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PANAGEANEWS

This month saw a lot of action as everyone apparently geared up for the Holidays (<grin>). We begin in the Eastern Region in the Black Mountains with Northwind (Wicca worshipping Humans) defeating the fleeing Andar's Own (Lawful Terminator Humans). Two weeks later Northwind struck again and Andar's Own was again defeated.

In the Crystal Mountains outside the Human city of Narga Thum, Wolverine Psychos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) destroyed Wayfarers (Lawful Elves). At about the same time Lupine Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) smashed the fleeing Trondheim Trading Co (Lo-kee worshipping Giants). Sometime later Ice Bowmen (Wicca worshipping SNAP Humans) defeated Distant Thunder (Chaotic Gnolls).

Moving to the Central Region we begin in the Grimwall Range where at the Gnoll city of Gulfport, Wyraxian (Lawful Terminator Giants) destroyed Roadrunners (Wicca worshipping LOOT Gnolls) while Mariana (Lawful Terminator Humans) and Roadkill (Lawful Terminator Humans) teamed up to defeat the fleeing Hellbeast Inc. (Chaotic CSA Gnolls). The next day the Chaotics struck back with Howling Winds (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) and Vulture Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) teaming up to defeat the fleeing Mariana.

On the isle of Mycenea outside the Human city of Phoenix, Bloodguard (Lawful Terminator Humans) defeated Reynard (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls). Elsewhere on the island Lomorian Wolf Pack (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) defeated the fleeing army known as T2 (Lawful Terminator Giants).

Finally we move to the Western Region where the most intense fighting took place. In the Tarakeen Forest outside the Human city known as Lion's Den, Northeaster (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Fourth Legion (Lawful Humans) while Shadowcat destroyed Fifth Legion (Lawful Humans). Two weeks later Shadowcat and Northeaster teamed up to smash the fleeing Birch (Lawful AIM Giants).

In the Vaeld Mountains, Lions Of the North (Wicca worshipping Humans) stormed one of the last great Lawful citadels remaining in the west — the vast and well defended Cavern Complex known as Ferrous Mons (Lawful EGA Dwarves). Meanwhile Jaguar Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Red Lance (Lopra worshipping EGA Humans). At the Dwarven city of Thraegens Deep, Mutton Birds

(Chaotic CSA Giants) smashed Aphelion (Lawful AIM Elves) while Bengal Lancers (Wicca Humans) and Throbacs (Wicca Humans) teamed up to devastate the fleeing Talor (Lawful Dwarves). Two weeks later Mutton Birds teamed up with Dragonright (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Lizara) to thrash the fleeing Bad Company (Lawful LAFACS Dwarves). At the Giant city of Thunderburg, Puma Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans) defeated the fleeing Ax Throwers (Lawful EGA Dwarves).

On the Illyrian Plain, 3rd Regiment (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) defeated the fleeing T1 (Lawful Terminator Giants) while at the nearby Gnoll city of Gildazar, Knight Riders (Lawful Terminator Centaurs) destroyed Blade Song (Gnolls).

LORASIANEWS

In the Anvil Mountains outside the Halfling city known as Hilltop Haven, Widowmakers (Cosmic Balance worshipping Gnolls) defeated 1st Scout (Lawful Elves).

In the Nadev Jungle outside the Lizaran city of Reeza'Nesh, Miiri Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati) destroyed Gornucopia Embassy (Chaotic Lizara). Two weeks later Miiri Swarm struck again, this time defeating the fleeing Gozitens (Shhvoon worshipping Humans of the Akuda Combine).

In the Cambrian Range outside the Human city of Lofton, Tonatiuh's Torch (Lawful Kobolds) defeated the fleeing Foresters (Lyredh worshipping Satyrs of the Akuda Combine). More than two weeks later Tonatiuh's Torch struck again, this time destroying Scurvy (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins). At the Dwarven city of Reiginhold, Sentinel (Lawful HARM Centaurs) defeated the fleeing Gongylus Gongyloids (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg). Nearly two weeks later Gongylus Gongyloids snashed the fleeing Bitterbrew Clan (Dwarves). Shortly thereafter Sentinel again defeated the fleeing Gongylus Gongyloids in a close battle.

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In the Pryma Forest outside the Ogre city of Rockash, Frost Giants (Lawful HARM Giants) destroyed Prime Cleavers (Minotaurs). Two weeks later Frost Giants struck again, this time defeating the fleeing Pryma Pyros (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins).

On the Agerian Plain outside the Groll city of Kingston, Lucy's Legion (Lawful HARM Gnolls) defeated the defenseless Renders And Eaters (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins of the NWO). Two weeks later Lucy's Legion struck again, this time defeating the fleeing Circus Maximus (Titans).

In the region known as Malundia outside the Kobold city of Ez'zak, Goats R Us (Lawful HARM Satyrs) destroyed the retreating Fang (Chaotic ROT Lizara). Two weeks later Cursed Temple (Cosmic Balance worshipping Lizara) defeated Xama Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati).

On the Vardian Plain outside the Human city of Kaffa, Golden Pendulum (Cosmic Balance worshipping ICON Humans), Crossed Swords (Cosmic Balance worshipping ICON Humans), and Coiled Serpent (Cosmic Balance worshipping ICON Humans) teamed up to defeat the fleeing Foran's Axemen (Humans).

On the Phrygian Plains, K-9 Knights (Lawful Gnolls of the CW) defeated the fleeing White Skulls (Trimorph worshipping Orcs).

On the Vardian Plain outside the Giant city of Angonheim, Durin's Avengers (Lawful Guardians Dwarves) defeated the retreating 1st Crimson Legion (Humans) in a hard fought battle.

On Morgren Island, Merlin's Beard (Lo-kee worshipping Humans) butchered the defenseless Xephany Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati).

PANAGEARUMORS

Another new faction has arrived?

Gulfport will soon be renamed Terminortown.

There is growing tension between the Wiccan Confederation and the Kodan Raman over who will control the Vaeld Mountains.

The Terminators, newly resupplied and reinforced, are once again on the move.

Who is the mysterious Jockomo and what does he want?

LORASIA RUMORS

HARM's displaying a new line of chainmail: Mad Bug Splats (FCBC) For Centaurs By Centaurs.

Gongylus Gongyloids has such a high price on them that armies are lining up to smash 'em.

Bugs on the half-shell — yum!

HARM never did like guaca-MOLE-ly. But bowls of it did make for good artillery targets.

Soon Murder Inc. will be looking for a new leader.

Who's going to keep 10th Virginia and the Bugs safe now that the Skinner Protector is breaking up?

King Archer wields a sling shot.

BULLETINBOARD

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

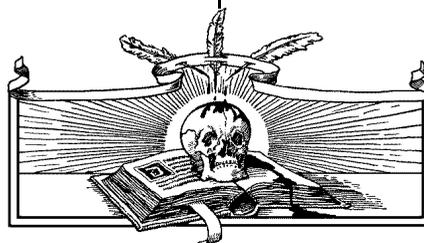
Being new to the world of Lorasias and being the anal retentive person that I am, I printed every issue of the Cosmic Balance newsletter since the beginning of COD II. I recommend this to anyone else who is new to Lorasias also. You can really get a lot of information and a feel for the "Who's Who" of Lorasias just by perusing these pages. One thing, though, stood out to me. If you read between the lines and sift through all the rhetoric, you will see there is one who stands for the Order of Law like no other — Tlatoani.

I have read countless jabs and condemnations, but it seems to me this could stem from jealousy or, from his enemies, the attempt to discredit. What I have seen, admittedly through young eyes, is a brilliant tactician who not only talks the talk, but walks the walk. No one is perfect, for sure, but I think that other so-called Lawful alliances should take note. Let's all hope that Tlatoani branches off and forms a school. It could be called H.U.T.T. or Heroes Under Tlatoani's Tutelage. I would be the first to sign up!

Tlatoani, whoever you are, keep up the good work. Know that you are an inspiration to a young empire that stands for Law.

Yours in the Order of Law,
Quarian Moonbow, C#3131

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

A Message From Beyond Time And Space

There are a number of Leaders, or guiding spirits, of Empires who are held Prisoner in pocket dimensions, by the Evil Ones. The Evil Ones are so vile that they make the Dukes of Chaos look like the rowdy good ol' boyz they are. The Evil Ones' home dimension is rumored to be Abu Graib.

Complicating this problem is that the majority of the claim-to-be-prisoners are actually Evil Ones, themselves. Fawning, loyalist and disgusting volunteer slaves. However, it seems to be that most of those exerting their power in Lorasias, and similar universes, are of the better sort.

Further complicating this problem is that powerful magic prevents us from using magic communication. Such as the questionable sorcery called electricity. Even the hand delivered scrolls we manage are marked with the Evil Ones' vile runes. Declaring that we are Evil Ones ourselves.

It isn't any wonder that when the average Lorasian leader even receives a scroll from beyond time and space he immediately screams for his bodyguards to surround his tent. While he trembles in his bedroll. And his mages and clerics destroy the nasty thing. That is why we are often referred to as: "Address Challenged".

By their nature, most Address Challenged don't want to semi-solve their problems by joining an Alliance. And we can be sure that most who do regret their decision. Rivalry and competition precludes the disadvantaged/challenged from being more than second rate members. In fact, you can see that Independents are the wave of the future. All the instantgratificationoids have left. Or because of vested interests are running their Empires in their addicted sleep.

Useful ideas: Even a beginning Empire leader would almost instantly gain a large following if: He Noticed us that he will write, lead, and organize the Address Challenged. I, for one, would not even quibble about him being an Alliance member. As long as he doesn't expect me to join his silly Alliance. Most of US do have a lot of time on our hands. So once organized, we can do things that Alliances can't or won't.

Those of you who CHOOSE humanoid delivered scrolls only, of course your problems are less, but similar. You and the better sort of us are kindred spirits. (I prefer the ancient language's "The Bonii".) Some of you in other universes have warned me about xxxtube addiciton. And something about a god called "Neon", that somebody made. Even if you are too timid and squeamish to send us a scroll, you should send one to our non-challenged Emperor of Emperors. Those who fail to communicate can expect to be

victims of someone's diplomacy. That holds true in any universe.

Oh! Save your Manna and Piety. This scroll can be destroyed by common fire. But I advise wearing good leathern gloves. An Evil One minion handled it after me.

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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.
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.
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.

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://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

COD II HOLIDAY TREATS

By popular request (and painful arm-twisting) we will be adding a number of special treats over the next few weeks — a new character, new and improved spells, special encounter and more. Happy Holidays!

SPECIAL OFFER

To help celebrate the holiday season and reward you, our loyal customers, for your dedicated and enthusiastic support we have the following special offers: Send in a single check for \$50.00 or more for your CTF or COD account which is received by AGE during the month of DECEMBER and we will deposit that money plus an extra \$4.00 in game credit into your account. That's right, an extra \$4.00 FREE. Or, if you prefer, we will send a FREE copy of the COD (I or II) Rules or CTF Basic Rules to a friend of yours as a holiday gift from you. If you include a card, we'll send that along with your gift. It's just our way of saying Thank You! [Note: This is a "Cash Only" Bonus (which includes checks, Money Orders and the like) but does NOT include payments made by Credit Card.]

Happy Holidays!

Debbie & Duane



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