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SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

New Y'kin invasion

Uprising in Western Marches

Uprising in Meluria

Demonic Attacks

Royalists attacked

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CHURCH COMPANY MURDERED BY SAVAGE Y'KIN

A few weeks ago a force of soldiers from our beloved church was murdered by an army of the infidel Y'kin. The Esob Inquirer has managed to get an interview with Sergeant Wil Ofran, one of the few survivors of the incident. This is his story -

"We had followed the enemy to the lands bordering to Ostland, and found their camp some ways into the mountains. We made camp and prepared to attack the heathens at first light.

During the night they must have worked their foul sorceries, because despite of our best men standing guard on our camp two creatures from the abyss managed to infiltrate. The creatures looked like a cross between a dæmon of the pale and a Gark.

The forces of Charón managed to set most of our tents on fire, scare away some of our horses and the chaos that ensued bereft most of us of sleep that night.

At dawn we realized that the black devils had taken position about a mile away, up a slight incline. They barely

outnumbered us, and as everyone knows one soldier of the Lords are



Church soldiers burning at Ostland border.

worth at least 20 Y'kin. We had to leave our horses because of the terrain, but that also meant that the enemy would have no chance of fleeing the wrath of Kuor on horseback either. This would be the day when we showed those stinking heathens that Rhakhaan is off limits to infidels.

As we approached, victory in our hearts, arrows, spears and stones

started pouring over us. The losses were heavy but acceptable, all was going well and the pillaged houses and mansions were about to be avenged when the sorcery started. The stones themselves caught fire, incinerating our troops. Balls of fire and darkness came from above; walls of fire hindered every attempt to attack. As we retreated we spied their leader, a tall Dyari elf, clearly the mastermind behind the incursion. If we could have killed him, the savages would have broken down to the uncivilized rabble that they are, instead of using the honor less but effective strategy that the Dark Elf enforced upon them.

As we were about to make our controlled retreat a roar came from the attackers. From nowhere mounted Y'kin appeared above us, charging down the slope while yelling "YUGAL!"

Yugal is one of the daemon gods worshipped by the Y'kin, also known as Akalatan, he is the god of perverted sexuality and death - Authors note

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U P R I S I N G I N T H E W E S T E R N M A R C H E S

Lords in the western marches has risen against the empire, tempted by the Helyssan royalists and the disturbances in the northern kingdom of Vornia.

Baron Dovol of Tyres is under siege as he refused to break the allegiance with the empire and is now waiting reinforcements from the empire or other loyal lords. The way it seems with the recent uprising in the southern Meluria he has a hard summer to look forward to, making reinforce-

ments all but impossible and the other loyalists in the Western Marches have problems too with rebellious lords.

Reports also have come in that the western border has over and over again been breached by forces of the heathen church of Yaarth, claiming to search for rebel royalists.

Ever since King Halek of Helyssa died in his accident in '46 and the heathen church of Yaarth took over, the region has been troubled by numerous small uprisings and monstrosities from the

reigning church.

- Jaden Chivas



Baron Dovol of Tyres

**CHURCH COMPANY
MURDERED CONT.**

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“The dark gods must have ridden with them, because very few of them died while charging our positions. We were routed to a man, and I sustained a wound that would have been lethal were it not for the training I received from the church and the ministrations of the Sisters.”

The sergeant was found comatose, the only survivor, in a pile of corpses.

“Somewhere out there is a Y’kin running around with the sword that the

Archprelate blessed when I was accepted into the service of the United Church of Orhan. I vow that I will join the first expedition of vengeance into the lands of these savages.”

Official church spokesmen decline to comment of the possibility of a church sponsored raid into the land of the dæmon worshipers next summer.

— Jon Constance for the Esov Inquirer.

United Church of Orhan

The United Church of Orhan is looking for devoted and reliable young men to serve the Lords.

Do you feel you can do a difference and want to make the world a better place to live without heathens and cults of Charón.

Report to our recruiting office outside the church in Duraaan or at Esov Turic.

- His Grace Kedaro Selayah, High Archprelate

**DÆMONIC FORCES ATTACK
NOMIKOS LIBRARY**

Nomikos, Isle of Ormian.
During a night of 2nd Varin unknown forces attacked the Library of Nomikos.
Buildings close to the main library were assaulted and parts of the central buildings were burnt down. The attackers seem to be some kind of previously unseen dæmons that the wards around Nomikos were so far unprepared of. The main force was

composed of black humanoid creatures, standing above 9 feet tall with dagger like fangs and four sets of viscous claws, riding on equally large dæmonic bats. They moved with lightning speed and proved more than a match to even the Changramai guards at the library. The daemons ferocity was enough to keep the monks occupied long enough for the attackers to

destroy apartments of some of the more prominent visitor’s before they could be driven off.
Losses at the library and the city below number into the 80s of Civilians and Scribes, and a handful of the Changramai guards
The reason for the attack is up to date unknown.
— Jon Constance for the Esov Inquirer.

He who fights with monsters should look to it that himself does not become a monster... when you gaze long into the abyss the abyss also gaze into you.
-- Unknown

HEATHEN CHURCH ATTACKS ROYALISTS

Families of Helyssan loyalists are systematically being prosecuted by the forces of the Evil cult of Yarthraak.
Homes are being burnt; women and children are killed or sent to work camps and all worldly possessions confiscated. The church of Yarthraak assumed regency of Helyssa when the old duke died in a tragic hunting accident and Kier, the duke’s son, disappeared. Soon after high priest Aeryk of Yarth accepted

the regency, the attack on all loyal to the old ducal family and Rhakhaan began. Those who speak against the cult are questioned or killed, and their lands are taken by Yarthraak and given to the cult or to those who swear loyalty to the new regent. The center of the church’s worship is the sea drake Yarthraak, to whom the priests make human sacrifices in exchange of enormous powers. Some of the old noblemen refuse the

rule of Aeryk, and rebel against this oppressive cult. Their forces are hopelessly outmatched by the regular army and the dark magic of the sea drake, but still they fight. Prince Kier is still missing.
— Jon Constance for the Esov Inquirer.

This article has been approved and edited by the archprelates office.



The heathen symbol of the cult of Yarthraak, reigning church in U-Lyshak.

THE WARFRONT



USURPER INTENSIFY ATTACKS

At the front there has been intense fighting at Dunning hills, north of Leathes, since the imperial legions sent by the emperor broke the siege on His Grace Elrad Avanir, Duke of Prevan and Leathes castle in the fall. The usurper gets constant reinforcements from Saralis and Zorian nomads and with the recent uprisings in Western marches and Meluria the Imperial forces are tied up in many other places.

The Usurper, Lord Frelik Malvion, has renewed his demand on the Emperor's surrender.

- Edoras, Scribe

STRANGE CREATURES

During several nights the Imperial XII:th legion stationed in northern Prevan has been under attack from strange evil creatures coming out of the Zor wastes in the north. The creatures remind of humans but as a legionnaire said; "They are just not right!" Tales of these warped creatures with claws or with fur is getting more and more common in the north.

The XII:th legion is currently involved with a large Saralii mercenary force plundering the northern provinces, fighting under the Usurpers banner, so the repeated attacks by the eerie creatures is putting a strain on both the men and the supplies.

- Edoras, Scribe



The Melurian

Uprising

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Y'KIN ATTACK REPELLED

A massive Y'kin force attacked the fort of Arx Metosud during the central weeks of the summer, the force claimed to have been at least 2000 men strong was without it's usual Charón worshipping heathen clerics and hence was easily repelled by the Imperial VII legion.

It was in the early morning without any forewarning from the scout outposts the force attacked, using just infantry to avoid detection. The first assault ended on the walls and after that the legion could take care of the remaining forces.

- Jaden Chiras



Y'kin infantry attacking Imperial fortress out of Metosud pass in the grey mountains.

IMPERIAL DEATHS

Baron Ervil Kyen of Orgosia

Ser Jonu Dorol

Ser Ian Sochard

Ser Ixander Carthella

Ser Byron Sinda

Ser Lucien Terdax

Ser Andor Livius

Y ' K I N L A N D I N G



Y'kin pirate ship landing at Esov Mur coast.

It was a moonless night in the fist Varin of the summer when a force of Y'kin landed

on the shores of Esov Mur, over three hundred in numbers. They then moved across Esov Mur and disap-

pearing in the Ostland ('Sir-Laar'), spreading devastation and fear on their way. A fisherman outside Caldara saw the whole event:

"It was a cloudy night and almost pitch black, I was up repairing the nets when I heard ships closing out at sea, at fist I feared it might be pirates, or maybe smugglers, but then I heard that talked in a strange tongue I understood it was something else. I walked down the shores to a stony beach; there I could see in a glimpse of starlight how dark-skinned warriors were going shore in the hundreds.

As they were posting guards I ran back and reported it to the local police."

The Y'kin force headed east into Esov Mur after that, destroying the first force sent at them by the church of Caldara and later the force led by Ser Laras Akin at the Ostland border.

- Jaden Chivas

In pain, suffering or in spiritual danger? The Sisters of Eissa can help you with your problems. We can be found in all major cities at the church.

T R O L L S I G H T E D

A hunter in the Arlov region (north of Esov Turic) came to us at the Inquirer with the terrifying story, here are his own words.

"Well, I was out in the hills to the north of Arlov, tracking a couple of cougars, very good furs those cougars, anyway, that is when I saw it, at first I thought I only saw a strange rock, but that was until it moved.

It was a hideous beast, with skin like the rocks, must have been almost ten feet tall. It lumbered passed me where I was hiding so close I could almost have touched it, then it disappeared into the west, I dared not follow the

beast as the light was fading."

The hunter Eilan, are we told by all we have talked to, is a sane person that does not have a tendency to make up stories, so dear readers, beware traveling those regions, there are more dangers then bandits.

- Jaden Chivas

Troll attacking with a tree.



P I R A C Y O F D U R A A N P O R T

The Sel-Kai merchant vessel Dolphoan was sunk only a day from the Duraan harbor.

The sailor Edoras is the only survivor told about a black sailed ship sporting a flag with a white swan.

"It was a large, sleek, black sailed ship sporting a flag resembling a white bird, the captain, Shaal guard his soul, ordered the surrender as we had no chance keeping them away for a day, less alone a quintar, but as they came about they attacked. Firing down all who was upon deck and then boarding us. It was savage elves the lot of them. They cut down everyone, I was thrown overboard by the force of a swords blow, the others were all slaughtered..."

This is the third attack in the region this year alone by the Dyari pirate that calls himself the White Swan.

- Jaden Chivas



Pirate flagged ship outside Plasidar Bay

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The Ten Offenses

- I - Kubris, which offends Kuor*
- II - Ignorance, which offends Valris*
- III - Avarice, which offends Reann*
- IV - Lifetaking, which offends Eissa*
- V - Infidelity, which offends Phaon & Oriana*
- VI - Laziness, which offends Cay*
- VII - Exploitation, which offends Floura*
- VIII - Perversion, which offends Jaysek*
- IX - Vanity, which offends Hieron*
- X - Deceitfulness, which offends Teris*

NEWS FROM DURAAN

BARON SELNIS MARRIED TO COMMONER

The baron of Selnis, Ardan Thorn is set for marriage, the happy girl being a merchants daughter from Sel-Kai. The marriage is set in 4-20 and many of the peerage is expected to attend. Rumor has it that the barons new-found love for a commoner is based on the economical crisis the Selnis family has and his future wife is the daughter of the head of the Vista shipping company in Sel-Kai and extremely wealthy.

While this kind of marriage is frowned upon, in Sel-Kai it is a very common way for nobles to insure not having to sell the family homes.

— *Jaden Chivas*

EVENTS IN DURAAN

Orhan 3

*3*1*— Coronation Day. Celebrations of the Emperor Jerrin.

*3*1*— Summer Starry Night.

*3*8*— Bad Luck Day.

*3*35*— Mid-Year's Day - Oriana, Phaon revered.

*3*35 - 3*44*— Hieronalia: The Festival of the Orhan god of revelry.

*3*45*— Water Day. A period of appreciation of Neela and fresh. Only water is consumed.

*3*46 - 3*50*— Music Festival.

*3*69*— Empress Gjicara's Birthday.

Orhan 4

*4*1*— Autumn Starry Night

*4*1*— Night of the Nine Dancers.

*4*8*— Bad Luck Day.

*4*11*— Crown Holiday: Anniversary of the gift of the Crowns.

*4*20*— Wedding of Baron Selnis

*4*35*— Moon Autumn Celebration to Floura, harvest is beginning.

*4*52 - 4*57*— Duraan Faire: A celebration after the harvest held throughout Rhakhaan. Tents and pavilions are erected outside Duraan and for five days shops close and all regular business.

*4*55- 4*57*— Autumn Games.—Archery, Athletics, Wrestling and more