, send it to AGE rather than posting a message as AGE does not supervise or manage these sites and your comments may never reach us and will be unlikely to get an official response.

If you want information on CTF2187 check out the following:

ORBO's CTF2187 HOME PAGE: Want to check out the latest CTF info including the current issue of the newsletter almost the same day it is published? How about player bios, many with color photos? All that plus lots of other useful information is available at the CTF website. Special thanks to Orbo (Rob Fackler) for his efforts in setting and maintaining this cool site: Check it out at:

<http://yourpage.blazenet.net/orbomaxx/ctfhome2.htm>

Brigadier General Them Bones [PN323] of the Berserkers [TM5] has set up a Chat Room at:

<http://clubs.yahoo.com/clubs/ctf2187>

He also has set up an email discussion list. For those of you unfamiliar with a mailing list, here is how it works. Folks interested in a common topic must JOIN (aka SUBSCRIBE TO) the list. All of these "members" will then receive all postings to this list and can also respond and/or post their own messages. All sorts of folks can have all sorts of topics going at the same time — so long as it is strictly CTF related.

To join, send a blank email to: CTF2187-subscribe@egroups.com.

If you prefer to get all of the postings in one "batch" mailing a day (rather than each one sent to you individually) then immediately send a SECOND email to: CTF2187-digest@egroups.com

Don't forget to check out the AGE site at:

<http://www.ageforfun.com>

POSTAGE RATE INCREASE

Effective January 7th, 2001, the United States Postal Service has announced a series of rate increases. The most relevant are as follows:

1st Class (a regular letter/turn/etc. for domestic and APO/FPO):

\$0.34 for the first ounce (about four pages)
\$0.21 for each additional ounce

Post Cards:

\$0.20 for domestic
\$0.50 for Canada or Mexico
\$0.70 for everywhere else

Priority Mail (2-3 day delivery, NOT guaranteed!):

\$3.50 for up to one pound (about 60 pages)
\$3.95 for up to two pounds

Express Mail (fast, trackable, guaranteed and automatically insured up to \$500 — ALWAYS sign the waiver!):

\$12.25 for up to a half pound (about 30 pages)
\$16.00 for up to two pounds

International Mail (ALWAYS mark envelope, front and back "AIRMAIL"):

\$0.50 Canada or Mexico, one ounce (about four pages)
\$0.80 All other countries, one ounce

Money Orders (for those that use them):

\$0.75 each, domestic (USA)
\$0.25 each, APO/FPO
\$3.25 each, international (ouch)

A new copy of the House Rules will soon be available and will reflect these changes. We may be raising our Priority Return Mail rate as a result of these increases.

SPREAD THE WORD

Do you know someone who might be interested in Play-By-Mail? Better yet, how about someone who might be interested in playing one of the games run by AGE (CTF, COD I, COD II)? If so, send us their name and address and we will send them our massive information package along with a special free gift. It's a great way to recruit a friend into the hobby.

**HAPPY NEW
YEAR!**

Best Wishes,

Debbie & Duane

