Plague-Mort Returns

OUTLANDS—Much to the dismay of many herbs who wished it good riddance, the Outland’s least popular gate-town came staggeringly back just under a week ago. Chant around the bar hails that the chaos cultists whose bloody religious war had triggered the slide have been put in the dead-book by the Hounds. During an in-depth investigation, SIGIS discovered that before the time of the disappearance two separate cults had established strongholds near the Gate-town (there were dubbed the ‘Kaos Kult Karrin’). The two sects turned out to be vicious enemies and their brawling escalated into a full-scale war. The barbarian cum-munky looked set to burn the place down, and it was about that point that the barg vanished. According to witnesses in the barg, during the disappearance the Arch-Lector ordered the Hounds (Plague-Mort’s militia) to kill a man cultist in a way that they could order the Hounds carried out with great relish. This unseemly act of bloodshed could easily have been the barg spinning down into the Abyss were it not for the self-sacrificing actions of an unknown paladin, who started a fire in one of the Kult Kamp’s. Chant from Broken Reach tells of a new warded area about three days walk from the town, which is thought to be the remnants of the Kult Kamp. If this prove true, this would be the third or fourth occasion of part of a district switching planes rather than a Catacombs, and the Fraternity of Order are planning an expedition to both Plague-Mort and the Abyss to investigate this possibility.

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CAMBION ARREST: HARMONIUM DISCORD

SIGIS—Following our report in last week’s issue that the cambion Don Julio had been arrested for attempted murder, further developments in his case have sent chant swirling around the Cage concerning the guilt or innocence of the Arden singer to the Harmonium. The day before we last went to press, Don Julio was arrested by an Harmonium patrol outside P’cham’s Bar in the Thave Ward in the aftermath a brawl. Subsequently SIGIS revealed that although Don Julio himself had not been involved in the brawl, his presence at the bar alone may have incited the violence.

The actual reason for Don Julio’s arrest was declared to be the attempted murder of a genderless named Franz who had been a singing Julio in what was described as covert operations of a suspect nature. In the early hours of this morning the Harmonium was told that Franz had been involved in a cambion to the Harmonium. The trial begins today.

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EDITORIAL

SECOND CORRESPONDENCE
FROM THE CADRE

SIGIL—In the continuing saga of the Cadre’s terror attacks on Sigil, SIGIS has received a second correspondence from the Anarchist cell. Though the style seems different (i.e., more coherent) the letter still places blame on any cutter in the Cage with jink. Interestingly, the Cadre finally announced threats aimed directly at the Fated, Sigil’s beloved tax collecting faction, and depicted them as the true slave drivers of Sigil.

What follows is the statement in its entirety:

Slaves to Jink
by the Cadre

Note from the Editor: At press time, the Harmonium told SIGIS that the letter from the Cadre was the property of the Hardbacks for explicit use in its ongoing investigation, and thus unprintable. Undue pressure was placed on our offices, and we were forced to capitulate or lose our press license. Instead we substitute Zeines Paich’s commentary on the Cadre letter, and the Harmonium censorship incident.

Commentary on “Slaves to Jink”

While we laboured to bring this edition of SIGIS to our readers, we were confronted by those who vow to protect the Cage from the harmful forces of entropy and evil. With our presses rolling, the self-proclaimed saviours burst into our offices, assuming the lot of us, and seized our property in order to “shield” us from its harmful influences. This is all well and good, and our beloved editor is keen on the way his face looks, so we did not put up a physical fight. However, we are determined to get all the dark out there that we know, so I continue with my impressions and excerpts from the Cadre letter, entitled Slaves to Jink.

As mentioned earlier, the style is more coherent than the previous Cadre letter. However, the letter still fails to delve into the real philosophy or reason for the choice of methods used by the Cadre. While it is true that they have caused considerable harm to many Sigilians, their statements and views do represent a sentiment shared by others in our infinite universe. In fact, we at SIGIS regularly give our Anarchists views as a whole, and should not discount that some of their points are within reason. However, their methods are generally cowardly, misplaced, and in the Cadre’s case, deadly.

The Cadre, with this statement, have crystallised further their views that there are a few herds in the Cage who hold all the jink and all the power. This is not a new philosophy, as anyone who’s had to do without a meal or despaired some object which was denied for lack of money will attest. The one point that disturbs most who examine the Cadre’s views is that they offer no alternatives. They have not called for a redistribution of wealth. (They claim they want no jink for themselves.) Mainly, they seem to be calling for a universal cancellation of the idea of money as a whole. While a Signer may be able to wish jink away, we know that this is not at all a very likely thing to happen.

In the final sections of their letter, they outlined a convoluted plan for deposing those who claim to be the real slave drivers of Sigil: the Fated. By destroying valuable properties, the Cadre believe that the tax base of Sigil will begin to decline and this will cause a full-scale economic depression. They also call for the Fated to:

“...dispense the toke on our Sigillian’s, cause your continuing theft of our souls.”

In the final sentence, the Cadre have made another of their cryptic threats: “Heartless they may be, and fire is the cleanser. The ring is round, and the fire comes from the air.”

Is there a solution for these misguided philosophers? Or is there a deeper meaning to all this violence and terror? If the Sigil Justice system has its way, we will never know. But rest assured, this cutter is on the trail of the truth and you will know the dark of this sordid affair as it come to light.

— Zeines Paich, independent cutter (gw)

SIGIL—Following our exclusive report last week on the death of Lozil’kloa the pit fiend as a result of Talar’ri treachery, a further tragic development has overtaken those involved. With characteristic precision, the Bastards who had been fatally penned had stuck to the letter of their agreement whilst pulling a fast one on the Talar’ri. Plehnerkri, the haldir whose release had secured the alleged freedom of Lozil’kloa, had been infected with a specially engineered contagion whilst in captivity, and died in “with- ling agony three days later” according to a Talar’ri we managed to pignight.

With this second bit of cross-breeding, the recent decline in Blood War confrontations will certainly come to an end. Both sides are rumoured to be massing fresh armies, and the Field of Nettles and Avalon are likely to be ravaged by vicious combat in short order. Lozil’kloa’s return was a trusted aide to one of the Dark Eight (which of the Right is not known), and his position is likely to be taken by his deputy, Calzeophon. However, Calzeophon was not available for comment and an Abishai in his employ said that he had gone away on business and that he did not know when Calzeophon would return.

However, a pit fiend was sighted near Pague-Mort shortly after its return to the Outlands, while the Plague-Mort feature story in this issue sparked rumours that Calzeophon was about to turn stag on the Bastards. Yet, it seems that the presence of a pit fiend in Pague-Mort, if confirmed, would only be a sign of renewed redoubled interest in the hug, not necessarily a benefit. (An Arcane Sage was also seen snooping around the day after the hug returned the Outlands.) In any event, it’ll be a tick before any firm announcement comes out of Bastard, so there’s time yet for other ambitious Bastards to try to impress members of the Dark Eight.

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MINAUROS (Bastor)—Zadara, the exclusive Titan of Commerce, today announced that the famous Sigil's Independent Global Information Service.
Obituaries

Loz'gok'k'lova

RAISED TO THE DIABLET* In the reign of Soroth the Spider, Loz'gok'k'lova had been a gelugon in the service of Levitux before his promotion, a well-earned one by all accounts. Combining an admirable strategic talent with a ruthless cruelty that brought him respect in the eyes of all his equals, he commanded armies for the Dark Eight for many decades. Two years back he was captured whilst personally leading a force deep into enemy-held territory in Minethys, Carcery. Some suggested that his deathly pale visage, Galzepzhon, had betrayed him to the Tanar'ri, but Galzepzhon travelled to Sigil specially to make an appeal for his release, and paid moving tribute to a commander as firm but fair.

In the two years that followed, Galzepzhon campaigned tirelessly for an agreement that would free his chief. A seeming break-through came last month when the Candinal's and Vagoloths together persuaded the Tanar'ri that a partial suspension of hostilities might benefit their longer-term cause. Although many Balors were angry at this, the Marlich's Taramanda maintained it would serve them well, leading many to be apprehensive about the bona fides of those striking the deal. As it transpired, the doubters were correct, as Loz'gok'k'lova was dead upon arrival at the exchange area. He will be missed by his troops, who looked up to him as an exemplar of the techniques that have made Baxtor great.

[Note: The times displayed here were intended as a fair appraisal of the true talents of the late Loz'gok'k'lova, and are not to be construed as a political statement on the part SIGIS.]

* Diablet is a formal name for those of j'it fiul status or higher. (or)

Harbormill Purge House

SIGIL—Sources inside the barracks have told SIGIS today that up to 10 inter- mediate bureaucrats within the Harbormill faction have been dismissed from duty or detained for criminal questioning. In the aftermath of the dismissal and disappearance of Senior Three Flarmes Choe, Harbormill Internal Affairs launched a bi-level investiga- tion late last week. Our sources tell us that possibly up to 5% of intermediate administra- tors working in influential or sensitive departments had taken bribes, performed personal favours for friends and family, and in 2 cases, were actually agents for another faction. It is thought that the investigation continues, and more dismissals and dismissals could be forthcoming. No official word on the organisation shakeup has come from the Harbormill Public Relations Department.

—Newfangled Lacke, staff caller (pm)

Libations Holdings Big Slick

SIGIL—Over the past week, Libations Holdings Ltd., collected on an Assurance and Protection Agreement it held with a Fated-owned company for the destruction of the Square Bar in the Lady's Ward two weeks ago. Some barkeeps in the dark have whispered the payout might be to the tune of 200 thou and line. If true, this would be the largest insurance pay-out in recent Sigil history. The partners of Libations could not be reached to verify this as the amount. Last week, Libations Ltd.'s parent company, Three Rings Holdings Ltd., filed for debt protection with the City Courts. It is unknown at this time how this will affect the Three Rings slt.

—Felicity K. Glazer, trades caller (pv)

Letters

Senate response to official Sinker letter by Sir Twist

The Reader of SIGIS,

I read with some amusement the official的背后 response to the own members questioning Fachel Pailain's decision to ally with the Society of Sensation. In the letter (apparently meant to soothe the troubled countenance of Sinker factionaires), Sir Twist assures that the high-ups of the faction wrestled over this type of fight for the Ritualists and the Cells. Although this makes a nice little story, I find the need of Sir Twist's assertion questionable at best. Too unpalatable facts lead me to this conclusion. First, it is no shock to many Sinker factionaires that the Multiverse is decaying (I might say evolving or altering instead, but I guess that is why I'm not a Sinker) at far too rapid a pace and more must be done to slow the rapid rate of entropy, by itself this is not noteworthy, but combined with the fact that the faction plans to pull the chicken from the egg-book, these very same factionaires surely would the upset at the thought of generating even more destruction by allying with the Ritualists.

Second, it is a well-known fact that one of the main high-ups in the Armoury is a Tanar’ri, so might the Abyssal siblings respond to the notion that Ely Crotchetle is the very faction to ally itself with? AST is trying to recoup the losses from that Blood-war phase in Carcery? Personally, I don’t even think that the possibility of siding with the Ritualists ever came to the floor in this meeting Sir Twist alludes to. (What kind of leatherhead would propose such an idea to a Camborne/oracleswaterman?)

It is a pleasant enough thought to imagine the incompromising succumbing in a faction meeting to the own philosophy with Crotchetle pulling a few sides in the dead-book, but the only books which might have wanted to side with the Ritualists probably blathered this in the back of the hall under their breath. However, reading between the lines of propaganda in Sir Twist’s letter (and believing to the claim in the Cage), I concluded that there was much dissent from Sinderes who can’t stand the idea of allying with the Sensation. Their faction no doubt convinced these books that a little exercise would be the speed in preparation for ending the Great Wars. Moreover, fighting to save Sir Na Og probably appealed to the Sinderes who think the Multiverse is decaying too rapidly.

Indeed, I find it amusing to see some Fachel Pailain spinning the cloud with such skill and playing both ends of the Sinker so well. But what I find most humorous is the inability of the Sinderes to learn and grow from their experiences in Sir Na Og. In the battle, the beauty of the land and its people were galumphed against the violence and terror of war, a situation which threw into sharp relief the significance of the Blood-war to the entire Multiverse. From myself and other Sinderes, that resonates far more meaning than any field exercise ever could.

Dach Tehlorme

Guardship Commander

Society of Sensation

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