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PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the West. In the Vaeld Mountains outside the Dwarven city known as Thraegens Deep, Urotsukidoji (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Humans) defeated the retreating Talor (Lawful Dwarves).

At the nearby Dwarven city known as Ferrous Mons, Mutton Birds (Chaotic CSA Giants) and Jaguar Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans) crushed Learned Brotherhood (Lawful Humans). Meanwhile Puma Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed the venerable Tor Hegel (Lawful Humans). At about the same time Throbacs (Wicca worshipping Humans) defeated Ax Throwers (Lawful EGA Dwarves).

In the Tarakeen Forest outside the Elven city of Galandir, Bengal Lancers (Wicca worshipping Humans) defeated the fleeing Terabithia Militia (Lawful AIM Elves).

Moving to Central Panagea, on the isle of Mycenea, Plains Drifters (Lawful Terminator Humans) defeated the fleeing Squid Ink (Chaotic Kodan Raman Orcs).

On the Isle Of Medes outside the Gnoll city of Peladon, Smasher (Lawful Terminator Humans) "smashed" Heat Seekers (Chaotic LOOT Orcs).

In the East, on the Crystal Plains outside the Human city of Narga Thum, Fedaykin (Lawful Terminator Humans) ambushed and badly mauled the Sea Dogs Of Panagea (Shhvoon worshipping SWARM Humans).

Outside the Gnoll city of Thunderburg, Kythos Fleet (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), Kodan Raiders (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), N.Y. Giants (Chaotic Kodan Raman Giants), and Rogue (Chaotic Kodan Raman Giants) teamed up to smash and almost destroy Swivelers (Lyredh worshipping Humans of the Monsties alliance).

LORASIANNEWS

This month we begin on the Agerian Plain where we saw most of the month's fighting. At the Goblin city of Isengak, Angels of Death (Chaotic ACE Orcs) and Rabid Wolves (Cosmic Balance worshipping Gnolls) teamed up to destroy Chaotic Wolfhounds (Chaotic Gnolls). Less than a week passed before Fangs Of The Wolf (Lawful HARM Gnolls) defeated Fareye Flyers

(Chaotic ACE Gnolls). Nearly two weeks later a newly reinforced Fareye Flyers counterattacked with disastrous results as they were badly trounced by Fangs Of The Wolf.

At the nearby Gnoll city of Kingston, Ez'zak Pochteca (Lawful Kobolds) destroyed Blood Rune (Chaotic Orcs). Less than a week later Kosmos (Cosmic Balance worshipping Gnolls of the NWO) destroyed Sapphyre Legion (Lo-kee worshipping Gnolls).

In the region known as Malundia, Tonatiuh's Torch (Lawful Kobolds) destroyed Xaara Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati) while Najdorf (Lawful Kobolds) defeated Xeeqa Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati).

In the Cambrian Range outside the Giant city of Magdenheim, Ratt Skinners (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins) and Foresters (Lyredh worshipping Satyrs of the Akuda Combine) teamed up to destroy Red Reavers (Humans).

In the region known as Manga Door outside the Kobold city of Tenochtitlan, Ixataca (Lawful Kobolds) defeated the fleeing Hellcats (Trimorph worshipping Leomen).

In the Grimwood forest outside the Ogre city of Ogton, Ez'zak Pochteca (two weeks after their previous battle) and Explorers (Lawful Kobolds) joined forces to defeat the retreating Raging Bulls (Chaotic ROC Minotaurs). Days later 509th Satyrs (Lawful HARM Satyrs) destroyed 1st Legion Of War (ACE Ogres).

On the Isle Of Quadro outside the Gnoll city of Cosmopolis, Calpulli (Lawful Kobolds) defeated the fleeing Kuppa's Kossacks (Chaotic KIL Kobolds)

In the Anvil Mountains, Graybeard's Raiders (Lawful Guardians Dwarves) defeated Xeera Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati).

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PANAGEARUMORS

The Kodan Raman has thrown in the towel and will be handing over all holdings to the Terminators.

To arms! To Arms! The dwarven citadel know as Thraegens Deep must be held at all costs. One of the few remaining bastions of Law ANYWHERE, it is well fortified and well supplied but cannot hold indefinitely without support. To arms!

CSA is no more. They all died screaming horrible deaths at the hands of their very own allies!

Wiccans are evil supporters of Chaos and care nothing for the balance! Hates them we do!

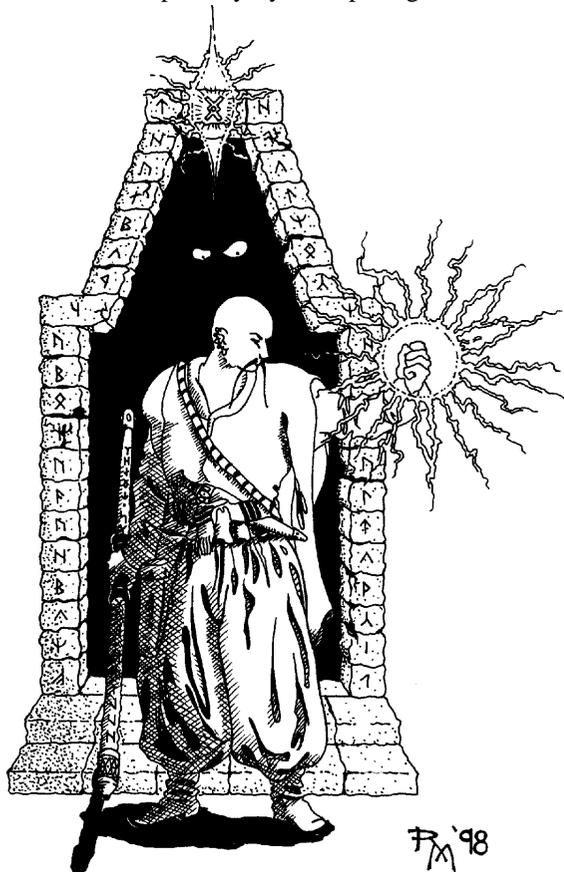
The Terminators have eaten all their sheep. Now what will Xanthor do for fun?

The New Blood is looking for a few good men. Or gnolls. Or giants. Or lizards. Or just about anyone.

A Terminator relief column is on its way to Ferrous Mons. Yay!

I hear lotsa rumors bout this and that but I never see New Blud anywhere. You guys hidin'?

The winds of change are blowing across Panagea. Who will be swept away by their passage?



LORASIA RUMORS

The Chaotic city of Ogton is a distinctly unsafe place for Chaotics.

The Dragon and the Goat are ready to rumble!

The Pinkcoated Goblin has found the Shoe of Destiny. What will she do with it?

Let the Bug Hunt begin!

Loony is a loon.

Attacking worshipers of your own religion/deity is not only bad for morale but it is even worse for piety.

BULLETINBOARD

PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

Xanthor —

You pathetic. Alla these yers and yu stills rantin. Blah, blah this... blah, blah that. Yu talks of takin yu treachery and deceit to nother world. Maybe yu realize yu existence onna Panagea is cummin to end. What's the matter? Yu eat alla food on that island? Keep in mind no matter what plain yu ends up on yu gonna be easy to track by slime trail and stench of sheep.

The once mitey ruler of West now blows his orn from island. Lord of all him surveys. Maybe yu be kind of fishes. They stupid too... kinda like sheep.

No citys to trade. No gold to build armys. Yu defeated wherever yu go. Must be gut feelin knowing yu hated by so many. Some day yu lackeys gonna realize that yu not give a hoot bout them. They die, yu gets fat eatin sheep.

Sure yur run & hyde tactics work but yu still onna that island ain't yu? Why not settle this once and forever. Bring yur forces to mainland and lets have at it. One grand campane... winner takes all. No runnin. No hidin.

Cants figure out who I is can yu Wray...

Ha, ha, ha, haaa... hac, ptui
I spit onna yu grave

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.

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://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 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

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>

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.

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.

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.]

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Happy Holidays!