

# THE COSMIC BALANCE



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## PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the East... On the Crystal Plains outside the Human city of Narga Thum, Kodan Raiders (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) defeated the fleeing Ithaca (Lawful Terminator Giants). At about the same time Queen's Grenadiers (Lawful Elves) smashed Companions (Shhvooon worshipping SWARM Humans). Elsewhere on the Crystal Plains, Northwind (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Dragon Heart (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Lizara).

We now move to the Central Region and begin in the Grimwall Range where Knights of the Red Axe (Shargash worshipping LOOT Minotaurs) defeated the fleeing Mariana (Lawful Terminator Humans). Meanwhile, Vulture Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) and Howling Winds (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) teamed up to destroy Shadow Fire (Lawful Terminator Humans).

On the isle of Mycenea, Lomorian Wolf Pack (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) smashed the fleeing Plains Drifters (Lawful Terminator Humans) while Lupine Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) devastated Westerners (Lawful Terminator Humans).

Finishing in the Western Region, the fighting began in Aurumia where Rick's Reserves (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), 1st Kodan Division (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), Black Widow (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), Black Scorpion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), and S.F. Giants (Chaotic Kodan Raman Giants) attacked and all but destroyed the fleeing ROC (Lawful Terminator Humans).

In the Vaeld Mountains outside the Human cavern city of Ferrous Mons, Mutton Birds (Chaotic CSA Giants) all but destroyed Altheria Refugees (Lawful Elves).

## LORASIANNEWS

In the Pryma Forest outside the Elven city of Lotheria, Razorbucks (Lyredh worshipping Satyrs of the Akuda Combine) defeated the fleeing Dirty Dawgs (Guardians of Destiny Gnolls). At the Human city of Novograd, Frost Giants (Lawful HARM Giants) defeated the fleeing Foresters (Lyredh worshipping Satyrs of the Akuda Combine). Two weeks later the Frost Giants struck again dealing the Foresters a stinging defeat.

On the Vardian Plain outside the Human city of Kaffa, Lucy's Legion (Lawful HARM Gnolls) defeated the fleeing Foran's Axemen (Humans). The very next day Parisean (Cosmic Balance worshipping Humans of the ICON alliance) heaped upon Foran's Axemen yet another defeat. Some two hundred miles away, Angels Of Death (Chaotic ACE Orcs) intercepted an attack by Toe Jam (Lawful HARM Dwarves) against Widowmakers. Though they successfully protected their allies, Angels Of Death was soundly defeated. Shortly thereafter Angels of Death was savagely mauled after an attack by Holy Dyvers (Lawful HARM Humans).

In the region known as Malundia, Rainy's Rangers (Lawful HARM Satyrs) and Goats R Us (Lawful HARM Satyrs) teamed up to smash Xeexa Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati). At the nearby Kobold city of Ez'zak, Ez'zak Pochteca (Lawful Kobolds) defeated 1st Praying Mantis (Miiya worshipping Xaati) in a hard fought battle.

In the Nadev Jungle, Rune Tusk Raiders (Chaotic Orcs) defeated Maala Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati).

In the Cambrian Range outside the Dwarven city of Reiginhold, Reexus (Miiya worshipping Xaati) defeated the fleeing Azara Swarm (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg) in a close battle. Some two hundred miles away 10th Virginia Inf (Chaotic Akuda Combine Gnolls) destroyed the defenseless Xanada Swarm (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg). At about the same time Tonatuh's Torch (Lawful Kobolds) defeated Ratt Skinners (Shhvooon worshipping Goblins) in a bloody battle that saw nearly 3,000 casualties!

On Morgren Island, Facilitators (Lawful Kobolds) destroyed the defenseless Xepher Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati).

On the Nulean Plain, Red Maw (Lawful HARM Gnolls) and Melissa's Madmen (Lawful HARM

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Gnolls) teamed up to destroy the all but defenseless Lex Swarm (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg). Elsewhere Vlad's Avengers (Lawful Vampires of the Crystallian Warriors) defeated the fleeing Nights Dark Terror (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins of the Akuda Combine).

### PANAGEARUMORS

Xanthor refuses to come out of hiding. He must have his sheep in there with him.

The Kodan Raman are poised to declare victory over all of Panagea! No one can stop them now!

The followers of Wicca have at last seen the light!

The Terminators are merely biding their time and building their strength to strike back.

A man named Alabaster is poised to strike them all down. None shall survive his wrath.

A vast treasure still lies within a hidden stronghold. None have yet found it.

It is time to right the Balance. To war!

### LORASIA RUMORS

Did you know that Knuf'ced spelled Fun'Deck? The womenfolk say his deck isn't fun though. Too bad.

A rather large army of Centaurs wearing turtle shells for helmets were seen looking for Craftsmen to build saddles and backpacks so they can rent themselves out as Dwarven cavalry or pack animals.

When the blood is tainted it must be let. That is how disease is cured....

Rumor has it that Lord Palan Tark is trying to convince Knaps Ughlot to ride him as his jockey at the Great Centaur Races being held at West Veldt.

Centwarves - Scuttlebutt or actuality?

Coleoptera are on the rise and led by the Majat.

Who's running C.W. now that they are a commanding force on Lorasias?

Where have AC gone? Another dead alliance or playing road kill.

HARM is collapsing under its own weight.

Jevan Garthe is a myth!

The Chaotics have begun to re-organize and, with the help of the Balance followers, they will soon strike back!

### BULLETINBOARD

#### LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: C#3157 Heartseeker  
From: C#506 Forulat

When you reach Con I contact me. I have work for you. ¢¢ via diplo.

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#### LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: C#1798 Knuf'ced  
From: C#3068 Sir Laydon  
RE: CB#237 4/06

Wow! I'm impressed! Bravo, indeed! Your scouts are some of the best on Lorasias; with your knowledge and their abilities none will be able to get away with any type of illegal acts or conspire together. I feel so much safer now. Oh, wait a second. Hmmm... my ears aren't pointy. I have no Elf patrols. I'm not in an alliance yet.

"Navigator! Where are you?! Why do I have a beaten up Goblin saying we're outside the walls of Novograd? We're not supposed to be in Novograd! Navigator!"

Oh wait, I don't have a navigator as they are for the sea, not the land. I don't see a city anywhere around here. Ha! Novograd is a mystic city that is both invisible AND able to move from the Pryma Forest to the Nulean Plain. No, that can't be right.

Why am I not scared of being stalked by you? Someone's conspiring to crash my fairy dance party? Didn't know I was having a fairy dance party. Perhaps the Crystallian Warriors hit you over the head just one too many times. Your message is so confusing. Are you a sub-human, evil, short race of Chaos, actually yelling at me for "bashing", as you say, Lawful? Chaos defending Law? Wow, the end of the world must be near. Let me educate you.

The definition of "treason": The crime of adhering to the enemy and rendering him aid and comfort. I have no enemy, I belong to no nation, and I'm not aiding anyone. Plus, I don't give "comfort" to anyone, and for you to imply such is sick and disgusting. But, as it comes from a Goblin, you're excused as it's your nature. Turncoat: one who is a traitor. Traitor: One who betrays another. Which we haven't done. In the Chaotic world one can't voice an opinion, I guess, because that is what I did in CB#235. When the swelling in your brain and eyes goes away, perhaps you should reread it. Meanwhile, interpret this:

IGNORANTIA INDICIA NOT EXCUSAT.

Goblins, HA!

Yours, Respectfully,

Sir Laydon

## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: The H.A.R.M. Alliance  
From: C#3121 Keryvian Moonbow

I sincerely apologize for my notice in May's issue of the CB. I knew that only a handful of people could have written the slander spoken of, and all but one was H.A.R.M. That one was a trusted friend and officer in an alliance I was currently AIDING, so I just KNEW it could not have been HIM! I was wrong. I was betrayed and falsely took out my wrath on H.A.R.M. I found out only a few hours after my pigeon left with the notice and even sent my personal hawk to intercept the bird, but it was too late. I have shamed not only myself, but my Empire as well. For this reason, as soon as my brother finishes his training as a Paladin, I will step down as leader of Sylvan Swarm. I hope that this and a small token of my humility that I shall transfer to the first H.A.R.M. army I meet will somehow prove to you my sincerity and enable you to forgive the crime I committed against you. Know that I am a broken and broken-hearted elf. I need to be making cookies, not leading an Empire.

To the Empire of Knuf'ced's, you broke my heart, betrayed my Empire, and dealt a blow to the image of Law with my help. I demand a fight to the death, me and Knuf'ced. Only then may I regain some of my honor, so I challenge you to a duel. I never liked stinking Dark Elves anyway and trust less ones who say they turned from Chaos than the Chaotics! You have only reinforced this belief. Answer my summons or our Empires are at war. That is all.

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

I'd like to take a moment of your time to talk about a serious issue in the world. Right now there are thousands of illiterate creatures out there. Creatures that need your help to better their lives. Too many of these poor creatures haven't got the opportunity to clothe themselves, learn to read or write, or even have the basic medical care they need to survive.

We here at the Lorian Creatures Fund are dedicated to helping your Goblin boys and girls, Orcs, and other needy creatures to get the help they so desperately need. For 25 g.s. per month you, too, can help us by sponsoring a needy child that needs you. For less than the cost of a cup of coffee every day you can bring food, clothes, shelter and the education to read to a lucky creature.

But so many go without help, which is why we need you. So, please, give today. Thank you.

The LCF is not related to the Help-A-Goblin Foundation.

## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: C#1045 Long Toof, Jeotog Empire, ICON  
From: C#713 Decapitator, ACE Leader

It is not ACE policy to "threaten" any ICON position. ACE and ICON have had peaceful relations for around 10 years and don't see that changing. Our correspondence in this matter has been settled between us. I just wanted to publicly abolish this incident and army (A#275 Killer Krocs). This Empire has NEVER been formally accepted into the ACE alliance and is NOT recognized by us.

According to the ACE/ICON treaty that position is targeted for destruction by us! (Note: HARM seems to be doing the job for us.)

Let this be a learning tool for those of you out there who have ACE banners and have not contacted the leadership of this Alliance (diplo to the above). It is also recommended that any and all Chaotic positions send a diplo with the army position you are running. Are you going to be another victim of those who claim Law? The only way you can protect yourself is to come together as Chaotics. ACE can help you!

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

I, C#588 MoonKnight, Leader of the Clarendon Empire, a follower of the Cosmic Balance and the god Lo-Kee, and a member of the I.C.O.N. alliance, ask the leadership of the I.C.O.N. Alliance how and when they will respond to the increasing number of unauthorized attacks by the H.A.R.M. Alliance inside our Free Trade Zone, as well as what they're doing to help restore the balance between Law and Chaos?

Respond by the Cosmic Balance Newsletter, so that I and others will know where and how I.C.O.N. stands.

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

### TOP TEN LIST

For Wanting To Be A Centaur In The Centaur Races

10. Pre-race flea baths.
9. You don't have to be a pack animal for the day.
8. Having ribbons put in your tail and mane make you look much prettier.
7. Don't have to play a Rocking Horse for the young colts for the day.
6. Increased Stud services for winners.
5. You don't have to be a giant knight on the chessboard at Lord Palan Tark's parties.
4. You get to be a judge in the Miss Centaur Beauty Contest.
3. Don't have to be the Vault Horse for the gymnastics class.
2. You don't have to be a street sweeper in West Veldt.
1. Might get you a guest spot on David Letterman.

## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Due to multiple difficulties in the twisting parallel universe, Operation "Foggy Bottom" is on hold until the gravitational pull releases the bend on the Cosmic Continuum and time is yet again melting freely.

Minister of Enlightenment  
C#3136 Hyrr Goobles

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: C#1921 Knaps Ughlot of A#435 Toe Jam  
From: ACE  
RE: May's CB notice

I find it funny you, a member of HARM, speak on the topic of INTEGRITY. Promoting a leader to play different alignments and join different Alliances is right up your alley. After all, it IS what the pre-HARM members did to get what is HARM to where they're at now. It was never the intention to remain with any of the Alliances they joined once you'd gained that Alliance's skills/bonuses. And YOU speak of another's INTEGRITY!

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: ALL of Lorasias  
From: ACE ALLIANCE

I've been receiving a lot of information that GORING HORNS and STORM HORNS is connected to this alliance. I've recently been contacted by this position requesting I contact players setting the record straight. If there ARE any plans against this Empire simply because they are believed to be ACE, know that your information is incorrect.

## SPECIAL OFFER

July 1st is a special date for us here at Advanced Gaming Enterprises as it marks the TWENTIETH year anniversary of our first processing turns for the original Crack of Doom Playtest (the company itself was actually formed several months earlier). In celebration and to show our gratitude for your dedicated and enthusiastic support we have the following special offer: Send in a single check for \$50.00 or more for your CoD or CTF account during the month of JUNE and we will deposit that money PLUS an additional \$4.00 into your account. That's right, an additional four extra dollars game credit, FREE! It's just our way of saying Thank You! [Note: This is a 'CASH ONLY' offer that includes checks and Money Orders but NOT payments made by Credit or Debit Card.]

Debbie & Duane

## WHAT'S NEW — COD II

\* Reminder \*

Duane's been busy again programming changes to the system. Most are subtle tweaks or internal changes to improve efficiency or reduce errors. However beginning in May we do have two changes worthy of note:

1) Vampires can no longer make converts of BUGS (Xaati and Xorg) the rationale being these creatures are too alien for the process to work (makes sense). Real reason is play balance — some clever player figured out how easy it is and, left unchecked, would shortly have an unbeatable force! Vampires are tough, very tough, and, for play balance, the limiting factor is supposed to be numbers and making Vampires out of bugs would eliminate that factor.

2) We have changed the way Foragers work to make them more effective. Previously Foragers were handy for small armies (less than 1,000 and the smaller the better) but much less so for large ones. With the new system their value is much more consistent over a broad range of army sizes and they are certainly valuable to one and all. However, large numbers of Foragers will not make you immune to starvation! The amount of food foraged is primarily determined by the sector conditions which is then adjusted by bonuses. Each army is assumed to have a limited foraging range. With a small or medium size army there are lots of places to look for Food. Eventually armies can get so large that you will find all the Food in range and adding more people won't help and starvation begins to occur as the number of people exceeds what can be found. The best way to avoid starvation is to watch your population size, forage in good terrain (Example: Forests rather than Deserts), maximize your foraging Bonuses (Example: Have a high Leadership Warlord in charge rather than a Battlemage), and keep stockpiles of Food on hand to cover shortfalls.

