

THE COSMIC BALANCE



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PANAGEANEWS

Things have quieted down quite a bit as we enter the lull before the impending summer storm!

Out West, in the Tarakeen Forest outside the city of Ravenwood, Lions Of The North (Wicca worshipping Humans) defeated the fleeing Ash (Lawful AIM Giants).

A month later on the Illyrian Plain, the Knights Of Red Ax (Shargash worshipping LOOT Minotaurs) barely defeated the fleeing Bloodguard (Lawful Terminator Humans).

In the central region, on the isle of Mycenea, Fedaykin (Lawful Terminator Humans), Trekkers (Lawful Terminator Humans), and Wyraxian (Lawful Terminator Giants) teamed up to barely defeat the newly (and massively) reinforced though fleeing Vulture Legion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls).

LORASIANNEWS

In the region known as Malundia, Peaceful Traders (Kobolds) defeated the all but defenseless Fang (Chaotic ROT Lizara). More than 100 miles away at the nearby city of Ez'zak, Eternal Servants (Cosmic Balance worshipping Humans of the NWO) smashed Black Hand (Chaotic KIL Kobolds).

In the Grimwood forest outside the city of Ogton, Kosmos (Cosmic Balance worshipping Gnolls of the NWO) defeated the Dark Forest Clan (Chaotic Hobgoblins). Meanwhile Saboor (Cosmic balance worshipping Gnolls of the NWO) destroyed Red Axe Clan (Chaotic Dwarves).

On the Nulean Plain, Dwarven Axes (Lawful HARM Dwarves) and Defiant Ones (Lawful HARM Dwarves) all but destroyed Crescent And Star (Humans). Two weeks later and nearly 500 miles away, Sentinel (Lawful HARM Centaurs) was repulsed in a large and bloody attack on Ratt Skinners (Shhvoo worshipping Goblins).

In the Pryma Forest outside of Lotheria, Toe Jam (Lawful HARM Dwarves) slammed the lightly defended and fleeing Zurwagon (Lyredh worshipping Giants of the Akuda Combine).

In the Nadev Jungle outside of Reeza'nesh, Cold Stream Guards (Lawful HARM Elves) defeated the

badly outnumbered Gornucopia Embassy (Chaotic Lizara).

In the Cambrian Range outside the city of Magdenheim the Akuda-HARM war raged in all its fury as Gesellschaft Narren (Lyredh worshipping Giants of the Akuda Combine) and Bad Blood (Akuda Combine Humans) teamed up to destroy the 2nd Royal Guard Div. (Lawful HARM Elves). The 10th Virginia Inf (Chaotic Gnolls of the Akuda Combine) destroyed Tagma Una Equitata (Lawful Humans). Bloodnguts (Lokee worshipping Giants of the Akuda Combine) destroyed Eye Of McWhinney (Lawful HARM Centaurs).

On the Vardian Plain outside of Kaffa, Scarlet Knights (Cosmic Balance worshipping Vampires of the IRA) launched a successful "recruiting" attack on Skull Crackers (Humans).

At the island known as Moloch's Folly outside the town of Gray Hollow, Tonatiuh's Torch (Kobolds) destroyed the Knights Of Malta (Shhvoo worshipping Humans of the Akuda Combine) whose large and powerful fleet was essentially useless beached. [Ed: A clash between two awesome fleets was decided in a land battle.] Meanwhile, Jaws Of Thirst (Lawful HARM Gnolls) destroyed Buried Bones (Gnolls of the Akuda Combine).

PANAGEARUMORS

More interlopers have arrived. First KIL, now ICON and HARM. Panagea has become a Lorasian playground.

A new ship type has been developed and is now being mass produced. Technology will decide the fate of Panagea.

The Clerics of Law have a new champion and a strange one at that. Beware the coming of the Nun named Chuck — he/she is said to be a savage warrior!

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There once was a fish that had a great wish to dine on a scrumptious meal. A sea battle was fought and boy he ate a lot and now he is ready to deal. Give him a treat and he will join your fleet breaking the enemies keels.

Xanthor has found a new way to make money putting on shows with his performing troop of sheep. Not that he is going to make much money....

A great sea clash is brewing, the biggest ever, and it will decide the fate of Panagea.

The Kodan Raman has a new leader. His name is unknown but he is known by his supporters as the Top Raman.

LORASIA RUMORS

The balance has dramatically shifted towards Law — all CB'ers take note!

Haakon and the IRA covered before the great Tlatoani and accepted his terms. Even Chaotics of the IRA aren't allowed in their own city!

HARM shall soon face annihilation at the hands of the Akuda Combine.

The NWO is a major power and a force to be contended with.

The Akuda Combine has been renamed "The Destroyers".

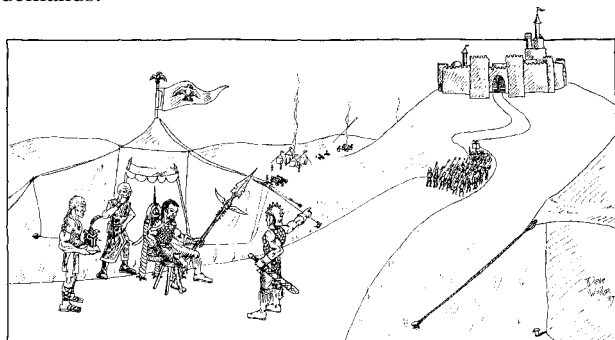
The IRA surrendered to Tonatiuh's Torch even faster than KIL did!

A strange new species has been spotted in the jungles of Lorasias. Fierce and aggressive, few survive their first encounter.

The Akuda Combine has bitten off more than they can chew.

Believe this: The legend of the hero named Vectra is true... and there is much to the story that is yet to be told.

The enemies of the Cosmic Balance are easily known by pride in their victories and their tyrannical demands.



BULLETINBOARD

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: Lord Palan Tark

I think you should re-read my notice in the #200 CB. I never named HARM as an enemy of the Akuda. I stated the examples of how Lawfuls are attacking Chaotics and Neutrals and forcing their beliefs onto them, which was the groundwork for us banding together. I said "we will not tolerate any threats against our members and allies in the future". Unfortunately for you, your leader attacked a small trading army of the Akuda Combine, so I guess it doesn't matter now. So before you go accusing us of attacking small armies, maybe you should ask Knaps Ughlot why he didn't attack one of our battle armies? Any army flying HARM banners we NOW consider an enemy. You can hide behind Tlatoani's skirt, but we will find you.

I guess you can chalk up Lord Palan Tark as another duped by Tlatoani. Let's see how much actual fighting TT does in the HARM vs. Akuda war. My guess is you guys will be taking all his losses.

Corvallis
Consiglier of the Akuda Combine

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Hakkon,

I never received a diplo from you. If you would have sent the Akuda Combine one it would have been answered. Not sure how you came to your conclusion to name all Chaotics your enemy. We do have several Chaotic members in the Akuda Combine. Does this extend to them as well? Lawfuls dominate the Lorasian landscape, with only the Akuda Combine actively representing the Chaotics. If you're interested in the Balance maybe you should reconsider your position.

Corvallis

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: Rowan the Dark

In issue 200 of the CB for March 2003 you published "WOE TO KOBOLD KHAN". I loved it and applaud your noble effort. You've obviously been talking to Tlatoani. However, your great (and it truly was) article was only 90% accurate. The other 10% will never be known, except by TA. But please Rowan — consider this an accolade!

C#426 Mardia

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Congratulations to Herme the Horrible, vindicated after 19 years. We miss you, Bro.

C#210 Lord Palan Tark

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Greetings Corvallis, Concierge of the Akuda Combine

I find your player notice in the great 200th issue of the Cosmic Balance to be a very entertaining one. Your inclusion of HARM as a reason as to why you and your comrades are scared has caused many in the HARM Alliance to cheer. We thank you for your notice giving us recognition that we are indeed kicking some Chaotic butt.

However, we were planning on leaving the "NEUTRAL" alliance of the Akuda Combine alone, hoping to be able to show you the error of your ways through diplomatic means. Your notice has changed all that. We are now officially at war with the Akuda Combine. I hope the rest of your alliance concurred with your missive as it is now the mission of HARM to rectify your chaotic distorted thinking. As you well know, I have already launched a small probing attack of your alliance. Pride is now destroyed. (They didn't have to be, but your notice gave me no choice.) I also am currently in the belly of the beast Lotheria where I am launching another attack. Who will it be this time? Zurwagon, Ratt Skinners, Sawtooth, Gesellshaft Narren, Bad Blood, 10th Virginia Infantry, or how about you Corvallis? Maybe it's your goats, Foresters. Whoever I hit I can assure you there will be plenty more.

May The Order of Law Have Mercy On Your Soul,
Next Time Stay Out Of HARM's Way

Sincerely,

Knaps Ughlot
Patriarch of the HARM Alliance

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To All Cosmic Balance Worshipers

Return to the faith now with all your heart, for your Champion walks Lorasias. S/he will be known by the heroic feats s/he performs in the name of the Greater Ones.

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To Those Who Deem Themselves Victorious:

The seal of the secret of Vectra has been cracked and a True Balance will be Hammered out. Those of you who deem yourselves to be greater than the Greater Ones shall soon learn you have Erred by your pride. The greatest among you shall be laid low. For a Champion of the Cosmic Balance is now risen who shall restore the True Worship and prove the power of the Faith! Weak hearts will pound strong and strong hearts that beat proudly now will soon cease pounding at all. Many are called but few are chosen. These words are true, for the struggle must go on. Who stands with the truth? Speak now!

The Prophet of the Cosmic Balance

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

A stroll to the docks of Port Royale
And what do I happen to find?
An army called Pride
Waving banners of the Akuda Combine

In town to ply their trade
Selling herds for some gold
Horses from 1st Pioneers
The rumor about is told

I just happened to be reading
The latest edition of the CB
In example 4 I read
That HARM has bothered thee

So, without further ado
A pre-emptive strike is launched
The army known as Pride
Is now formally crunched

From the lovely Bard,

Cebrecca Gayheart

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.

Lorasia (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 Lorasia.

N.W.O. — New World Order.

R.O.C. — Reign Of Chaos.

R.O.T. — Raging Odious Terror.

S.O.B. — Soldiers Of Balance.

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://web2.airmail.net/Lanza/index.htm>

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 Berserkers [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

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.