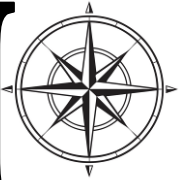


THE DISPATCH



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TORTURE COMES TO AN END.

This week, after things were brought to a head with yet another threat from the Order of the Oaken Door, brave agents were sent out in search of this breakaway element in order to restore peace, both to the Hegemony and to the Portal Camp. In an effort to prevent further attacks from the phantasms that were spawned by this Order as weapons, there was only one option: cut them off at the source. Their mechanized island, accessible only at night, was the site of the confrontation between the Treaty and those who would stand against it.

There, from those who escaped safely, we have heard rumours of monstrous tortures: strange beasts, endless phantasms and bottomless pits. All used in some vile machinery to create weaponized bricks. We of the Dispatch are horrified at such casual disregard for human life, and the myriad of ways of abusing others that this involved. There are other, more unconfirmed, rumours of the creation of a different kind of sprite: certainly, many survivors report a drunken Alfar yelling 'GET IN MY MAGIC SEASHELL' at collapsed torturers. Whether this Alfar was party to additional knowledge, we cannot tell.

What happened to the leader of the Order still remains uncertain, though reports of screams echoing through the rocks and shallows of the island remain a common element to reports.

All we know now is that the threat is finally over. We can stop bricking it (*You're fired- Ed.*)

Anger at Ambassador- Adversarial Arson

The Ambassador's tent at the Hegemony camp was burned to cinders on Tuesday this week. Luckily the cleared area, which surrounded the tent and serves as a meeting ground and to show up trespassers, meant that the rest of the camp did not combust along with it. There is no doubt this was a deliberate arson attempt, but the inevitable question is by whom?

Not to make too fine a point of it, but this marks a turning point on Mat Sellah. If the Factions cannot keep organisations such as the Barber Surgeons and the Arrangement under control, or, perhaps worse, this was an attack that served as a prelude to war- by taking out the general- then this means that there may be no place for easy negotiation.

-Logan Hoare, secretary to the Ambassador

PostScript. No, members of the Church, this is not meant as an allegation of blame, merely as speculation. And I should like to add that the rumours that the Ambassadors themselves started the inferno are completely unfounded; for what purpose would they do so?

Blasphemy in the Camp

Readers of a sensitive disposition may wish to skip this article.

Horror has rocked the portal camp this week as a terrifying discovery was made in the Church of the Celebrant section this week. In a storage tent a gruesome scene was found, a number of bodies were discovered, flayed, mutilated and arraigned to form the word "celebrant". Leading members of the church have decried this act as blasphemy and call for the perpetrator to be found and dealt with.

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Stranger interaction and its Dangers

It is a fact that is undeniable that certain people around the Portal Camp have been attempting to entreat with the VILE MONSTROSITIES those of a lesser mindset have termed 'strangers' (strange in their ENDLESS SEDITION against us). This is an INSANITY that I fear will overwhelm the work of the research station, if it is not NIPPED IN THE BUD.

Whilst it is known that these WEAPONS OF MALEFICENCE have 'knowledge' on the 'past', it is also known that these FOUL CREATURES are not to be trusted, their words VENOMOUS WILD-BEASTS that seek only to lure the pure hearted from the path of the divine. The DIABOLISMS of the so-called Barber Surgeons, fit only to treat the FOULNESS of their TYRANTS, is a sign of what these MONSTROSITIES subvert the ideal to become.

Even now, some claim that recently UNMASKED THIEVING CREATURES of black and white can be utilised for the purposes of good, but I say that this is NOT THE CASE! Ridiculous! Horrendous BLASPHEMY! To entreat with those VERMIN from beyond is only a sign of DEBASEMENT and FETTERED MINDS, and is not something that the upstanding agents will have any interest in doing. To those who would negotiate, I have only TEARS and CONDEMNATIONS. And that is the final comment.

Aspirant Jakob Kramer, Author of Lancea Laruarum (Still available for sale!)

Villages Burn Along the Coast

Pirate raids appear to be on the rise, refugees from various shanty villages along the coast have been making their way toward the portal camp recently. All bring tales of brutal pirate raids leaving any who oppose them dead, whole villages razed to the ground and anything of value stolen.

The Explorer Church would like to catch the felon known as "Lady Jane". They have advertised themselves as "Loyalty you can buy" This is not the case. They work for themselves and the Arrangement.

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