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## PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the East. In the Lorian Forest, Luna Brotherhood (Zraxxut worshipping LOOT Gnolls) defeated a fleeing Tai-Pan (Lo-kee worshipping Giants).

In the Black Mountains outside the Lizaran city of Flea Bite, Fedaykin (Lawful Terminator Humans), Wyraxian (Lawful Terminator Giants), and Bloodguard (Lawful Terminator Humans) teamed up to defeat Dragonlance (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Lizara). Some time later a much depleted Dragonlance retaliated by destroying Green Thing (Lawful Terminator Humans).

Moving to the West we see considerably more action with the fiercest fighting in the Vaeld Mountains. At the Giant city of Grandenburg, Swampwalkers (Cosmic Balance worshipping Lizara) defeated Terror (Lawful AIM Giants). At about the same time Bear Clan (Trimorph worshipping Giants) smashed Eagle's Talon (Lawful Elves). Less than a week later Disembowellers (Trimorph worshipping CSA Giants) destroyed Quiet Ones (Lawful Elves). A week later Wolverine Psychos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) and Lupine Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) destroyed Rangers (Lawful Giants). Meanwhile Rick's Reserves (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), Lomorian Wolf Pack (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), S.F. Giants (Chaotic Kodan Raman Giants), 3rd Regiment (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), Black Widow (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), Black Scorpion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) and 1st Kodan Division (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) teamed up to defeat, though not destroy, the fleeing Legion Of Sylvanus (Silvanus worshipping MRA Giants). Also, the Puma Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans), Jaguar Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans), and Throbacs (Wicca worshipping Humans) teamed up to destroy Maple (Lawful AIM Giants).

In the region known as Mireland outside the Lizaran city of Hesh T'eerakk, Foresters (Lawful Terminator Humans), Vraxoin (Lawful Terminator Giants) and Movallens (Lawful Terminator Humans) teamed up to destroy Steel Breeze (Brraalt worshipping CSA Gnolls).

In the Tarakeen Forest, the Lions Of The North (Wicca worshipping Humans) and Shadowcat Rangers (Wicca worshipping Humans) stormed and captured the city of Terabithia (Lawful AIM Elves).

## LORASIANEWS

On the Nulean Plain outside the Centaur town of West Veldt, Frost Giants (Lawful HARM Giants) smashed Pandion Knights (Lizara). Nearly two weeks later Shadowmane (Lawful Crystallian Warriors Centaurs) finished the job of destroying the Pandion Knights and completely wiped them out. At about the same time, though one hundred miles away, Veritable Quandary (Lyredh worshipping Satyrs of the Akuda Combine) destroyed the retreating Men-At-Arms (Lawful HARM Dwarves). A week later Veritable Quandary ambushed and destroyed Neexus (Miiya worshipping Xaati).

On the Agerian Plain outside the Gnoll city of Kingston, Fangs Of the Wolf (Lawful HARM Gnolls) destroyed a fleeing 1st Legion Of Chaos (Chaotic ACE Minotaurs). Two days later Boulderdash (Lawful Titans) defeated Dark Legion (Chaotic Nemesis Goblins).

In the grim region known as Malundia, Tonatiuh's Torch (Lawful Kobolds) defeated a fleeing Bloodnguts (Cosmic Balance worshipping Giants of the Akuda Combine). Shortly thereafter Bloodnguts, after a grueling one hundred mile march, attacked and defeated a fleeing Najdorf (Lawful Kobolds). Two weeks later Tonatiuh's Torch launched a follow up attack on Bloodnguts and soundly defeated the fleeing Giants.

In the region known as Grimwood outside the Ogre city of Ogton, Ez'zak Pochteca (Lawful Kobolds) and Facilitators (Lawful Kobolds) teamed up to destroy Clan Jagged Fang (Chaotic Orcs). Two weeks later Facilitators destroyed Black Heart Mob (Chaotic Orcs) and Ixataca (Lawful Kobolds) destroyed Erebus (Chaotic ROC Ogres).

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In the Cambrian Range outside the Dwarf city of Reiginhold, Gongylus Gongyloids (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg) badly mauled a fleeing Golden Scales (Kobolds).

On the Vardian Plain outside the Human city of Vardunon, Knights Of Fortunes (Trimorph worshipping Humans) defeated 1st Thunder Legion (Cosmic Balance worshipping Humans) in a close battle.

In the Anvil Mountains outside the Dwarf town of Storm Haven, Deathlords (Chaotic Nemesis Gnolls) smashed a retreating Sapphyre Legion (Cosmic Balance worshipping Gnolls).

### **PANAGEARUMORS**

The Terminators are making peace with the Kodan Raman!

Yet another Lawful citadel has fallen! Unless they make a stand soon the few remaining Lawful cities will be lost and the Lawful armies, with no place to trade, will wither on the vine and fade into oblivion....

The Kodan Raman is poised to crush the Terminators for good!

Lawful Sorcerors are hard at work developing a devastating new spell known as the Warped Mind Destroyer or WMD for short.

The New Blood has been spilled!

The Sorceror of Wind has struck a blow for all Lawfuls everywhere!

### **LORASIA RUMORS**

The Crack of Doom has unleashed an Ancient Seer of Doom and his prophet. Wonder why that happened?

Willami is really Tlatoani in disguise.

A new plague has been detected and could rampage through the western regions unless quick and united action is taken and soon.

Willami is afraid Loony speaks the truth or perhaps he is a little crazy but truly most of it's true.

Avoid the plague. Kill CW Gnolls.

The Dwarven Nations fabled Book of Grudges now encompasses many volumes. It's time to clear the books with a massive dose of payback!

The Akuda armies have walked into a well-laid trap. Let's find out whether they'll get out of it alive. Maybe they should have remained navies?

Legend says the Cambrian Range is so tall because it actually is a large burial mound for deceased Dwarven warriors of HARM.

### **BULLETINBOARD**

#### LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Melfus,

You are a true hypocrite. You actually have the audacity to say the Akuda cannot be seen on the battlefield??? Besides this statement being grossly inaccurate, you are in no position to discuss battles as your pathetic army has engaged NOBODY on the battlefield. I have personally killed 2,300 heavy Dwarven troops and 1,400 Xaati warriors in the last few months. How many have you killed? In the last few months 10th Virginia Inf has also destroyed one Elven army and mauled another (2,500 Elves approximately). How many have you killed???? Hmmm, that's what I thought.

And please, no jokes about sheep because Lawfools have the corner on the market. Also when you talk about strapping one on and doing battle you'll have to ask the Mrs. if you can borrow it before you confront the Akuda.

Corvallis

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

I saw it today. It was a bloody mess. Those poor Elves A652 Blood Riders HARM killed to the last. Question is who will Akuda kill next? This little Goblin reporter is staying clear. No telling who's next. I saw HARM armies scurrying for cover all over the place. It was a lovely sight.

Willmania is paranoid and rightfully so after the Titans and Elves. I can see why. Burial At Sea I heard started the war then Tonatiah's Torch and HARM joined the bandwagon so they're getting what they deserve. If you were foolish enough not to train up being Lawfool then that's your loss. Your own words convict you, "Process of forming my own alliance." What were their goals, play patty cake with the children that died? If I have a viable army from its inception I'd stay clear of areas until right time. I'd never neglect my people. If you were forming alliance Lawfool you were the right target. If you weren't forming to combat Akuda then who? There's not many strong Chaotics left for KIL, SOB, ROT are defunct. Duh. What was ICON planning to attack you? Or little ACE? Falling apart ROC? Perhaps the Layter one will make a comeback.

OK I went overboard! With comment of plague I said the old rumor I only speculated CW is suspect.

My observation of neutral Akada was fact what they worship, alliance probably formed as a result of Bural At Sea, etc. and other ancient Lorasias problems.

Your favorite Goblin reporter,

Loony

Go Chaos  
Down with tyranny of Law  
Chaos means you're free

P.S. Lorasias Loony is not Akuda or connected to them in any way he's just a roving reporter. Who knows maybe he'll join Akuda if they invite him.



## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Please Please Please Please Someone

Take Melfus-Star and put it and the whiny crybaby voice out of its misery. I'll even throw in a pair of pink fuzzy slippers.

### 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.

Akuda — Akuda Combine.

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.

### 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.

## **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:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/conclave\\_gathering/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/conclave_gathering/)  
<http://www.neosoft.com/~lanza/ICONdiscuss1.html>

Message Boards are a great way to share ideas and pick up the latest gaming gossip. As with anything you get off 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.

In a similar vein, the ICON alliance (COD II) has its own website that contains a wealth of useful information for members and non- members alike:

<http://www.hypercon.net~lanza>

If you want information on CTF2187 check out the following:

TALES OF CTF2187: A great new site by Shannon Muir that contains the best of her game related fiction and more! Check it out at:

<http://members.aol.com/shannonelisemuir/>

ORBO's CTF2187 HOME PAGE: Want to check out a great archive of old CTF newsletters? 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://userweb.suscom.net/~orbomaxx/ctfhome2.htm>

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

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/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. The list is currently moderated by General I.B. Tryon [PN721] of team WASP [TM18].

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

Of course, don't forget to check out the AGE site which contains all sorts of nifty downloads (House Rules, CC/RC Form, etc.). It is still in its infancy but is expected to grow and evolve rapidly over the coming months and of course feedback and suggestions are encouraged. Check it out at:

<http://www.ageforfun.com>

## **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.

