

# THE COSMIC BALANCE



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## PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the increasingly volatile East, long thought to be under the complete dominion of Chaos....

On the Crystal Plains outside the Human city of Narga Thum, Fedaykin (Lawful Terminator Humans) destroyed Sea Dogs Of Panagea (Shhvoon worshipping SWARM Humans). Three weeks later Howling Winds (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) destroyed the fleeing Legion Of The Green (Lawful AIM Elves).

In the Black Mountains outside the Lizaran city of Flea Bite, Trekkers (Lawful Terminator Humans) and Bloodguard (Lawful Terminator Humans) teamed up to destroy Maelstrom (Shhvoon worshipping SWARM Giants). Three weeks later Trekkers launched a surprise assault on Flea Bite (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Lizara) itself only to be repulsed with heavy losses. At the Orc city of Iron Keep, Mariana (Lawful Terminator Humans) defeated the fleeing 37th Kodan Battalion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Orcs). At about the same time Brraalt's Brigade (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) and Silent Covenant (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) teamed up to defeat the fleeing Jackson Hole (Humans). At the Orc city of Grimhold, RDF (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) defeated the fleeing Andar's Own (Humans).

Moving to the Central Region, on the Isle Of Medes outside the Gnull city of Peladon, Smasher (Lawful Terminator Humans) lived up to its name and destroyed Heat Seekers (Chaotic LOOT Orcs). At about the same time Clan Thaxton (Lawful Terminator Humans) defeated the fleeing Chain (Chaotic Kodan Raman Orcs). Three weeks later Clan Thaxton once again hit Chain with similar results.

On the island of Mycenea, Orca (Lawful Terminator Humans) defeated a retreating Toad's Sons (Shhvoon worshipping Lizara) in a close battle. Three weeks later Orca struck again, this time with the support of Revenge (Lawful Terminator Humans) and defeated Toad Lords (Shhvoon worshipping Lizara). The next day Plains Drifters (Lawful Terminator Humans) destroyed the remnants of the hapless Toad Lords.

Moving to the West, in the region known as Mireland outside the Lizaran city of Hesh T'eerakk, Swampwalkers (Lo-kee worshipping Lizara), Snayks (Lo-kee worshipping Lizara), and Grave Robbers (Trimorph worshipping CSA Giants) teamed up to defeat the fleeing Movallens (Lawful Terminator Humans).

In the Tarakeen Forest outside the Human city of Ravenwood, Lions Of The North (Wicca worshipping

Humans) defeated the fleeing Leftovers (Lawful AIM Giants). At about the same time and 150 miles away, Shadowcat Rangers (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Third Legion (Lawful Humans).

In the Vaeld Mountains outside the Dwarven city of Thraegens Deep, Dragonright (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Lizara) defeated the retreating Smashers (Lawful AIM Giants) in a close battle.

## LORASIANEWS

On the Agerian Plain outside the Goblin city of Isengak, Fangs Of The Wolf (Lawful HARM Gnolls) smashed the Fareye Flyers (Chaotic ACE Gnolls). Two weeks later Fangs Of The Wolf attacked again, this time defeating Rabid Hounds (Cosmic Balance worshipping Gnolls) in a hard fought battle.

In the region known as Malundia, Tonatiuh's Torch (Lawful Kobolds) destroyed Xeeqa Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati). Meanwhile, one hundred miles away at the Kobold city of Ez'zak, Ez'zak Pochteca (Lawful Kobolds) destroyed Skali's Raiders (Humans).

On the Isle of Quadro at the city of Cosmopolis, Facilitators (Lawful Kobolds) defeated Kobolds Of The Seize (Chaotic KIL Kobolds). Two weeks later Facilitators proceeded to bombard Cosmopolis itself, severely weakening its defenses.

The Pryma Forest saw a lot of action this month beginning at the Elven city of Lotheria where Ratt Skinners (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins) destroyed Zaata Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati) while Foresters (Lyredh worshipping Satyrs) defeated Truth And Light (Lyredh worshipping Leomen) with no doubt severe consequences to Piety and Morale. Soon thereafter Ratt Skinners ambushed and defeated Rohirrim (Lawful Centaurs of the Crystalian Warriors). Two weeks later Gongylus Gongyloids (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg) destroyed the remnants of Truth And Light while Foresters destroyed the remnants of Rohirrim. At the Human city of Novograd, Ziira Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati) defeated Ashanti (Humans) in a close battle.

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In the Grimwood forest, 509th Satyrs (Lawful HARM Satyrs) smashed the fleeing Raging Bulls (Chaotic ROC Minotaurs).

In the Cambrian Range outside the Human city of Lofton, Fear That Walks (Lawful HARM Lizara) defeated Black Widows (Chaotic ROC Giants).

On the Vardian Plain outside the Human city of Vardunon, Flocking Ravens (Lo-kee worshipping Humans) destroyed Black Banner (Trimorph worshipping Humans).

### PANAGEARUMORS

I heard the CSA has taken an extended leave of absence because they wet themselves whenever they hear the word "Terminator".

Xanthor swallowed a fly and gave birth to a bouncing baby maggot.

Where did the New Blood go? They're preparing yet another offensive.

Smasher-Humies, Smashers-Big Feet, 2 confusing fur me brain. Sumwuns jus' kilz 'em both and make the pain stop.

How many times do I have to tell you: it IS size that matters!

The Kodan Raman have splintered off a new alliance known as the Koda Ramani. Whether this is the result of internal dissension or part of a ploy to confound the Terminators is unknown.



### LORASIA RUMORS

Bugs everywhere!! Where's the fly swatter?

In Morlock'ced the Queen of Pain prepares to strike.

An old Lizara staggered into Port Royale clutching a map in his hand. Rumor has it he moaned "It'sssss here" before dying. Where did the map go?

Zanzibar the Blue is on the run!

HARM and the Akuda Combine are negotiating to hold a Royale Rumble to end things once and for all. The Isle Of Quadro seems to be the location of choice so pack up the fleet and get ready to watch the fun (from safely off shore, that is).

HARM has bitten off more than it can chew.

Akuda done it!

Why are the CW rank and file along with their allies being systematically hunted down and destroyed and yet their leaders are miraculously unscathed?

Destroying worker bugs is easy. For a REAL challenge find some warrior bugs!

### BULLETINBOARD

#### PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

Chaotic scum or neutral lover of Chaotics,

You certainly have a way with words. Does your failure to invade Mycenea bother you? For those of you who don't know, the so-called leader of Krappy Refuse (i.e. KR) made some really Dumb plans to invade the island stronghold. He sent huge fleets twice, or was it thrice, to the island. I forget how many times. Of course the invasion fleets were led by incompetent commanders who led very large overrated armies. If you didn't already know it, size doesn't matter that much. It's the quality that really matters! In a nutshell, my armies completely crushed the navies that were stupid enough to visit MY island. I'm not surprised that his "strategic" plans failed. Who can blame someone who has turds for brains?

I really don't care who you are. However, it's easier to address you by a name instead of "Chaotic Scum" or "Neutral Lover of Chaotics". From now on I'll just call you I.D.I.O.T., or IDIOT for short. Any future messages to you will have your name mentioned. Is that okay with you, IDIOT?

Your friend,  
Xanthor

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## PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

IDIOT,

I have armies on both East and West Panagea. Which continent do you want to meet and “settle this once and forever”? The only reason you and your fellow idiots are dominating the world is due to uncontrolled growth. It doesn't have anything to do with your strategic or tactical skills. Let me put it another way. A chimp could run your huge empires and mow down smaller armies. If you still don't get it, I'm sure you wouldn't last as long as I have IF you were running my empires and I ran yours. Your brilliant incompetence prevented you from finishing me off years ago. Here's a secret you may not know. There were a few times that I felt it was better to just fall on my sword and be done with it because it was really painful to see you once again screw up royally. Now I feel much better after getting that off my chest. Hope you feel better also.

What do you plan to do with your large navies? Donate to me once again? If that's what you want to do, I'll tell you where to put it.

Xanthor

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## PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

Notice... De southern lan mass on Westrn Kontinent... Auroomia, is under gnaw kontrol by fine C.S.A. No mo' stinken' Lawpukes. The area will be purged. Yo' bes runs if not belongs here. Senz diplo to C4543 — Kahn of fine 888 Guttem giants if not wants to be deded. Dis only warning... heed or be meat for sales.

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

It has always been my opinion that if someone is planning to flap off at the gums then they should, at the very least, have the caljones to back up what they are trying to make everyone else believe. So to you my fair feathered nemesis, Corvallis, I humbly ask, “What is it that you are trying to say?” “That you are in truth a bully among other bullies.”

Fact of the matter is that personally I honestly feel that you are the leader of all the bullies of the Akuda Combine. If the truth needs to be told just look at the A.C. record over the past year alone. Since Nov '03 (according to the CB) AC armies have attacked no less than 25 Lawful armies. 95% of these armies were armies of less than 500 warriors, many of which were completely destroyed.

Take Claws of the Falcon, for example, or even Timberwolf. Now here were two small armies with less than 250 total population, most nonwarriors and

craftsmen, who while attempting to just barely survive managed to get wiped out by bullies. Why? 'Cause they posed a veritable threat to the egotistical AC? Or was it because all your swollen headed sheep-herds needed to prove to themselves that they are exactly what everybody else sees you - a spreading disease-ridden bunch of sheep-loving bullies that can't stand up to a real army so has to prove themselves on all the small ones.

Don't get me wrong, you did have opportunity to do battle with real men, but not of your doing. As for me, I'm just biding my time waiting for you to show up at my doorstep. But I'm sure like all the rest of your bully friends if you finally do you won't be alone. And I expect no less from cowards.

## 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 GAMING 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. 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.

## 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://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>

Of course, don't forget to check out the AGE site which contains all sorts of nifty downloads (House Rules, CC/RC Form, etc.). Feedback and suggestions are encouraged. Check it out at:

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**Happy New Year!**