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PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the Central region where the fighting was heavy. On the Isle of Medes, Fedaykin (Lawful Terminator Humans) destroyed the 19th LOOT Legion (Chaotic LOOT Orcs) while Tsunami (Lawful Terminator Humans) smashed the 7th LOOT Legion (Chaotic LOOT Orcs). Two weeks later Fedaykin destroyed Coal Barges (Chaotic LOOT Orcs) and Tsunami crushed Heat Seekers (Chaotic LOOT Orcs).

On the isle of Mycenea outside of Mycene, Trekkers (Lawful Terminator Humans) destroyed 3rd LOOT Legion (Chaotic LOOT Orcs). Meanwhile, Wyraxian (Lawful Terminator Giants) and Smasher (Lawful Terminator Humans) teamed up to ravage Short Arm of Chaos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Orcs).

Moving to the West.... In the Kolaan Basin outside of Kolaan Keep, Strychnine (CSA Giants) defeated a fleeing Hunters VI (Lawful Terminator Humans). At about the same time Disembowellers (Trimorph worshipping CSA Giants), Bear Clan (Trimorph worshipping Giants), and Black Company (Trimorph worshipping CSA Giants) teamed up to defeat a fleeing Hunters II (Lawful Terminator Humans).

On the Illyrian plain outside Andar, Wolverine Psychos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) destroyed the retreating Battlehammer (Lawful Runeblades Dwarves).

Finally, in the "olde world", IRA (Redeemer worshipping Humans of the RPA) defeated KK Konstruction Krew (Shhvoon worshipping SWARM Kobolds).

LORASIANEWS

In the Nadev Jungle, Frost Giants (Lawful HARM Giants) defeated the oddly named Spasm Spasm Boogie (Chaotic Lizara).

On the Vardian Plain outside the Human village of Lakon, Scarlet Knights (Cosmic Balance worshipping Vampires of the IRA) defeated the fleeing Arden's Protectors (Lo-kee worshipping ICON Humans). The Vampires were apparently on the hunt for booty and converts (new recruits, forcibly taken and converted to a vampiric state) and in both they were successful.

On the Nulean Plain, Neexus (Miiya worshipping Xaati) launched a surprise night assault on 1st Black Dragoons (Chaotic Lizara)

On the Agerian Plain, Crimson Tide (KIL Kobolds) defeated a retreating Order Templar (Lawful Gnolls).

PANAGEARUMORS

The Kodan Raman has decided to give the Terminators a break — in both legs!

Xanthor and Nick Gnoll-tee were seen kissing under the missile-toe.

The Terminators have no cities left to run to.

The New Blood is on the move again. Where will they strike next?

Cities report a strange malady afflicting many of their merchants. Rumor has it they'll soon close the markets to avoid contamination.

The Runeblades have been broken!

LORASIA RUMORS

Hellcats are nothing but a bunch of hacked up fur balls.

A KIL army was recently spotted lurking around Ogton.

HARM and Akuda Combine have called a halt to hostilities and will celebrate the holidays as one big happy family.

Tlatoani — the other white meat.

Reports of some strange race of beings that resemble bugs have surfaced. But these aren't the "bugs" you're expecting!

A dragon. A treasure. A mountain. It waits.

The numberless Xaati hordes, driven by an insatiable need to consume, are on the march....

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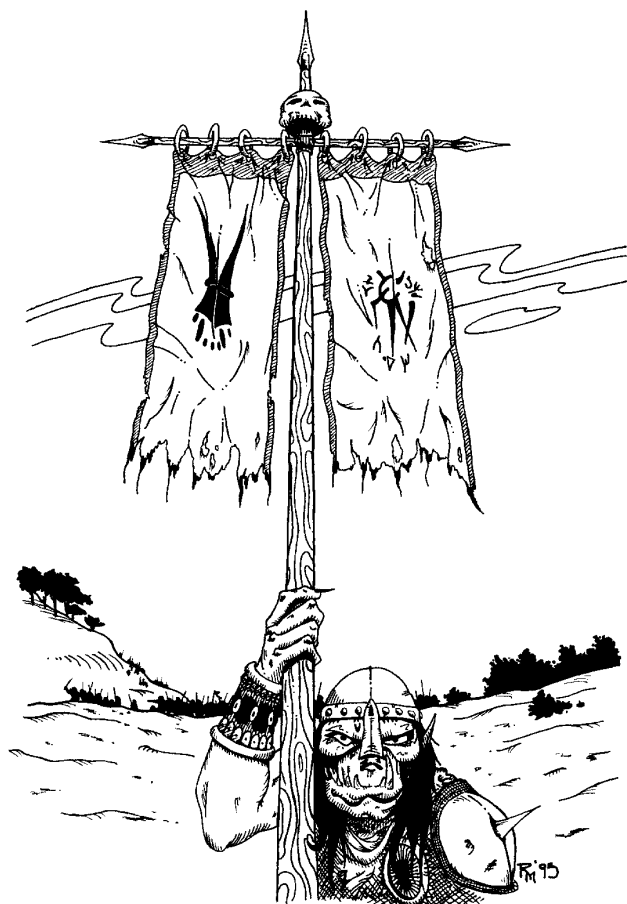
LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

I, Broc, am taking requests to join mighty alliance. I and family be strong. We no care about your Lawful-Chaotic weeping. Me say when you done crush each other come see my family. We walk true and just path of the Balance. We teach and help those who seek the TRUTH. We smash all who hurt our family. Hail N.W.O.!!

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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. — Crystallian 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 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.

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.

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://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 Beserkers [TM5] has set up a Chat Room at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ctf2187>

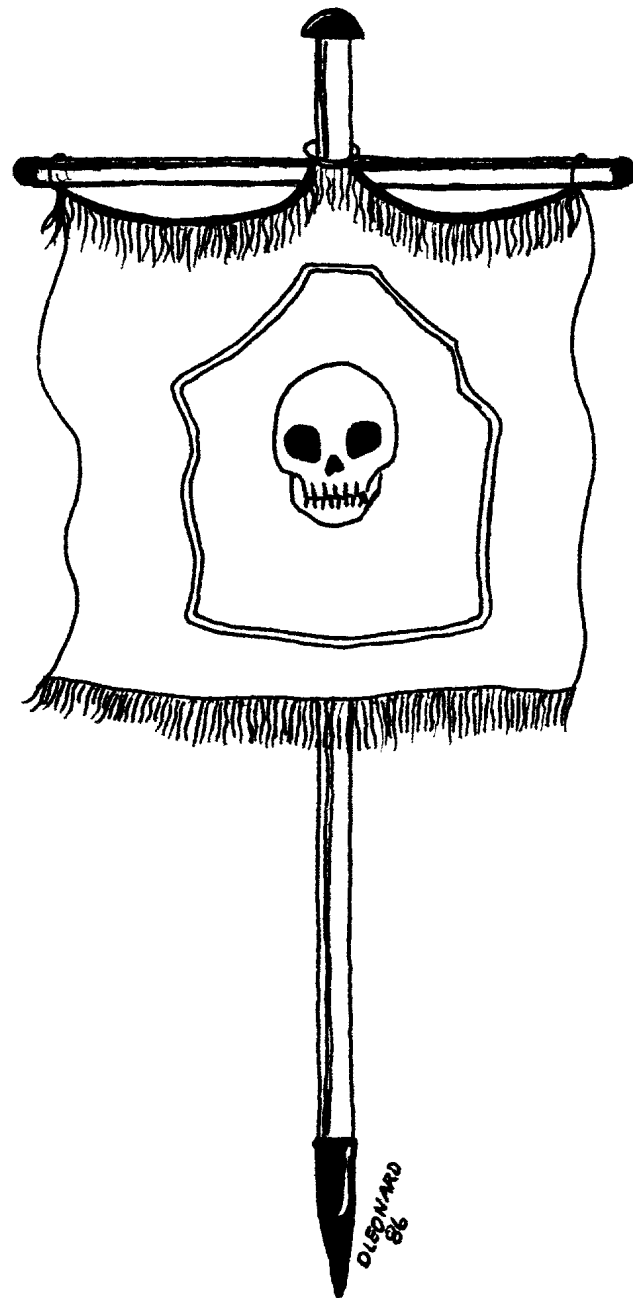
He also has set up an email discussion list. For those of you unfamiliar with a mailing list, here is how it works. Folks interested in a common topic must JOIN (aka SUBSCRIBE TO) the list. All of these "members" will then receive all postings to this list and can also respond and/or post their own messages. 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>



WHAT'S NEW — COD II

Happy Holidays! To celebrate we have some special gifts for COD II players — lots of cool new additions to the game! New character classes, new troop types and a new race (with another under development). Unfortunately, we can't provide much in the way of details as, after all, this is a game of discovery and knowledge is power!

We can talk a bit about the new race, because, well, we need players to run them! Unfortunately, unless you actually pick them up we can't provide much in the way of specifics otherwise it will ruin the surprise for everyone else. Needless to say, the number of positions available are VERY limited. These are SPECIAL rather than Advanced Positions so they are open to anyone EXCEPT Xaati players (the only other Special Race at the moment). Because they are special we have high expectations in terms of how they will be role-played — if you are not into role-playing don't request one! For the new positions we are looking for aggressive, ruthless players. That doesn't mean warmongering (though it can be played that way) and it doesn't mean rude and obnoxious (though that can be worked in too). In addition you must be able to keep a secret. Players for the new positions CANNOT tell anyone about the position nor can they have the positions work hand in hand with their other positions or their allies. For the first six months or so you can only communicate with other players with whom you make direct in game contact and only via diplomatic messages (no Player Notices either, though Rumors are good).

So how do you sign up? Send us a note and ask for it. It wouldn't hurt to use the note to proclaim your role-playing prowess and dedication to following the terms of instructions for how they should be run. [Ed: Sell yourself!] This is probably the only time this race will be offered and we want to make sure we pick the best candidates. The setups will probably be sent out sometime in January. Don't miss this unique opportunity! Join the ranks of the role-playing elite! The setup fee is \$10.

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



HAPPYHOLIDAYS!