

# THE COSMIC BALANCE



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## PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the West where most of the fighting took place. And it is here, on the Illyrian Plain where the most intense fighting occurred. The combat began with Lomorian Wolf Pack (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), Ricks Reserves (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), and 3rd Regiment (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) teaming up to defeat Vengeance (Gnolls). Meanwhile S.F. Giants (Chaotic Kodan Raman Giants), Black Scorpion (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls), and 1st Kodan Division (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) teamed up to crush Dragon Swords (Gnolls). Three weeks later and two hundred miles away Knight Riders (Lawful Terminator Centaurs) smashed Varangian Guard (Lo-kee worshipping Humans). More than a week later at the Human city of Andar, Rick's Reserves, S.F. Giants, 1st Kodan Division, Black Widow (Chaotic Kodan Gnolls), and Black Scorpion teamed up to destroy Dust and Thunder (Lawful Runeblades Elves). Meanwhile, 100 miles away, Lomorian Wolf Pack finished off the remnants of Dragon Swords.

In the Vaeld Mountains outside the Dwarven citadel of Ferrous Mons, Mutton Birds (Chaotic CSA Giants), Lions Of The North (Wicca worshipping Humans), and Puma Brigade teamed up to destroy Guardian (Lawful Giants). Meanwhile Jaguar Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Eagle's Talon (Lawful Elves), Shadowcat Rangers (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Demolition Squad (Lawful AIM Humans), and Bengal Lancers (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Learned Brotherhood (Lawful Humans).

Moving on to the East we begin in the Crystal Mountains where the N.Y. Giants (Chaotic Kodan Raman Giants) destroyed Clan Guff (Lawful Dwarves).

On the Crystal Plains outside the Human city of Narga Thum, Wolverine Psychos (Chaotic Kodan Raman Gnolls) defeated the fleeing Hart Bowmen (Wicca worshipping SNAP Humans).

## LORASIANNEWS

We begin in the Cambrian Range where Ratt Skinners (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins) and 10th Virginia Inf (Chaotic Gnolls of the Akuda Combine) teamed up to smash Red Maw (Lawful HARM Gnolls). Two weeks later at the Human city of Lofton, Ratt Skinners and 10th Virginia struck again, this time

devastating the Jaws Of Thirst (Lawful HARM Gnolls). The next day 10th Virginia Inf ambushed K-9 Knights (Lawful Gnolls of the Crystalian Warriors) in a relatively bloodless skirmish. [Ed: The 10th attacked two days in a row but this does NOT mean they had two turns in a row. The first battle occurred on the 10th's turn the second, being an AMBUSH, occurred on the K-9's turn.] In an apparently unrelated engagement fifty miles away Melissa's Madmen (Lawful HARM Gnolls) defeated Azala Swarm (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg) in another minor engagement. The next day the battered Red Maw took another hit as they were defeated by Gongylus Gongyloids (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg).

On the Agerian Plain outside the Goblin city of Isengak, Fangs Of The Wolf (Lawful HARM Gnolls) defeated the fleeing Bloodnguts (Lo-kee worshipping Giants of the Akuda Combine). More than 200 miles away Buzz's Boys (Lawful HARM Satyrs) defeated the fleeing Circus Maximus (Titans). Two weeks later Buzz's Boys again defeated Circus Maximus, this time at the Groll city of Kingston.

On the Nulean Plain, Gongylus Gongyloids defeated 1st Legion Of Honor (Lawful Titans).

In the Anvil Mountains outside the Dwarf city of Balen's Deep, Stonestrikers (Lawful HARM Dwarves) defeated Triffid Attack Force (Elves). The next day at the Halfling city known as Hilltop Haven, Widomakers (Cosmic Balance worshipping Gnolls) defeated 1st Scout (Lawful Elves) in a hard fought battle.

On the Vardian Plain outside the Giant city of Angonheim, Ra's Raiders (Lyredh worshipping Humans of the IRA) defeated the retreating Durin's Avengers (Lawful Guardians Dwarves) in a hard fought battle.

Finally, in the Sammian Sea, Tonatiuh's Torch (Lawful Kobolds) destroyed the fleeing Sunk (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins).

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## **PANAGEARUMORS**

Could it be? Is there really a traitor in the Kodan camp?

A new king has been crowned in Ravenwood! All hail King Zar!

Where have all the Terminator armies gone? They're hiding under rocks with the rest of the cowardly slime.

Valen of Mycene is on his deathbed. Who will be named his successor?

The Terminators are on the rebound, or perhaps they were merely biding their time. With the support of new found allies and reinforcements a counter attack is in the offing.

Wicca worshippers, or their mysterious god, are insane.

## **LORASIARUMORS**

I hear NWO is joining up with KIL and attacking neutrals.

Everywhere you look ICON is trooping up with artillery. Beware!

I hear 10,000 Goblin Maniacs are dunging up West Veldt's front lawn.

Look out, AC, the Balance is tipping and not in your favor.

Word is Xorgs are AC and Xaati spawn.

NWO is plotting to take over Lorasias! Did you notice all those attacks?

CW is on the verge of collapsing.

Xorg heretics? What the heck are Xorg heretics?

Large Xorg city lies at ... aaaaahhhhhh!

Who's Murder Inc? And what have they done to my sheep?

CW is on the rise to power. Beware AC, the standards of the west will be ripped from your toes.

We seen Long Knives. Looks like they traded them in for letter openers.

Mog the Merciless is ready to confront any and all who would stand in his way. Beware!

It appears that Goblins have a knack for prophecy, witness the sinking of their aptly named fleet "Sunk".

What next, armies named "Dead", "Killed" and "Destroyed"?

Who is Mog the Merciless? And where did he get that dashing hairpiece?

Has anyone seen —let alone survived — an encounter with a Xorg berserker?

Mog sees all! Mog knows all! Mog hates all!

## **BULLETINBOARD**

### PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

Ah, another fine notice by Xanthsnore in the August CB. Thought I had a flashback to the 3rd grade with the intellectual level of your last notice, X. That is a real piece of work. Hope you didn't stay up too late writing it.

If you don't want to surrender, then why did you initiate the truce through the 3rd party? Better yet, why didn't you email me directly? Fearful of rejection? Or hopeful someone will feel sorry for you again and allow you to build up so you can cancel the truce when it suits you? Seems your motives are more than a little bit less than honorable. Much like your comment on the line about us "jerks", "OTOH, the jerks in CODI didn't even have the decency to respond to my proposal of truce via a third party."

I'll just give you the answer now for evermore while I control the Kodan Raman. I'll not accept any proposal of a truce from you or even respond to it. Complete unconditional surrender of your forces I will consider, but only when it suits me and my allies, AND you have to ask for it in the CB for it to be official. I'm not fearful of making deals in public for Everyone to witness.

Your friends and allies should take note that you have no trouble dishing out death to other armies (ie Pirates of Panagea, and many others), and making fun of them in the CB, but you think you deserve a "pass" when your armies are threatened with destruction, hence the "truce" through a 3rd party. Time to burst the bubble, it's a 2 way street. Expect the same treatment for your armies as you treat others. Maybe that is why you're so nervous.

Quitting is an option. Exercise it if you wish. I'll move on when I wish, as will my allies. Updating the score of the battle record was lame given that you know about the time lag between the time articles are submitted and when they are printed. You must be proud your front line battle armies have lost so many battles to my 2nd line battle armies (actually both of them were/are breeders!). Don't worry though, my front line battle armies are on their way.

Finally, my troops have taken up finger painting! They use the blood from the dead of your battle armies as they prepare them for the stew pot. Know what? They say they taste just like chicken!

Nick!

LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Cookbook of Grog Foulbreath

Candy Coated Roaches  
Serves twenty

1. Take 5 whole Warrior Drones (live ones work best).
2. Remove wings (they tend to get caught between fangs).
3. Chop with axe into small pieces.
4. Drop pieces into boiling chocolate.
5. Pierce pieces on a spear.
6. Dip them in candy (let dry).
7. Serve to good Goblin children.

Bon apaXEE!

Next month: Xaati Peppermint Surprise

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

House Atreides has just been exiled through a one way Star Gate to Lorasias. Stripped of all technology. Seeking friends and (non- Alliance) allies. Long distance from our armies is no problem. Currently in the Vardian Plain region.

Warlord Protector Clifford  
E#399 House Atreides

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Hey Ratt Face,

You bad mouth the Blood Fang Empire yet you have not destroyed it yet. We have fought you multiple times. Been outnumbered 2 or 3 to 1, sometimes 4 to 1. Yet I have survived all of them. Yet you still spout about you're gonna destory Blood Fangs. Next time we meet it will be different.

You spout how bad your army is. Yet you haven't fought the Kobold army yet. What are you, a coward? You have to outnumber your opponent 3 or 4 to one? Then you spout how bad your army is. Deeds speak louder than words.

Your deeds so far are you are a bully who is afraid to battle someone your own size. Also whenever you do fight you need someone to cover your back. We will see you soon. Then you will have a battle. You can even bring your protector along. I will have something for him.

Anfauglir

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

The True Story of Billy Goats, I mean Trolls, Bluff

Once upon a time there lived three Chaotic brothers. They were Drool the Troll, Snar the Orc, and a lil Goblin named Backstabber.

The three brothers were hungry, so they decided there was food to be had at Magdenheim. But the three borthers had no gold. On the road there was a bridge with a big ugly Titan living under it who collected the toll on Chaotics.

As they approached the bridge the ugly Titan jumped out and said, "Pay to pass or die!"

The Troll just smiled and said, "My brother Snar will be along soon. He will pay for me." The dumb Titan believed the Troll's story and let Drool past.

Along came Snar the Orc, who didn't have the toll when the Titan asked either. Snar smiled and said, "My lil brother Backstabber will pay for me and my brother Drool."

The Titan told Snar, "You may pass, but if your brother doesn't pay I'll be hot on your trail."

Along came Backstabber, who the big scary Titan picked up by the neck with one hand. "Pay me or die," said the Titan.

The quick thinking Goblin said, "Here it is!" and dropped his empty purse. The Titan set Backstabber on the bridge rail and examined the empty purse. The last thing the dumb Titan said was, "Hey this is empty!"

"I know," said Backstabber as he wiped off his bloody dagger.

"Hey fellas," said Backstabber. "Wait for me. I got the lunch money."

The three Chaotic brothers then headed off into the sun for new adventure. The big scary ugly Titan's bones still lie on the bridge to this day.

And they all lived happily ever after.

The end.

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LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Theoden is a hypocrite. See CB 223. Lean Mean Green did not fly Chaos or Shhvoon banners. What's your lame excuse now? Banner scout next time. Ratt Skinners fly Shhvoon banners.

Mr. Obvious

## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Hey Anfauglir,

Red Maw lost ANOTHER 1,700 Gnolls from attacks by Ratt Skinners and 10th Virginia Infantry. As of writing this message, our forces are closing in on your current position. You might even be dead by the time this message is read by all of Lorasias. Or maybe you survived by scurrying away with your pathetic army. Time will tell. These attacks are avenging our fallen comrades that you jumped when this war started. Since that time, HARM has been kicked around the continent from the Nulean Plain to the Cambrian Range. It's a shame you have led your people on this destructive path. You once had a mighty Empire, but it is now crumbling before your eyes. Soon Bloodfangs will be a small footnote in the Great Book of Lorasias.

Corvallis  
Akuda Combine

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## LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

To: Melfus-Star  
From: Lord Hisan Tark  
RE: CB #229

Nice speech on lack of leadership. You can't lead those who do not wish to be led. You were given advice on what to do and when to do it. You chose not to heed that advice. You would rather feed Akuda's war machine with your half dozen small armies. Why? Because you feared losing.

I hereby change your title from Minister of Diplomacy to Oracle of the Obvious.

Air your dirty laundry to your!! Alliance leader, not Lorasias.

## 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.

Lorasias (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 Lorasias.  
N.W.O. — New World Order.  
R.O.C. — Reign Of Chaos.  
R.O.T. — Raging Odious Terror.  
S.O.B. — Soldiers Of Balance.

## 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.

## 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.

