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PANAGEANEWS

This month saw most of the fighting occurring in the central region where we begin....

On the isle of Mycenea, Vulture Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) ambushed Fedaykin (Lawful Terminator Humans) in a MASSIVE battle involving more than 73,000 troops! The battle was very close (with a slight edge going to the Gnolls) and both sides made captures through raids on each other's baggage camps. The Trekkers (Lawful Terminator Humans) launched a quick counter attack but were defeated by the numerically superior Gnolls. The Wyraxian (Lawful Terminator Giants) attacked next and defeated the Vulture Legion in a close battle as again each side raided the other's baggage camp. Almost two weeks later outside the city of Mycene, Smasher (Lawful Terminator Humans) defeated Short Arm Of Chaos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Orcs).

In the Grimwall Range outside of Revelwood, Jaguar Brigade (Humans) and Northwind (Wicca worshipping Humans) teamed up to smash Durotrigan Corps (Lawful Elves).

The Numorean Sea saw a host of huge and perhaps decisive naval engagements. The first occurred when Clan Thaxton (Lawful Terminator Humans) ambushed the Pirates Of Panagea (Shhvoon worshipping SWARM Humans). In a battle that saw more than 130 ships and nearly 14,000 troops engaged, Clan Thaxton proved victorious. A week later [Ed: Remember, an Ambush occurs during the defender's turn] Clan Thaxton attacked again, severely mauling the already weakened Pirates Of Panagea fleet.

Fifty miles away a similar battle developed as the Bloodguard (Lawful Terminator Humans) ambushed Arty's Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls). This time the battle included more than 300 ships and approximately 21,000 troops and again the Terminators proved victorious. A week later, a follow up attack by the Bloodguard destroyed the remnants of Arty's Legion and resulted in the capture of nearly 100 ships!

Moving to Western Panagea, in the Tarakeen Forest, Grave Robbers (Trimorph worshipping CSA Giants) defeated the fleeing Holding Pattern (Lawful Terminator Humans).

Two hundred fifty miles away outside the city of Galandir, Mutton Birds (Giants) and Arn's Warriors (Chaotic CSA Giants) teamed up to defeat Forest Keepers (Lawful AIM Elves). Similarly, Lions Of The North (Wicca worshipping Humans) and Throbacs (Wicca worshipping Humans) teamed up to devastate Terabithian Peasants (Lawful AIM Elves).

LORASIANEWS

On the Isle of Quadro the 1st Pioneers (Lawful HARM Elves) defeated Rohirrim (Lawful Centuars) though their morale suffered for attacking fellow Lawfuls. Two weeks later the Kobolds Of The Seize (Chaotic KIL Kobolds) stormed and captured the city of Aztlan (Kobolds).

In the region known as Malundia at the city of Ez'zak, the Ratt Skinners (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins) defeated Ixataca (Kobolds). A week later, Ixataca was hit again, this time by the Tennessee Titans (ACE Titans) and was again defeated.

On the Vardian Plain outside of the town of Vardunon, Scarlet Knights (IRA, Cosmic Balance worshipping Vampires) defeated 1st Crimson Legion (Humans) as part of a recruiting drive. [Ed: Vampires don't "grow" like other races but increase their numbers by making converts — either voluntary or, as in this case, by force.] Two weeks later and 50 miles away Holy Graal (Lawful Humans) defeated 1st Thunder Legion (Cosmic Balance worshipping Humans).

In the Pryma Forest, Dwarven Axes (Lawful HARM Dwarves) and Clan Broadbelly (Lawful HARM Dwarves) teamed up to smash Putrid Punks (Chaotic Goblins).

In the Anvil Mountains, Jaws Of Thirst (Lawful HARM Gnolls) mauled Hissssteria (ROC Chaotic Lizara) in a lopsided battle.

PANAGEARUMORS

The Kodan Raman's big chance for victory was wrecked on the Numorean Sea.

The seas are a dangerous place to travel without adequate life insurance. Take out a policy with the Terminators. Death benefits are very generous.

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If you want to mess with the best, you will die like the rest.

Do Chaotic Gnolls know how to swim? Doesn't matter if you're dead.

Do Neutral Humans know how to swim? Doesn't matter if you're dead.

Did Arty's Legion have flood insurance?

Which is better? Salted Gnolls or tenderized Gnolls?

The biggest threat to Xanthor's safety is Xanthor's mouth.

Where did Crappy go? Xanthor's momma sat on him and he hasn't been seen since.

LORASIA RUMORS

K.I.L. planned its attack on Aztlan for a year.

HARM fears ICON attacks around Kaffa so they are abandoning Continent II.

KIL has played their hand, now let's see what Tlatoani has up his sleeve.

Prester John is just another ICON politician.

Cosmopolis spawned the K.I.L. seed.

KIL has unleashed the Genie, will it now haunt them?

Tlatoani, it's what's for dinner.

CAT is ACE, KIL, ROC, and ICON!

KIL has the Sword of Vectra.

Spider's Wort stands because Tlatoani didn't have the needed siege equipment!

Tonatiuh's made numerous classic errors and will pay for his "average" command skills.

I heard B. Guile had to ask his mama how to spell C.A.T. Who would have thought?

Greywind has caught the scent of one of CW's armies. What next?

B. Guile is really a neutral trying to keep the struggle going. Has anyone taken the bait yet?

I.R.A. thinks they are better than any Lawfuls or Chaotics. Anyone disagree?

HARM and NWO. Interesting concept...

ROC — Something witted this way comes — Ready to RRRumble. But who would HARM you?

BULLETINBOARD

PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

To: Law Slayer
From: Shogun Shu-Cho-Kan, CSA

Greetings Law Slayer. It is long since we have heard from your people. Please communicate with me through my "human" counterpart at the following email address: lanza@neosoft.com, or send a diplo with contact information to A#520 Urotsukidoji.

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PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

Talus Truebow opened his eyes and stared blearily at the ceiling of his hide tent. He rose shakily and yelled for his aides to bring him clothing. He was surprised when a horde of people burst into his tent, screaming and shouting in joy. First among them was his childhood friend and companion, Alinkar, a Sorcerer of Silvanus. He waved them all away except for his friend and got dressed. When he went to belt on his sword he noticed that it was flecked with rust. He made a mental note to have his aides disciplined for shirking their duties. He stepped outside and surveyed the campsite in shock. Troops were lounging around the campfires in broad daylight, guards were not posted, trash was scattered about and a bony old cow was grazing outside his tent. Instead of a thousand elite troops flying bright banners, only a few hundred Light Spearmen were evident, the banners were old, torn and faded.

"What happened?" He demanded. "Where are the rest of the troops?"

"Well, Sir, I would assume that you recall nothing of our previous battle," Alinkar explained. "Once the Goblin hordes hit us, the catapults were quickly overrun, the cavalry attempted to flank them but were turned back by their archers. They hit our lines in a wave of bodies but were were holding them until a Goblin Sorcerer dropped a Fireball into the middle of your staff. You and I were the only survivors, though you were unconscious. The Heavy Pikemen fought a rearguard action as our troops began a hasty retreat. They killed many hundreds but in the end were overwhelmed by the remaining thousands. The Heavy Bowmen retreated, but when they reached the baggage camp, they turned, drew their short swords, and fought to the last Elf to defend the non-warriors. The Goblins overran the baggage camp and slaughtered them all.

Fortunately, each non-warrior was wearing a camouflage cloak and many were able to get away and hide in the forest.”

“What of the Craftsmen?” Talus asked.

“The Craftsmen had circled the wagons around the baggage camp, and it was through their valiant sacrifice that many non-warriors were spared,” Alinkar replied.

Alinkar then detailed the long retreat. The tribe had left the forests and headed eastward, as far to the east as they could go. They only stopped when they reached the sea. There they had sat, for without leadership they could not determine what course to follow.

Talus gazed out at the camp, seeing the results of the defeat, the long miles, the lack of leadership.

“How long have I been out of it?” he whispered.

“Eight years,” Alinkar replied.

Talus fainted.

I have returned after a long absence. Those friends who wish to contact me can reach me via diplomatic correspondence at A#831 1st Seekers, or email me at kincaid41@aol.com.

Tim Kincaid

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Another Massacre
(sung to “Another Holiday” by The Other Ones)

Another massacre

Well I’m walking through the dead
Looking quite a fright
Eyes down low, head held high

A massa massa ho
A massa massa he
Another massacre

Distant lands are not too
far away for us to go and slay.
I’ll take your hand and
tear it away.

I killed old Bob
He couldn’t run too far.
His aching feet wouldn’t
take him that far.

Another Massacre

Back in Black

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: B. Guile
From: The On-Looker

OK B. Guile. I’ve read all the junk you submit to the CB, but I never read where you are wanting to do the actual fighting yourself. You growl, you roar, you plead, but never do you step up to the plate and take your turn at bat. Why?

Could it be that you are a coward and just like to instigate trouble? Apparently you can’t fight because there is no mention by you that you attack any so-called terrorist army. Yet you hide behind a reward for someone else to attack, lose men, supplies, and morale for a handful of coins. I want to see the “SUCKER” that bites off into that. I have some beach front property near Lofton, if he believes all that crap, for sale... cheap!

Duh... maybe you’d like to buy some too.

If a one on one challenge was given to you, would you accept? Or would you make excuses as to why you can’t? There are several readers waiting for this answer, me included.

See you in the trenches.

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

The alliance of the Crystalian Warriors is accepting new members at this time. Whether you are a veteran or just learning how this world works, we want you.

If you are Lawful or Neutral and aren’t part of an alliance then now is your chance. Your opportunities for growth are endless with the CW. And we do keep in touch and not leave you hanging waiting for a reply. So if you contact me, I will reply.

With the CW you can give as much input and suggestions as you want while you receive input, skills, and bonuses in return, as well as map info and advanced character classes. If you don’t have any input, that’s ok too. You are still valuable as an asset to this alliance. Come on and play with this alliance and just have fun as you make new friends. Contact me at:

James Tillman
#317505 200T
P.O. Box 466
Alamo, GA 30411

or diplo at: A#179 K-9 Knights

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Getting disemboweled really makes me kind of mad.

(From the Black Book)

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: The Evil Kobolds of Ez'zak
From: The Tennessee Titans

Evil Kobolds of Ez'zak beware the MIGHTY Tennessee Titans have arrived to seal your doom. No longer shall you pilfer my herds. Our herds are sacred for our survival. Steal my herds, I'll steal your souls. Each soul I take may the One True God of Chaos shine down upon, my havoc on common thieves.

The Great Decapitator of A.C.E., for your honor and glory do I take out the garbage in Ez'zak. Long live A.C.E. and may our banners fly straight and narrow to victory all over Lorasias.

Great Decapitator look upon my attack and taste the blood of victory. Blood shed on Lorasias for you, A.C.E. and the One True God of Chaos. Let the crimson liquid leave a trail of vengeful destruction on ignorant armies who make their gold on the theft of innocent herds who can't fight back.

The Tennessee Titans will fight back. We shall deal with all your evil ways. All of Lorasias who do not bow down to the might of "The Great Decapitator" and the A.C.E. Alliance shall feel the wrath of my glorious Titans. Stand in my way, and I shall make you a vivid memory. Another mark on my sword of a fallen foe, who was no match for my power and might.

"Long live the Decapitator!"
"Long live A.C.E.!"

C#2008 Air McNair
A#602 Tennessee Titans

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Strange insectoid creatures are showing up painted in colors so bright they nearly blind you. Oranges, reds, yellows, blues. But all have one common marking. A set of large lips in hot pink coloring on their bottoms.

Back in Black

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Are you, are you now free of me somehow?
All the war we had, all we ever had.
Cause I am a mystery. I was history.
All the war we had, all we ever had.
Oompa Oompa ba Oompa ba Oompa
Loompa
Kill em all, then eat em.

Back in Black

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

By the time this notice appears in the CB, Kobold Khan and his lackeys will have taken my city of Aztlan (21-18). The CAT group has wounded us. However, we're not dead yet. I'm forming a coalition to fight CAT. This coalition will be called DEAD CAT. It stands for Detect, Engage, And Destroy CAT. Kobold Khan said he and his drones are happy to die. We should not disappoint him.

Those of you who want to see some action can attack any of the armies below:

A198 Kobolds of the Seize (Kobolds, KIL, Chaos, Kauron) 2648i 632nc 240h 116art 61siege equip. Note: 1500 of the 2648i are Med Artillerymen.

A214 Hellorin's Wrath (Gnolls, KIL, Chaos, Kauron) 1535i 213c 74nc 170h 98siege equip.

A375 Black Crow Clan (Orcs) 1400i 40nc 180h

A351 K-Mart Kobolds (Kobolds) 390i 100nc 25s 40aux

A244 Centaurs of the Seas (Kobolds) 85i 5s

(The above armies are currently at 21-18. The first two armies attacked Aztlan.)

A216 Ratt Skinners (Goblins, Shhvoon) 1675i, 36c 2326nc 750h 42art, 36s (left 26-13)

A344 1st Pioneers (Elves, HARM, Law, Silvanus) 889i 997nc 200h 10s (at 23-21)

A454 Knights of Malta (Humans, Shhvoon) 800i 660nc 1000h 25w 25s (at 17-36)

A133 Bloodnguts (Giants, CB, Lo-Kee) 390i 25c 800nc 1100h 10a (at 14-34)

Any HARM army because of actions by 1st Pioneer led by Celeborn who decided to kiss CAT's behind (see B. Guile's notice in the July CB).

Please use the updated list to plan your attacks. It's time to fight the real terrorists who use their "noble" cause to label others terrorist. Since when do defenders of justice use Lawful armies such as 1st Pioneers to attack another Lawful (Rohirrim Centaurs)? Although my armies are banned from trading at some cities (according to CAT), I'm still trading at those cities. Interesting. For those of you who believed CAT's so-called cause, he's been blowing smoke up your a**. Fight the real terrorists who are using CAT as a front. Who else wants to participate in the DEAD CAT coalition?

See you on the battlefield,

Tlatoani, Proud leader of A188 Tonatiuh's Torch

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

The cowards hiding behind the CAT group have finally shown their hand. A216 Ratt Skinners (Goblins, Shhvoon) attacked my army Ixataca. The Goblins outnumbered my Kobolds by 1547 to 30. They lost 4 warriors and managed to slaughter 30 warriors and 373 non-warriors.

At approximately the same time, A344 1st Pioneers (Elves, HARM, Law, Silvanus) attacked the Lawful Centaur army Rohirrim. The Elves outnumbered the Centaurs by 900 to 42. They lost 11 Elf warriors vs. 18 Centaur warriors.

Meanwhile, the piece of scum known as A198 Kobolds of the Seize (Kobolds) is still lurking in some slime pit. I expect it to crawl out of that cesspool very soon.

If you recall Ratt Skinners and two other armies had a joint attack on Wolf Pack a few months ago. Therefore, A133 Bloodnguts (Giants, CB) and A454 Knights of Malta (Humans, Shhvoon) are part of CAT. Since one of the HARM armies attacked the Centaurs, I assume the entire HARM alliance is part of CAT.

Those of you who have voiced disgust at the CAT group can now do something about it. I'm going to fight them as best as I can. If anyone else wants to fight CAT, you have lots of targets to pick.

It's a good day to die!

Tlatoani

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

The conflict between Krull and Pride has been resolved. The attack at Port Royale was an accident. We resolve to avoid any future accidents such as this. Contrary to what was reported by CAT in the June 2002 CB, the losses suffered by Pride were minimal. The attempt by CAT to make a big issue of a non-event has been duly noted by all parties.

Signed,

John Hunt, Tlatoani Moctezuma,
& Prester John — ICON

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Hey Tlatoani! Ratt Skinners attack Kobold army #472 Ixataca at city of Ez'zak 'cause it be part of yer slimy empire, Cuetzpallin. We killed 400 fleeing Kobolds... too bad no kill more but dey run away (flee tactics). Yer Kobolds dragging tails cover tracks real good. My fine Goblin warriors couldn't track. Oh well, more battles to come as long as Tonatiuh's Torch keep Ratt Skinners on da hit list.

Ja'Kil
A#216 Ratt Skinners

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To set the record straight, I, Skapegoot, am the leader of Krull. Recently my army attacked A#139 Pride in Port Royale. I was part of a battle group which was in Port Royale to attack A#306 Gesellschaft Narren and R.O.C. forces. TLATOANI, leader of A#188 Tonatiuh's Torch was in charge of the battle group. Working "jointly" I sent my attack orders to him to be approved. He made necessary changes and then the approved battles commenced. Being the leader and supposedly the wiser Warlord, I believed all ensuing attacks were to be on legitimate targets. A#446 Shadowmane attacked A#143 Grinning Fist and Krull attacked Pride. After the battles Krull was left to fend for ourselves as the much larger armies, Shadowmane and Tonatiuh's Torch, quickly fled the area. There was some reference to "collateral damage" concerning the aggrieved ICON army, from Tlatoani, and I was told it was nothing of consequence. Soon after the "Pride" incident, Tlatoani asked me how he should respond to ICON! I told him that since the "mistake" was entirely his he should tell them the TRUTH! Through his negligence, an ICON army was attacked. My name may be Skapegoot, but this does not mean that I will be left out to dry due to the carelessness and incompetence of this power-crazed madman! If ICON seeks restitution or a public apology, let them collect either from the the guilty party, A#188 TONATIUH'S TORCH!

C#1388 Skapegoot
A#485 Krull

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Dead Punk

Dead punk in the middle of the road.
There's a dead punk in
the middle of the road.
He thought he was bad.
But he was had.
Now he's a
dead punk in the middle of the road.
I burst his belly
Now he's sure smelly.
He's techno color baby
He's a dead punk in the middle of the road.

Back in Black

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Hit a man with glasses? Hmmm. I'll use a club instead. It's harder.

Back in Black

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

The K.I.L. Alliance thanks King Kundig for his inestimable courage involving recent battles with Tonatiuh's Torch and Shadowmane. Though faced with overwhelming odds, Gesellschaft Narren lured the aforementioned armies into the forested mountains NW of Magdenheim and engaged them in bloody combat. This unselfish sacrifice allowed massive KIL siege units to assault the city of Aztlan, the home base of Tlatoani Moctezuman. CAT forces swarmed the terrorist stronghold led by the Great Kobold Khan! As promised, this attack is but one of many yet to come. The time for talk is over. Terrorists will have no place of refuge on Lorasias! To Tlatoani I say, "You have had quite a lot to say recently. What say you now?"

B. Guile
Homeland Defense Minister

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Greetings Denizens of Lorasias,

This unworthy servant of "HE whose NAME cannot be spoken lest it be in reverent prayer" has been ordained to speak HIS WORD. "HE" commands, "The faithful's prayers have been answered. The infidels shall know the wailing and gnashing of teeth. All cities upon Lorasias shall build temples unto me lest they be razed. All alliance leaders shall send envoys unto me to pledge their loyalty to KIL lest there be war. The land masses known as Continent I, II, and III will forever be known as Kilafornia, Koboldia, and Kiladelphia. That is all!"

C#474 Oracle Roberts
Divine Seer
K.I.L.

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-#180 (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.N.A.P. — Society of Neutrally Allied Peoples.

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

Lorasias (COD II)

A.C.E. — All Chaos Explorers.

C.W. — Crystalian Warriors.

F.R.C. — Fourth Reich of Chaos.

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

HARM — Heroes and Raving Maniacs.

ICON — Independent Confederation Of Neutrals.

I.R.A. — Imperial Red Armies.

K.I.L. — Kobolds Invade Lorasias.

N.W.O. — New World Order.

R.O.C. — Reign Of Chaos.

R.O.T. — Raging Odious Terror.

S.O.B. — Soldiers Of Balance.

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.

CONTEST RESULTS

Back in June we decided to try something different — a contest! In a test of game knowledge we asked everyone to name as many of the COD I and COD II character classes as they could. The player with the most complete list would win. After careful deliberation, with a disappointing 18 out of a possible 32 correct answers was RAYMOND DOO! Yay! Winner of \$20 in game credits.

How did he pull off this amazing feat? He was the ONLY player to enter the contest! Sheesh!

Ok, we get the message — no more contests....