

Subspace Static for the Year 211



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Real Confederacy On The Attack

RCF forces have launched a daring attack against a GTT Starbase deep inside the Inner Empire. GTT Forsaken is understood to have lost around 15% of its area on the first day of combat against RCF ground forces. Reports on the ground are few and far between, but we understand combat is continuing as the Imperial Services rush heavy reinforcements to the area. There are also unconfirmed reports that the GTT were very very fortunate to not lose the base in the first day of combat, and that 'something odd' happened to prevent it. More details as and when we receive them.

GTT Turn Pirate

A third GTT Starbase is understood to have turned pirate. Samauls Memory in the Trafalgar system reflagged, and promptly drew fire from a neighbouring SMS Starbase and platform, along with an Imperial warship in orbit.

PIRATE Samuel's Memory (45665) - Starbase

Scints: 14.6

Fighting for control of PIRATE Samuel's Memory (45665)

Targeted by SMS Victory Orb-Def (28631) - 38227 [51065] Damage

Targeted by IMP GB Deathbringer (89904) - 6301 [7380] Damage

Targeted by RCF Scout 3 (19268) - 29943 [37697] Damage

Meanwhile on the same planet, an SMS outpost has fallen to RCF ground forces, while an Imperial ground party relief force has been wiped out.

Once again it seems as if the RCF are somehow managing to punch well above their weight class.

LiQuan Sentenced

Demetrius LiQuan, the controversial younger scion of the House LiQuan, who took over the reigns of command for a while during the tests conducted on his uncle the Meklan Baron, has been found guilty by an Imperial court for his actions that lead to the destruction of an Imperial colony.

The IMP news wire is carrying the following details:

By order of Imperial Law sentencing has been completed in the case of the Emperor vs. LiQuan.

Given certain mitigations and interactions on his behalf by his father the Baron and given a return of more amicable relations between the Imperial Services and House LiQuan in recent months, the most extreme sentences at the power of the court have been waived.

It is therefore ordered on this day that the prisoner Demetrius LiQuan serves a one year sentence at the Maximum Security Imperial Correctional Facility Rura Penthe with no chance of early release or parole, to be released one year hence should he be fortunate enough to survive. With his departure from the ruling councils of the House LiQuan, it is thought that the Meklan Baron is back in charge of things. Though no doubt he will be mighty irritated to be constantly referred to as 'The Meklan Baron' by the news agencies.

Confederate Press Release

As part of the ongoing Operation Manassas, combined CNF forces as part of the CNF Task Force Halo have spent the last week engaging the following RCF base, on Alalus, in the Hittite system:

RCF STARBASE THE PEARL STATION (15478)

The operation consisted of an orbital bombardment by ships under the command of Advocate General Carter, supported by fire from a CNF outpost commanded by Secretary General Ravenstone. Also docked at the base are 17 PIR flagged warships.

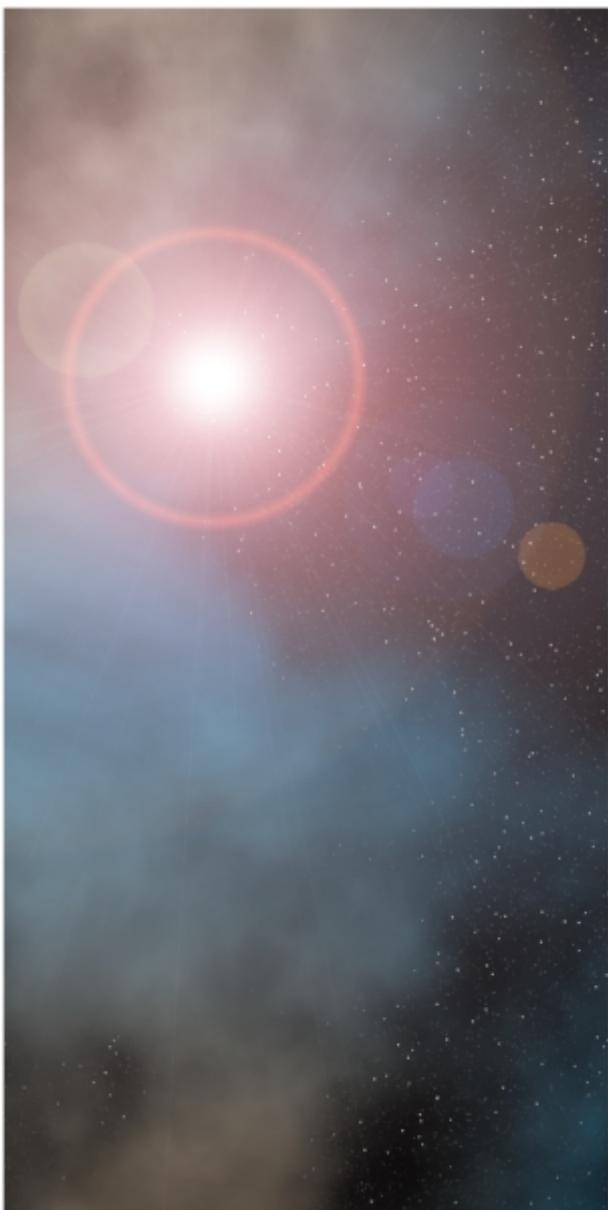
However, despite the attack going as planned, with plenty of damage being inflicted, the Task Force has been forced to temporarily cease fire, due to the following IND platform firing on the CNF outpost:

IND PLATFORM SHOOT (36006) - 850 Hulls

It is believed that this platform, and its controlling Starbase, IND STARBASE WESTFALL BY FARMWICH (72324), are under the control of the HBO, as the CNF outpost received a message ordering them to cease the attack, though it unclear why this position opened fire and not the HEF ship also in orbit.

It is currently unclear why the HBO have an issue with this attack, the Task Force was easily under the 20 ship fleet limit, and no exclusion zones were in place whatsoever, with the RCF base being the only position on enemy lists. It is highly suspected that the IND base on the planet, regardless of who actually owns it, is supporting the RCF cause, as the PIR warships currently docked at the RCF base have also been previously scanned docked at the IND base.

It is hoped that the HBO or Governor of the IND will come forward and explain their issues with the actions of the Task Force, at which point the destruction on the RCF base will recommence.



RCF Deny Piracy Allegations

RCF officers have angrily denied Confederate accusations of there being 17 pirate ships docked at RCF The Pearl Station, stating that this is yet another attempt by third parties to tar the RCF as pirates. Evidence has been seen by IGN reporters that confirms that the pirate ships appeared to have actually been docked at the IND Starbase on the planet, and there were definitely no pirates at The Pearl Station.

New Trade Company

EEM stock markets are listing a new inter-stellar trade company on their lists, the Trade Acceptance Group (TAG). The TAG are understood to have been constituted out of the IND positions of Black Jack. Congratulations are offered to this new affiliation as they begin their new, safer, life, as TAG instead of IND.

Cult Of Kanji

News agencies in the SOL system are once again reporting panic as the Cult Of Kanji launches another nuclear attack, this time against a FET freighter that just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. Meanwhile a number of Cultist scout ships have been spotted entering and leaving Mars orbit, with rumours that a Cultist scout has even managed to penetrate the Earth ring defences and land somewhere on the Asian continent.

CNF

The confederacy is in the process of updating its Access Rights And Privileges, giving notice that PIR, RCF, COH, OPS, RIP, HVE and IND will have no access whatsoever to CNF space, and will be shot on sight. The Cult Of Kanji have however responded to these ARPS by pointing out that they are well established inside Confederate space, and aren't going to leave, prompting rumours of the spread of the Cult on core homeworlds of the Inner Confederacy.

Ceasefire

The GTT/AFT trade war has officially ended with the signing of a ceasefire. Admittedly we here at the IGN didn't realise the war hadn't officially ended, so this comes as a surprise.

Piracy

The pirate ship Anthracite has successfully boarded and captured a GTT vessel in the Blowton system. An armed response failed to intercept it, or

the captured ship, both of which escaped unharmed.

A fearsome 150 heavy hulled pirate Dominator class warship has been spotted in the Aranosis system this week. The ship, christened Likwans Dominator, is, needless to say, a vessel that once belonged to the HLQ, but was captured by pirates in what is possibly one of the peripheries most successful pirate successes to date. However, the first outing of the Dominator is understood to have been a failure, so perhaps this pride of the piracy has a jinx attached to it. The Dominator has been claimed to be under the command of the Cult of Kanji, but our reporter stationed with the COK has confirmed that this ship is not part of the cult, and is operated by some other pirate organisation.

Breaking news is just reaching the news-room of a stunning pirate success in the Sol system. It is understood a patrol of 5 GTT asteroid class cruisers has been targeted, and pirates have captured 4 out of the 5, with the fifth being very very lucky to hold off the pirate strike force that was in control of over 83% of the vessel when the pirates gave up and retreated.

It is understood the pirate boarders took quite heavy damage as they approached the flotilla, but no ships were lost, and all pirate ships, along with their 4 new vessels, are well on their way to escaping intact.

Special Report - Wolf Mother Returns

From the Blog of the Dewiek matriarch.

Adoqhina stepped off the shuttle and was received by all the Elder Council, with the exception of Filtiarn. Her mood was dark and agitated and she carried a brooding anger with her like a poisonous cloud. Her cubs visibly recoiled as she approached, their initial warmth at seeing Mother replaced by trepidation. She brusquely demanded a status report without inviting any of the courteous words of welcome to linger long on the lips of her cubs.

The interrogation of the Council continued for many hours with Adoqhina leading them on a rapid inspection of the facilities of the Wolf's Lair. Data pads were passed to her detailing everything from the latest mining reports, industrial output, colonization progress, training programmes and military training exercises. Each report would anger her in some undetermined way and the Elder who handed it would receive the data pad with barked queries and corrections, berated as if a mere cub.

She showed no restraint or consideration for rank or age; upsetting the pride of every Elder. It was Darkmane, whose pride was most hurt by her public dressing down for some minor failing, that raised his voice against her bringing a pause to proceedings. She moved in a flicker of the eye and without any warning had wrapped her thorium plated claws around his neck and pinned his arms to the ground with her knees, straddling his chest and holding him in a mortal grip. The life ebbing out of him she considered for a moment whether to dig her claws into his throat when she saw the white majestic fur of her daughter standing above her.

"Mother, would you like to discuss what happened with the Makerss?" she hissed coolly as the alphas around them stared in horror and shame.

She stood up lithely and released Darkmane, letting him stand on his own before lifting her paw majestically in his direction. He looked for only a moment before kneeling and kissing it and she was pleased. She could feel the anger inside him burn and she thrust her mind into his and began to forge the anger into a weapon that would mean the death to her enemies.

She then faced Osho and replied coolly, "Yes, my cub. I think it is time to share the truth of our Nation with the Council." She turned and walked towards the sacred circle of the Council stopping at its archways and turned to address the shocked Elder present outside:

"Let me be clear and take these words to heart: The time for complacency is over. I have been too generous. Too forgiving. There will be no further charity. I will cull the weak without mercy for we shall receive no mercy from our enemies. I will be relentless in expecting perfection from each of you for we shall receive no respite in our struggle. The great tide we have wanted, feared and waited for all these years fast approaches. Do not disappoint me again."

She stepped through the archway and with an order sealed the Council chamber. The gathered Elder heard the words of the Makers replayed. They soon burned with the anger of the Wolf Mother and understood that indeed nothing could be the same for the Nation again.



Special Report - Black Jack's Blog

Jack relaxes a little and looks out his office window at the humming base, with construction everywhere as the base is quickly becoming a true base and not just a collection of geodesic modules. It is difficult to believe that the base now encompasses over 400,000mu of complexes with another delivery of modules expected soon to grant yet more growth.

The locals are flocking to the merchant quarter and buying lots of goods, helping to fund the growth of the base. Factories built and tooling to produce more modules so the base can grow on its own. The space has even been cleared for shipyards to begin producing Barges. True the hulls and most of the internals need to be imported at this time but it will yet be a glorious day when the first one launches. Three outposts completely operational with others established, awaiting only the complexes needed to bring the ore to the surface for our factories. But it has not been an easy road, and certainly not one free of bumps. My father who first envisioned all of this died when his ship accidentally approached a GTT base over the planets surface. I guess I can understand the reasoning, the paranoia that these base managers have. But it can be used against them as shown by the CNFs entrapment of another IND base that led to its capture. And another instance where ships arrived at Mobile Bay with IND still on their enemy lists and destroyed three of my fathers first ships. And while the ships were replaced by the offending party, the deaths of friends is still difficult to reconcile.

And oh the so many quiet deals. The purchase of trade goods at bases where being seen by the wrong person would result in the ship being destroyed. Being welcomed in secrecy, yet condemned in public. These were some very risky times but the value of these goods was instrumental in reaching this point.

But it was not all bad. There were many people who came forward with offers of modules, employees, and even some weapons so the base was not completely defenceless. Some of these people even surprised me considering their publicly stated dislike of IND captains. But the advice proved very helpful, and the gifts and discounted prices are what made all of this possible so soon. Names that can't be mentioned but won't be forgotten.

And now the final step in the creation of a new affiliation. The base had grown to such a size that it could be used as collateral for a loan. The loan granted and the huge startup fee was paid, and now the Trade Acceptance Group is fact rather than dream. With this crowning achievement, the space in many other systems are now open safely for our trade ships to reach. More freighters have been ordered from a noted shipyard, freight and trade deals are everywhere. If only my father could have seen all of this come to fruition.

Special Report - Jiggly Room To Re-open?

From Mona's Diary.

Dear Diary,

It's a lonely job at the top.

No-one really appreciates what you have to go through on a daily basis...

All those decisions too make ... life and death determined by whether I send a ship to Solo or out into the Inner Empire...

There's really no break from it all...

If only there was somewhere I could go to relax and let my hair down a bit.

I used to cope by popping into the Jiggly Room... there I could be assured of enough distraction to make my troubles seem smaller.

It's a shame that the place was tainted by it's previous owners wrongdoings.

Maybe I should re-open it, not that it actually closed, maybe a party. A re-launch party ?

Yes. What a fantastic idea.

It'll need a bit of an spruce up first ... nothing too elaborate... and I'll need to redesign the dancing podiums - the old ones were just a little too understated.

And the stage could do with a new curtain... and the mud pit could do with a refresh.

Wow ! I feel much better now ... this is a project I can really get my teeth into.

{giggle} ... that's the wrong term to use when talking about the Jiggly Room {giggle}.

Mona.

Stardate 211.3.5

Pirates

The HLQ ship Vortex has been destroyed by the Pirate ship Khorne, during a short sharp exchange of fire.

Unusually the combat appears to have been one on one, with the HLQ cruiser armed with 24 MkIV Light Photon Guns, against a pirate ship equipped with 6 MkIV Photon Guns. Our newsroom received the following report from the pirate organisation:

Attacking HLQ Vortex 04 (93464)

Round 1: 6 Photon Gun mkIVs

- 6 hits - 513 (26) [540] damage - 100%

Round 2: 6 Photon Gun mkIVs

- 6 hits - 475 (24) [540] damage - 100%

Round 3: 6 Photon Gun mkIVs

- 6 hits - 508 (31) [540] damage - 100%

Round 4: 6 Photon Gun mkIVs

- 6 hits - 393 (24) [540] damage - 100%

Incoming Fire from HLQ Vortex 04 (93464)

Round 2: 23 Light Photon Gun mkIVs

- 2 hits - 0 [68] damage - 9%

Round 3: 21 Light Photon Gun mkIVs

- 3 hits - 0 [102] damage - 9%

Round 4: 16 Light Photon Gun mkIVs

- 1 hit - 0 [34] damage - 9%

Post Battle Summary

Combat stress caused 0.5% integrity loss.

1 xxx gained 1 experience.

Ship hulls are undamaged



reasonin -

1. Kanji bes offerin 15k fer a HLQ shyp destroyeds, jus ave tos sees iffen e pays ups.

2. Pickeds ups froms thes debris today's - 1 Jump Dryve Hyper

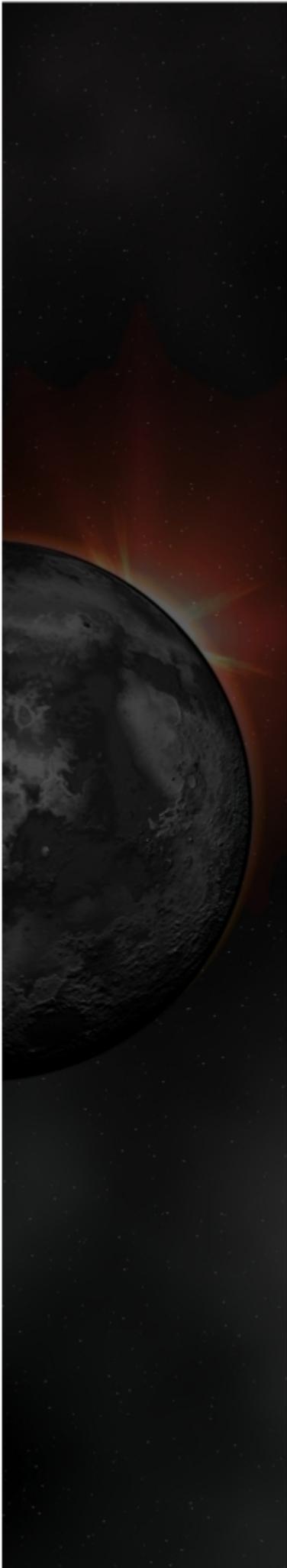
Booty - abouts 65k

We have not yet heard here at the news-room if Kanji has indeed paid up. There remains speculation on exactly where this pirate is getting so much high-tech kit, and whether or not they are the spiritual successor to Pirate Wolfpack. It does seem likely that they might well have taken over the Mk IV equipment that Wolfpack had amassed...

Retirement

From the IMP Capellan Times.

It was a sad day at Krieger Yards today as Patrol Commissioner General Ike Krieger stood his last watch. An honour guard of veteran soldiers and marines provided an impressive sight and sound as nearly ten thousand of them gave their last salute and last huzzahs to their leader. General Krieger gazed with his one good eye over the assembled troops then turned his attention to his second-in-command Commander Sandarbin Klythorin mumbled some words to him then turned his back and stepped briskly into his waiting armoured air car and was gone.



Rumours abound. Will Viceroy Githyanki allow Sandarbin Klythorin, sometimes known as Mad Dog, to remain in command of the powerful Imperial Fleet or will he find someone, well someone, less crazy! Where will Ike Krieger go? Has he retired? Will his anti-slavery stance send him to become warlord of the Falconian Republic or perhaps go over to his old enemies the freedom loving Detinus Republic? Or is the rumour true, that Ike proceeds directly to Dimitrius Liquan's holding cell to finish what was started so long ago at House Liquan? The betting parlor at the Jiggly Room is running even odds on that last bit.

Well, wherever Ike Krieger goes, one can be sure that things will be lively.

Suzy Soo.

Capellan Periphery Times

COK

The Cult of Kanji vessel 'Renegade' has been intercepted and destroyed by Imperial patrol forces.

IMP Press Release

I am pleased to announce today that a partnership arrangement has been made that will give the AFT exclusive development rights to the Masters system, a partnership which will include them claiming said system on behalf of the IMP. IMP Patrol's will periodically sweep the system, IMP law shall prevail in the system, AFT positions, along with legally registered positions will be defended by the IMP as the need arises for as long as the system is claimed in our name. Existing IMP positions are being wound up or sold as we speak, and whilst no fixed positions belonging to others need be removed, it would perhaps be prudent to contact either myself or Korpen to ensure no future debates about legality occur. All new fixed position requests need to be requested via Korpen or Myself and must be approved in advanced of creation else they will be subject to immediate removal.

Duke Githyanki.

Scandal In Felini Space

From the Felini news networks.

Political Favours for Sale?

Questions are being asked at the PMS offices regarding the contents of a leaked Pride Manus document. The financial transaction document includes a transfer of \$50,000 direct to the accounts of the Tyrant himself. There was no reason accompanying this transaction, causing speculation of political favour-purchasing! Is our beloved Tyrant involved in dishonourable dealings? With Stellars to throw around, what exactly is PrideSenior Kyton Manus doing about the poor education standards on the Manus homeworld? And why does the political office always refuse to comment on our questions?

Confederate News

Pirate ground party Rogue 3 (3890) has been very active lately in orbit of Mei Mei Mei, in the Agripeta System. It took a GTT outpost, boarded a WMB ship, and tried to board two CNF ships. Well, this ground party will no longer be a problem.

Targeting PIRATE Rogue 3 (3890):

PIRATE are on our enemy list.

PIRATE Rogue 3 (3890) - Ground party

Scints: 25.5

BLOWN UP!

Piracy

There has been a recent upsurge in pirate scout activity in DTR systems, with several small Pirate scouts reportedly being destroyed by DTR platform and patrol forces, prompting a level of concern amongst senators.

DTR space has traditionally been poor hunting ground for pirates, but it seems as if the pirates might be interested in trying to prove some sort of point.

The FEL ship Pride of Dakyanus has been captured by pirates in the Adamski system.

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Dogleg

The FET base Tortuga in the Dogleg system is now showing BHD flags, meanwhile an ex-BHD base in the Darkfold is flagged FET, suggesting some sort of base swap between the two affiliations, evidence perhaps of the growing closeness between the FET and the CNF-Bloc.

Either that, or the FET are getting religion in a big way.

Detinus Magistrate

Senator Lorna Archer has been elected the new Magistrate of the Detinus Republic in a landslide victory that saw the office of Magistrate finally filled after a long vacancy since the retirement of the previous DTR legal chief. Relocating her offices from Fleet Headquarters at DTR Tharbad, Senator Archer is said to be very happy to be taking up residence in the far more luxurious surroundings of DTR New Tate. Elsewhere, a number of Senators are said to be looking slightly nervous at the thought that the Magistracy is open for business again.

Badlands

The notoriously dangerous system of Badlands, within the Detinus Republic, has seen more tragedy this week as two DTR freighters ran foul of asteroids and were destroyed, necessitating a rescue mission.

The loss of life is as yet unconfirmed, but dozens of crewmembers are understood to have been killed.

Narrow Escape

A small patrol squadron of four SMS warships has experienced a narrow escape this week, as rumours suggest a pirate flotilla was on the verge of engaging them.



DTR Defence News

Following the recent upsurge in pirate activity across Detinus space, the DTR have announced an increase in the commissioning of patrol forces, and they are said to be looking for a few good recruits to join up and assist with their patrol efforts.

Spatial Anomaly

Detinus Republic scientists are puzzling over a strange sharp energy pulse that they have detected in a classified system this week. The energy pulse appears to have been highly energetic and was a one-off event. Scientists are reporting that the likely cause was an annihilation of antimatter though they are far from certain, with other possibilities ranging from some hitherto unseen stellar phenomena, to some sort of Unknown alien, or possibly Meklan, signal. The DTR meanwhile continue to deny that they have set up an entire governmental department dedicated to monitoring the Meklan threat.

Pirate

A small pirate Carny Class scout has been destroyed in the Faery system by DTR defensive forces. An inside source at the DTR defence ministry suggested off the record that this was almost certainly a black ops ship, rather than a true pirate. The pirate ship Black Adventure has struck against the DTR vessel Sweeper 124 r11 in the Venice system – the core home system of the Republic – successfully boarding the vessel with a force of almost 300 pirate marines, marking what is almost certainly the first time pirates have ever had any success in the system.

A small and suicidal band of 50 pirate startroopers has attempted to attack the GTT Starbase of Asda – a key base in the production of much needed foodstuffs for export to the Sol system. The small size of the attacking force suggests this was a scouting attempt intended to assess the size of the defending forces, though this being the case, it is surprising that a squad of 50 highly trained and expensive to replace Startroopers was used.

General Krieger

Having resigned from the Imperial Services, General Ike Krieger has now joined the GTT, and become governor of the ex-GCS Starbase Endings, in the Tau Ceti system, deep inside the Inner Empire. It has been confirmed that Krieger was offered a position within the Detinus Republic, demonstrating the level of respect held amongst the DTR for the old warhorse, but that the retired General had to turn it down as he remained an IMP-Bloc man, through and through.

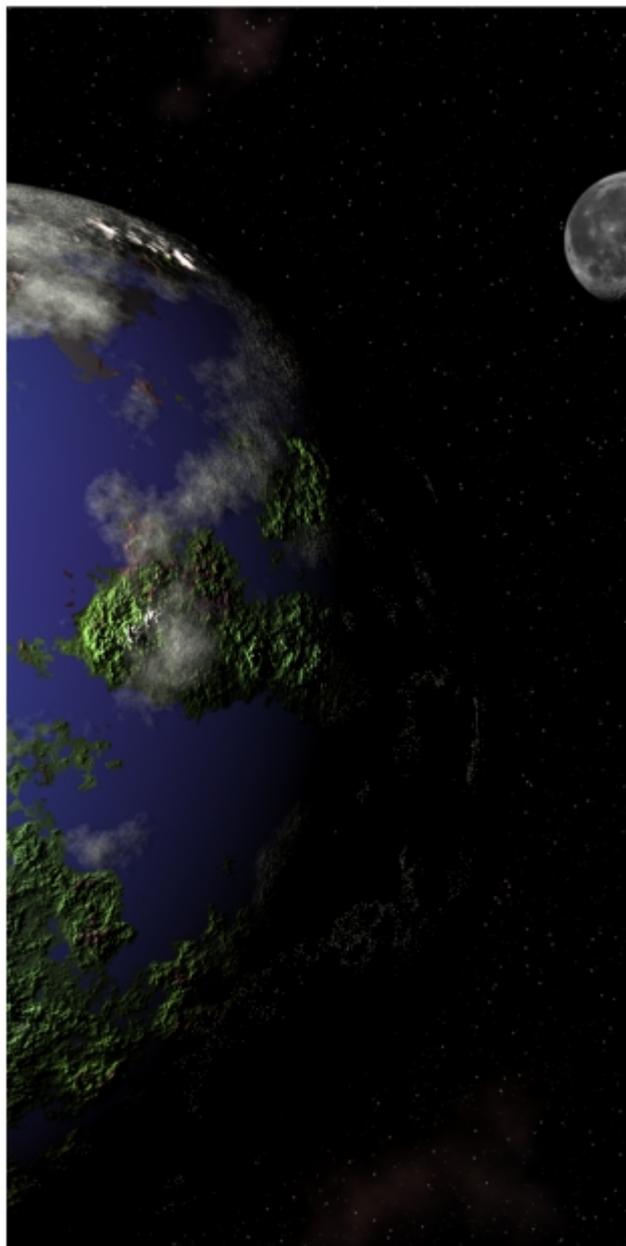
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Exploration.

The Detinus Republic news agencies are carrying shocking footage of a DTR ground party conducting standard research in strange alien forests deep inside classified space. The footage shows the exploration team examining alien insect life and plants, when suddenly and without warning unseen parties launch an attack which swiftly overcomes the ground party, leaving not a single one alive. Nor indeed a single one in less than fifty-three pieces. While investigating alien plants is considered extremely high risk at the best of times, the speed and ferocity of the attack which slaughtered the entire science team has shocked even seasoned exploration officers.

Pirate.

Falconian forces have destroyed a pirate ground party consisting of a single marine. It is understood the lone pirate managed to evade patrols for quite some time by hiding behind various rocks, before he was finally detected from orbit and pulverised by heavy ordinance.



Special Report - Piracy

With all of the stories recently regarding successful pirate ventures, one of our reporters met with a representative of this secretive organisation. We were handed the following scrap of paper, with the ship counts of captured vessels as of a week ago:

Mes Tally -
GTT 34
IMP 28
CNF 10
MOH 9
GCE 7
HLQ 7
FET 6
DEN 6
IND 4
FCN 3
SMS 3
KRL 2
FLZ 2
CIA 2
DTR 2
FEL 2
AFT 1
IDC 1
WMB 1

While we cannot yet put a name to this pirate band, they are certainly the most successful when it comes to boarding ships that the Peripheries have yet seen, outstripping the number achieved by both Large and Wolfpack.

Stardate Valentines - 211.7.1

Gutless Tentacles Make A Move On Catnip Munching Surrender Kittens

There are unsubstantiated reports in other news services that the Flagritz Empire has launched a major assault against the Felini base of Foothold, located deep inside the FLZ Periphery. Felini news broadcasts are carrying the following report:

"Following on from the Flagritzi "poopaganda" in the latest edition of the Xeno Science Monitor, we decided to investigate the truth of life on the

frontlines. We went straight to the source. Avatar Mirado Starcat had this comment for us:

"Details are very sketchy due to lack of a direct communication link, but it is clear from what we know that the Flagritz have launched a major offensive against Foothold and our forces are holding out as best they can."

So there you have it. The traitorous Flagritzi have indeed laid siege to the Felini capital base of Crusade, but currently our forces are holding out and defending their homes with pride and honour. Rumours of Falconian POWs being used by the Flagritzi as cannon fodder have not been substantiated at this time. Nor has the rumour of these same troops turning their weapons on their captors,

causing chaos in the Flagritzi ranks.” Further we here at the IGN have learnt of a series of FLZ offensives in the Halo periphery which have massacred the FEL positions therein, resulting in what is understood to be an almost complete extermination of Felini interests in Halo. A Felini spokes sentient remained defiant and belligerent whilst admitting, "We have suffered some minor strategic reversals but we shall avenged them twelve fold!" He further vowed to "drown out the stars themselves in an ocean of Flagritzi blood.”

There are no other reports of how the battle at Foothold is progressing, or on what scale it is at.

Pirates Give It Hard To The Confederacy

One of our reporters stationed within a large pirate organisation has provided the following report on a recent Pirate op in the Teller system:

“A large CNF OP were scanned wi no security plexes an an opryive were dropeds ins tos sees wats were myghty fer thes takin. Secruity beins 1%, thes OP were ripe fer pickin.

Tis as as takin as beins a longs tymes tos comes together, gettin lots o support shyps together a jumps away, wi enuff tus tos gets gones afters.

Thes operative weres tos chaynge thes secruity codes tos PIR1, but eythers es nots beins as goods as he mayde outs, oer thes bayses computers be bes cheaps, buts commyuniocation were corrupteds an thes OP becames flaggedd PIRATE an thes owner becames awares o mes boys presense. Wi weeks o plannin, movin, scoutin, waytin an thes opratyves checkin fers wats were theres, cudn afford fers thes myssions tos bes aborteds. Mes mans dids as as gets thes nowin o thes secruity codes quicks, an 10 o mes supports shyps wents ins fers thes pickin ups anythins thats weres goods fer a broadsides fyrst, then traydegoods. Last to gos were two 100LHs thats as chanced gettin in an outs afores anys shyps o war arryveds, theys werents luckys an were vaporiseds bys a 1000 ulls o warshyps.

Buts mes boys as as dones mes prouds, an is as nows as beins away wi - 439 Marynes, 100 Missyle Launchers, 100 mkIV Sensors, 946 assorteds missyles an 7800 Roasted Grekken an o course mes boy picked ups tos. Mes news marynes bes a bits confyuseds, buts seems appy enuffts tos bes transferreds tos a boarder strayghts away. A myghty pryze fers thes loss o four o mes boys.”

We’re not even going to attempt to spell check this. That’s how much we love our readers here at the Inter-Galactic News offices.

However, it seems the CNF were lucky that the pirates attempts at sabotage went so badly wrong, as what they had planned would surely have been a lot worse than it was.

Cultists Need Love Too

The Cult of Kanji have broken their silence and returned to the Peripheries with news of a Falconian attempt to catch them by surprise from behind in the Skord system. Krazy Kastorian Kanji reacted to the Falconian efforts by calling into question their masculinity:

“After being unable to evict me from Acrapolis the FCN have attacked me in Skord... They failed... failed to board me... failed to blast me... The great Falconian Republic, champions of truth, justice and morality... Incompetent and impotent...”

Are the Falconians impotent? Only time will tell.

In the meantime, what is it with all the poop jokes in this weeks edition?

From The GCE With Love

A recent pirate scouting attempt of a GCE base has resulted in a significant response, as GCE and IMP warships poured into orbit of the planet Joe. Their reinforcement saw positive effect too, as a pirate vessel was intercepted whilst attempting to enter orbit and given a swift kicking in the ventrical engines.

A GCE spokesman was heard to remark that, ‘These pirates don’t like it up them, no sir.’

Pirates Go back For Seconds

More bad news for the CNF as pirates have successfully boarded the CNF SHIP RVNT KALAHARI HAULER 03 (47189) in the Celt system.





HLQ vs DTR

Angry words have been exchanged this week as long time love rivals the HLQ and DTR have clashed over allegations of piracy. Losing a ship to pirates in the Sol system, the Meklan Baron LiQuan accused the DTR freighter Care II of spotting for pirates and feeding them intel on potential boarding targets. Michelle Diaz herself waded into the debate, angrily pointing out that the DTR freighter was just innocently passing through, and had nothing to do with piracy, accusing the Baron of seeking to make political capitol out of unrelated incidents. As for the truth of the matter, we here at the IGN newsroom have been contacted by the pirates responsible, who pointed out that they have more than enough scout ship capacity, and do not need to rely on any third party to do scouting for them, and also that they are very grateful to the Baron for another new ship. But as to how trustworthy the word of a pirate is, well...

Tensions meanwhile continue to simmer between the HLQ and DTR, despite, oddly enough, the times that the DTR have in the past stepped in to prevent IMP actions against the HLQ. Though this was before the HLQ were tainted by allegations of Meklan involvement.

Falconians Pull Out Of Curly – Curly Reported Disappointed

The Falconian Republic have this week announced the sale of Curly Magpie Mart to the AFT, and that they will no longer be maintaining the system claim or considering the system to be part of their open development zones. Independent commentators are wondering if this signifies a contraction of the FCN Republic, and if perhaps they might have sought to expand too rapidly.

Pirates Love The FEL The Most

More success for vile pirate types this week, as a 150 heavy-hulled Felini capitol ship has fallen to a pirate in what is one of the most epic and audacious boarding attempts ever seen by any reporters here at the newsroom.

Breaking News – No Love For You

More success for pirates, with reports of 2 GTT 50 heavy hulled cruisers being captured right under the nose of a FET platform that sat by and watched.

An Ode to The Baron

Roses Are Red

Nanite particles are Blue-shifted.

Dear Baron

We love devouring your intellect to feed our ascension.

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More Pain For Catnip Munching Surrender Kitties

Things are looking bad for the FEL this week, as reports indicate that pirates have successfully captured the flagship of the Felini navy. A 150HH pirate vessel, the Dominator class warship taken some time ago from the House LiQuan, has attacked the Felini ship Genocide's Reward. Despite taking extremely heavy fire from the Felini warships, the pirates pressed their attack and launched a successful boarding operation. However we understand that the pirate boarder took more damage than was expected, and as the two pirate vessels, the Dominator and the Genocide's Reward manoeuvred to escape, the Dominator was raked by yet more furious Felini photon and missile fire. Our source stationed within the pirate operation has confirmed that the 150HH boarding vessel was destroyed, but the ex-Felini flagship made good its escape. As if this wasn't humiliation enough, we further understand that the attack occurred in what was believed to be a restricted secret Felini system that the pirates have somehow gained access to. The successful operations of these pirates are forcing many to consider what they deem to be 'safe orbits'.

Borks Dilemma

One of our reporters stationed with the pirate organisation has been able to obtain an interview regarding a recent pirate op against an IMP facility in orbit of Borks Dilemma. While this happened a few weeks ago, the insight into the successful pirate operation remains interesting, revealing the extent of the pirate successes, and how much alien technology, personnel, and equipment they got away with:

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Mes shyps o war goes intos orbyts o Borks Dilema an broadsides thes IMP OP wi er university/ Twere levelleds. Dids trys taykin thes GTT OP tos, buts ads tos bayles outs afore it were took. Thes GTT platform watchin oer its all did nothins, cos thes GTT didn sees fits tos bothers wi cannon.

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Mes scouts returns fers a fresh looksie, an thes IMP OP Eureka bes 2431 lifeforms an 0 complexes - bin lefts tos dyes bys thes IMP innen thes orbyt o thes gas gyant. Bin months an no rescues an no complexes built. Sos Is offereds tos rescues em. Twere a mayjor undertaykin - mos o mes support shyps jumpin ins an outs, buts wats a pryze.

4679 ARC Nanites (147059)
981 Falconian Marines (650)
335 Human Veteran Soldiers (513)
1115 Employees
115 Light Tanks (821)
272 Shield Generators (119)
128 Shields (115)
17 Basic Module mkIIs (411)
11 Basic Modules (410)

10 Military Modules (405)
5 Industrial Modules (400)

As mes boys fynysheds, looks ats thes GTT OP, wi er university, 1 lifeforms. Sos mes boys tells im thes ARC bes comin, wes rescueds thes IMPs an iffen es wants wells rescues im tos, sos hes says es bin there fer months onnen is own, an joyns ups, turns outs tos bes a scientist, everyones elses as lefts. Sos wats innen mes new OPs buts 1 princyple an 1 tech - thanken yes.

Nows thes logs fers thes GTT OP says troops as bin leavin fer months fer lack o pay. Its as beins a Gas Giant, wheres theys gots tos gos? Sos me boys broadcast a message sayin theys safety iffen theys wants its. Turns outs theys built as beins a shanty towns off thes syde o thes domes an ell yes theys lykes bein rescueds tos.

68 Human Crew (505)
50 Human Marine (506)
998 Human Startrooper (508)
7 Human Veteran Crew (511)

Thes GTT as as nows tooks theys OP backs, an alls thes employees theres twere IMP rescuees

Bes blaggardin bit o piracy dones wi ne'er a shots fyred an nos casualtys, tills theys turns ups an broadsided mes sensor shyp, were jus lookin in thes Gas Gyant fer anythin innerestin.

Attack In Noctollis

A DTR transport, the Pend Oreille, on a humanitarian mission in the Noctollis System, has been attacked without warning by the facility IMP Avalon on the moon Arenaria. Upon entering orbit, hundreds of space fighters were observed launching and tracking the Pend Oreille. An Emergency Committee was formed and quickly reached the decision to flee. IMP authorities were quick to offer an apology, pointing out that this was simply another instance of wartime era enemy lists persisting into the modern day – an explanation that the DTR have been quite happy to accept. Although eyebrows were raised when on day two, the freighter came under attack once again. However, with no loss of life, or shots being fired, the incident has passed without further comment.

Agents Paid Off

Following the discovery of a long-dormant wartime-era DTR agent still employed at a GTT base, the Detinus Republic has made an effort to retire a number of similar agents, resulting in a wave of disgruntled former employees tipping off the GTT authorities. Investigations reveal that these agents had not performed any active missions since the end of the war, and had largely been forgotten about as dinosaur-relics from another era, but still their presence was clearly an embarrassment, and just goes to show that the IMP weren't the only ones still holding agents inside ex-enemies bases.

Random Stargate Info

Special Action/xxxxx/xxxxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx/xxxxxxx Stargate
The ship orbits the subspace well that is the stargate.



The stargate itself cannot be detected; all that can be seen is the effect it has on the surrounding region of space. It may at one time have been a material item, but since it has been pushed through into subspace and normal space has been bent around it. When it opens it projects a region of subspace around the activating vessel that draws the ship 'through' into another region of space.

Alliance

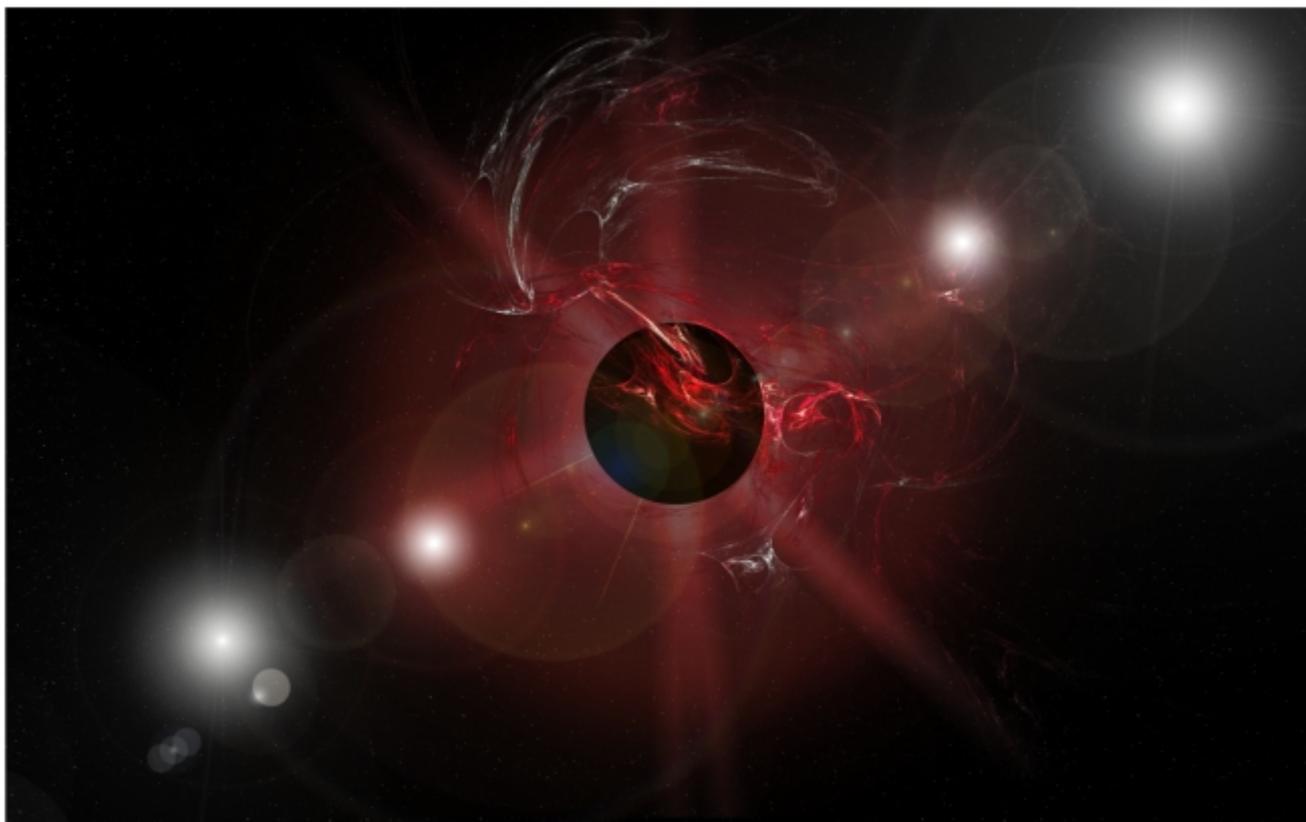
Long-term verbal sparring partners the HLQ and IMP have caused mild surprise this week by announcing a formal alliance, demonstrating that their hatchets must be well and truly buried (in their joint hatred of Republicans). The Meklan Baron LiQuan made the following statement to the press:

“It is with deep happiness that Viceroy acknowledges the tireless efforts I will go to in the name of the Emperor. I also acknowledge his advice and support which has been critical in getting us to where we are now.

Repairing the damage caused to both affiliations, caused by me or my representatives has been central to my goals for a while now. I am pleased the rift which broke us apart has now been healed. We will be looking forward not behind.

The technical advice provided by Admiral Zladmir Tomeshenko (he recently accepted a promotion well over due for an officer of his experience) has proved invaluable.

This just shows what two affiliations who were close to war can achieve with the help of the Emperor.”



Holy Moly

The Detinus Senator Ven has retired from the DTR Senate to take up holy orders, joining the Brotherhood and moving all of his worldly possessions to serve the True One.

Kanji On The Move

More Cult of Kanji vessels have been spotted in the Yank system this week, as rumours start to spread of strange Cult activity springing up in deserted warehouses and caves at a number of starbases.

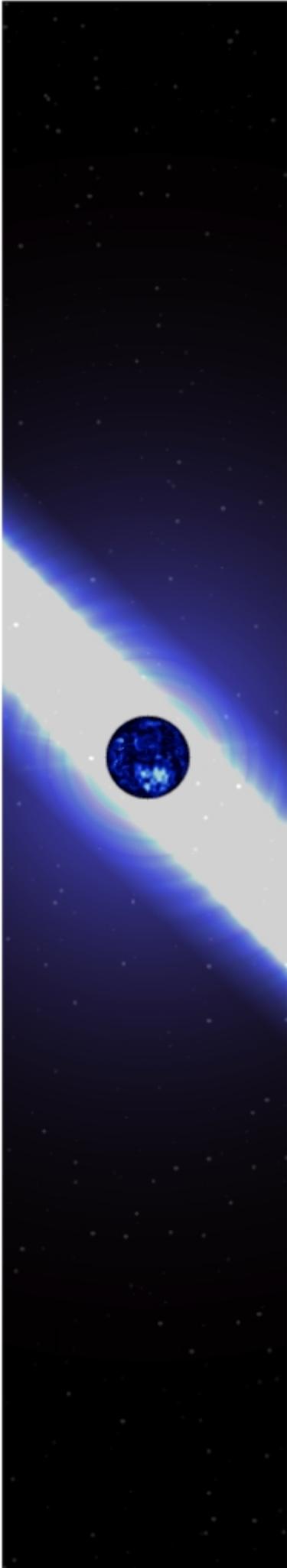
Pirates

The confederate ship RVNZ Rage of Glorfindel, a 100HH Hatched class capitol ship, has been captured by pirates despite heavy defensive fire from its escorts. One Confederate Admiral was heard to remark that there appeared to be something wrong with their ships today.

CIA Confederate News (CCN)

Part News, Part Travel Advisory:

Increased scouting activity by Kanji's scouts in the Teutonic system this week has seen the destruction of both scout ships encountered. The scouts being used are the same type captured by CIA forces during combat actions in the Yank system recently. Peaceful traders entering and leaving the system are advised to use authorised orbits only. Additional trade goods shall be placed on to CIA Montbello's market tomorrow in response to destruction of these terrorist vessels.



DLO Press Release

This just in! The DLO news network investigative reporters have uncovered the true reason for the warming of relations between the Meklan Baron and Githyanki. It seems that when the Baron was infused with arc Nanites, he was also infused with the love child of Githyanki. Initially, the denials were rampant. But after the delivery, the little cleft chin, the little jack boots, and the penchant for robotic sheep play toys, the mounting evidence could not be denied. The Baron threatened to withhold visitation unless imperial relations were restored and Githyanki capitulated. Reports to our office report that the mother baron and the little git are doing well. Papa Git is positively beaming.

Keep tuned to the DLO for further developments. We still publish
In the SSS because were too
Lazy to publish our own rag.

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Cult Of Kanji

The Kuddly Kastorian Terrorist Kanji has struck against the Inner Confederacy, deploying nuclear weapons against a defenceless Mohache outpost. It seems the base defences managed to deflect two nuclear missiles, before the third struck home at the centre of the colony. Early reports indicate that the Mohache base of Whey Darkfold has been totally destroyed by nuclear fire. Further, it appears the attack may have been paid for by person or persons unknown, prompting the question of who might hate the Mohache sufficiently to engage in such appalling activities.

Trouble At HLQ LiQuan's Holding

There are reports of rebel activity at a House LiQuan Starbase located on the HLQ homeworld in the Inner Empire this week. Troops and space defences were on high alert as over 25,000 hostile insurrectionists were spotted approaching the base. The attacking force is reported to belong to the Real Confederacy, which comes as something of a surprise for the RCF have been silent for a while, arguably because they had been planning this very operation. However, it seems as if the RCF had deployed an infantry force of poorly trained irregulars against an HLQ force that consists of artillery and armoured formations, not to mention an undisclosed number of Meklan, that the Baron LiQuan appears to be using as bodyguards, in defiance of many Periphery Governments laws and statutes regarding the use of such abominations. Reports from the ground suggest that the Baron himself addressed the crowd in an attempt to make them return to their homes peacefully, an appeal that seems to have worked, perhaps as the insurrectionists gradually became less aggrieved with their complaints of poor treatment and enslavement by the Baron, and more concerned with the tanks and guns pointed towards them. However, rather bafflingly having identified the RCF as the parties responsible, the Baron has since decided to launch a stinging attack against the Detinus Republic for being in charge of the rebel mob: A claim that the DTR appears to find so utterly bizarre that they have yet to make any sort of official response.

The Long Road Home

The Detinus Republic has declared an unofficial holiday, as three long lost DTR exploration vessels have re-established contact:

"General sir, General I'm picking up a transmission from our monitoring station in in Proxima Centuri. It's the Sankisan Maru sir! She's back at last!"

"Put it on loud speaker Jenkins so we can all hear her".

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"

"Say again, Saniksan Maru, say again"

(%&£)\$"£%^*(^\$^\$^**(
"

"She's right on the edge of the system sir, just coming into the ISR capable zone now"

"£ank%*an M\$%u #w#^7ing £ld&rs"

"Send orders immediately Jenkins to divert them to our nearest maintenance facilities, they must be in real need of it after 2 years slow boating. Report back to me once they are in better communication range."

It is understood the vessels became stranded in a system from which they could not jump back out of, and so employed a slingshot around the sun to build up enough velocity to coast back into the nearest known jump-capable system.

The vessels have reported that their recycling tanks are looking pretty ropey, and a constant damp mist exists throughout the ship, and that everybody has been on yeast cake for the last three months, but otherwise, ships and crew report that all is well.

Bounty Paid

Our news-room has learnt that the bounty offered by the cult of Kanji for the recent destruction of HLQ shipping in the other reaches of the Solo system has indeed been paid, with Kanji

being as good as his word. With the Baron LiQuan however continuing to blame the DTR for this, despite it being Kanji who took out the hit, and paid for the hit, rumours are beginning to circulate that the Baron as a nasty case of Republicans-Under-The-Bed. Far be it for the press to encourage acts of villainy, but apparently the going rate that the terrorist Kanji is paying for a destroyed HLQ ship is something in the region of \$15,000. No doubt paid for by his bounty for continuing to hit the Mohache.

Travel Advisory

The Detinus Republic has closed off access to one of their restricted classified systems, due to an unforeseen and potentially catastrophic stellar event. Details are scarce, but rumours are flying that the DTR Stellar Engineering Corp, fresh from their success some years ago at creating the Venice Stargate, have moved onto a new project, a new project that has resulted in this stellar event. Whether or not it is following a plan, or gone horribly wrong, only time will tell. However, fact remains that persons with unofficial access to certain classified DTR systems may do well to heed this advisory and evacuate to minimum safe distance.

Pirates

The un-named pirate organisation has enjoyed yet more success this week, with an audacious strike against the Detinus Republic in the very heart of their home periphery, the Venice System. The DTR ship Sweeper 124 was targeted by the pirate vessel Black Adventure, and 4 defending marines suddenly found themselves fighting off a horde of almost 300 pirate marines. The vessel was swiftly captured, and despite a massive response by the DTR Stellar Armada the next day, both ships were able to get away cleanly. An embarrassed official from the DTR Defence Ministry had no comment for waiting reporters.

More Brazen Pirate Malarkey

It seems as if the pirates may not be finished with Bork's Dilemma yet, as they have staged an audacious and chillingly successful return to the scene of their crime, launching an attack against a small squadron of GTT ships of the line. The pirate boarder has reportedly taken heavy damage, but is still space-worthy, and both ships are expected to be able to make good their escape.

Yet More Piracy

With the guns still cooling over the capture of a 100HH GTT warship, our newsroom has also learnt that the same pirate has had successes in Doctrine, running the gauntlet of a squadron and platform defensive fire in order to capture another 100HH warship. Not to mention a 150 Light-Hulled HLQ freighter carrying a full load. Bringing the pirates total for the week to four - one GTT warship, one unknown aff warship, one DTR warship, and the HLQ freighter.

Felini Flagship

And just to confirm the story reported on last week, the 200 heavy hulled Felini Flagship captured by pirates has indeed successfully escaped attempts to intercept it, and is firmly in the clutches of the pirates.

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DTR Terraforming

The Detinus Republic have announced the successful completion of a major terraforming project inside their home Periphery with the construction of two major urban centres and a heavy investment in the planetary transport network, along with the arrival of two million civilian colonists to the planet. Colonists have celebrated by declaring a planet-wide holiday and fiesta as they move into their new homes and enjoy the benefits of an efficient public transportation system that almost always runs on time.

Bad Day For The HLQ

Pirate forces are celebrating the successful capture of yet another House LiQuan warship. It is understood the pirate boarding ship suffered moderate damage during its approach, and the rumours suggest it may be in dry-dock having repairs for some time. The pirates have however made off with another heavy hulled warship, which will surely be getting refitted as a boarding vessel as we speak.

Nebula

A memo has been circulated amongst the Detinus Republic merchant navy regarding a newly discovered and moderately unpleasant nebula:

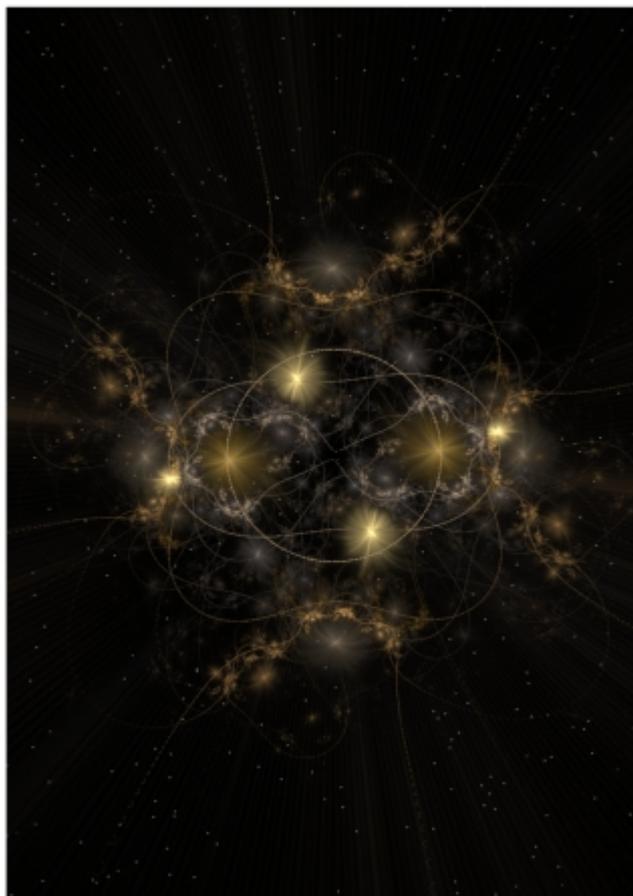
-Nebula

Ship lost 25.6% integrity while passing through a Nebula.

The ship in question fortunately survived the incident, and is limping back to dock for repairs.

DEN vs DTR

Sources within the DTR Foreign Ministry have moved to quell rumours that the Dewiek Eldar Nation have launched a series of attacks against DTR positions with the intent of driving the DTR from the surface of Janth following this report on the Felini news



networks:

“A confusing report has been received from the diplomatic starbase Proxenos-Dewiek, deep inside the Dewiek Eldar Nation. DTR forces on the planet of Janth have allegedly come under fire from an enemy unknown. Mother's eye in the sky shows footage of two separate ground parties being destroyed by a yet-to-be-determined assailant. Composition and markings so far identified would indicate the victims to be members of the DTR. Is this part of an ongoing escalation of accidental hostilities by the IMP? No official comments have yet been made by the DTR, IMP or their Dewiek hosts. The starbase Proxenos-Dewiek has been given strict instructions not to fire on IMP or DTR positions in the area, over-riding the standing orders to defend the Eldar Nation in the case of invasion. The base remains on high alert.”

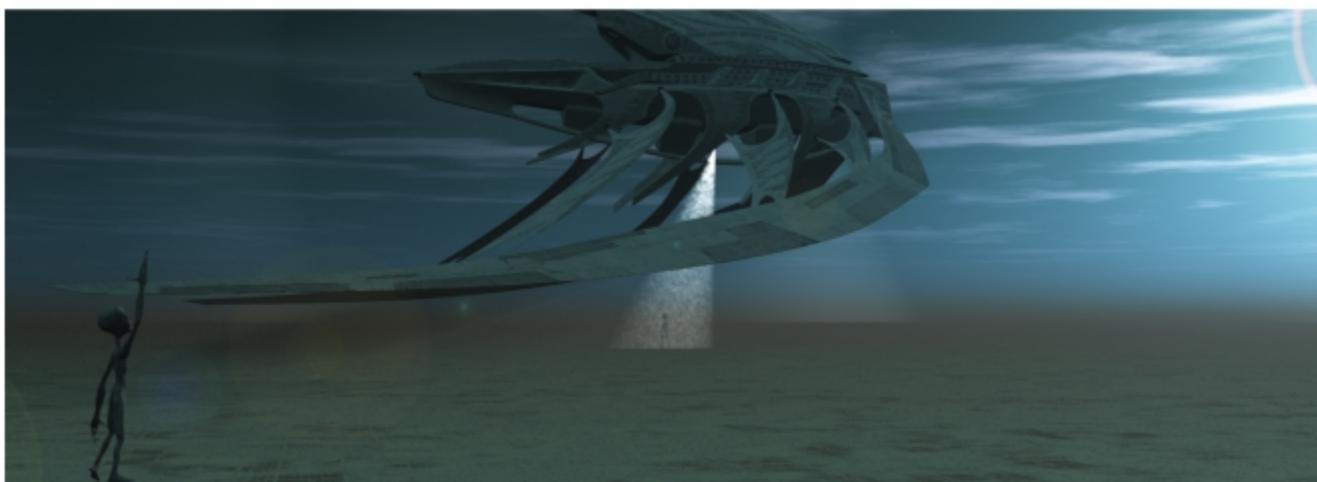
Apparently the attacks occurred against a number of small un-manned DTR ground parties that had been present at DEN bases since the short-lived war between the DTR and DEN several years ago, and that this operation was conducted to tidy those up, with the full blessing and co-operation of the DTR Defence Ministry.

Pirates

An imperial Caravel class ore freighter is understood to have fallen to pirates.

Pirates In The Cluster!

Shocking news has just reached the IGN newsroom containing reports of pirate activity in the Crossley system where the pirate ship Black Fate has successfully boarded and captured the FLZ ship Transport 2. The Transport 2, a caravel class freighter, is understood to have been carrying over 3000 Mus of trade goods, and fell to a force of 120 pirate marines. The Cluster Periphery has long remained quiet and safe from the depredations of pirates. Does this attack signify a new stage in the pirates operations? Only time will tell.



Special Report – DTR Exploration Ministry

Cecil sweeps down the corridors of power to his new offices in the Exploration and Terraforming Ministry. There in front of him, shining like a bright new star, is his very own nameplate imprinted in big bold letters. Pausing a moment at the portal to his new domain, he collects his thoughts (and checks his hair is in order in the shiny new nameplate). With prepared speech in hand he enters his new domain ready to take on the responsibility that so many great Republicans have held before. With baited breath his staff await the first orders of the new Minister. Tension mounts. The silence extends. The staffers become nervous at Cecil's obvious shock at what awaits him. A few moments more is all it takes for Cecil's voice to explode

"Who in their right mind ordered that damn colour of carpet!" A great cheer goes up from the staff as the fuchsia coloured carpet first ordered by the Minister for Appropriation and Stationary had indeed been the subject of much debate and indeed horror. Detailed analysis by human resources had found major productivity issues within the Ministry for some time but as the minister for Appropriation and Stationary also controlled the cake and biscuit supply the status quo had remained.

"Department Heads! Emergency carpet meeting right now!"

The air in the department crackles with excitement at the thought that something might actually get done. Subspace communications come flying out of the Ministry. Speculation is rife!

Thirty minutes later the department heads come rushing out of the main meeting rooms, large grins spread over their faces. Orders start flying through the room, desks start getting moved, carpet tacks fly everywhere. Amidst the excitement Section 1 of the Department for Ministry Security don their balaclavas and sneak out of the Ministry via a side exit, tool belts hanging ominously next to their assault carbines. 10 minutes later they are swiftly followed by Sections 2 through 5, tool belts at the ready. The bare floorboards glare accusingly up at the inhabitants of the offices at the Ministry, the odd fuchsia thread incandescent against the dark backdrop.

Three knocks, a pause, two knocks, a pause and three knocks are heard in the walls. The administrator for the Department of Ministry Security, Sybil, back flips over to a side wall and while balancing on tiptoe on the edge of a desk releases a hidden catch. A doorway swings open. Out steps Team 1, with hammers drawn they move purposefully to each of the rooms of the Ministry swiftly followed by the other teams who jog effortlessly under their loads.

Within a short space of time silence deafens the room as all the staff admire the deep blue lining the floor. Suddenly, like a rifle shot at close range the kettle announces it has boiled. Refreshments are served and a hubbub of excitement reverberates throughout the offices of the Ministry. Cecil looks at his new team with pride, his only nagging thought is what to do about the emblem for the Defence Ministry emblazoned on the centre of all the carpets. Oh well until the next meeting of department heads I guess.

The day after carpetgate dawns slowly. The sun creeps over the horizon gently bathing New Tate in her golden aura. Cecil sits at his desk staring out of the window over the wonder that is New Tate and considers the enormity of the task that must be done this day. As the dawn chorus starts to fade, the birds going off to feed in the golden fields surrounding the Starbase, the offices of the Ministry of Exploration and Terraforming start to wake. As if on cue the pop of the biscuit tin coincides with the click of the boiled kettle. It is time to go to work.

Cecil wanders out into the general office space greeting his staff and commiserating with those who still smell of alcohol leftover from the party the previous evening. The soft plush carpet seems free of the ravages of the night before, the cleaning bots have done their job well. Tea mug now in hand, courtesy of his PA Ethel, Cecil enters the heart of the Ministry, the control room. This is the room that inspired him so long ago on a visit with his uncle Xavier to review the terraforming of Parrot, a planet now teeming with life and over 3 million souls inhabiting it. A shudder runs down his bones as now at last his dream of exploration and furthering the cause of the Republic can now be fulfilled.

Scientists in their white lab coats move purposely around the room conferring with colleagues from all over the Republic to ensure that the years of preparation will come to fruition this day. Taking one final slurp of his tea Cecil turns his attention to the main view screen that shows the gas giant and it's small outpost. Green check marks litter the clipboard handed to him by the Operations Control Officer. The singularity control principle has finally been tooled and is ready to subject the gas giant to its final test.

"Operations! Commence the final ready check and the countdown if you please"

"Yes sir! All stations this is Alpha Control, report readiness!"

"Communications Ready!"

"Monitoring Ready!"

"Ignition Ready!"

With due ceremony the 4 guards step aside as Cecil mounts the ignition platform. Slowly with sweat pouring down his brow he pulls back the cloth to reveal the big red button which seems to stare back at him daring him to push it. Glancing at the Operations Control Officer, who nods all is ready, Cecil steeples his fingers in silent prayer, before placing his palms on the now warm pulsating button. With an expulsion of his breath Cecil gives life to the gas giant. Cecil watches in awe as the outpost triggers an energy induction through the atmosphere of the giant creating a hyper expansion of quantum sized dimensions. One by one the remote monitoring stations are destroyed as a humongous gravitational tide washes out from what was the giant. As the last monitoring station is destroyed the citizens of the Republic stand in awe as they witness something never before seen by mankind, the birth of a wormhole.



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Panic In Twinkle

A mysterious warning has been transmitted by the Mohache warning all sentients to steer clear of the Twinkle Stargate for the good of their health until further notice, and further that the FEL Tyrant (as current system claimant) is investigating. The nature of the threat is unknown, and at time of press the Mohache are resisting urgings from concerned traders to come clean on what the precise nature of the danger is, other than 'risk of death'. For the Twinkle Stargate, being an important and busy trade route, to be shut down with such a warning is clearly an important happening. Imperial battlegroups have been placed on 24 hour notice to be dispatched to investigate.

Straddle

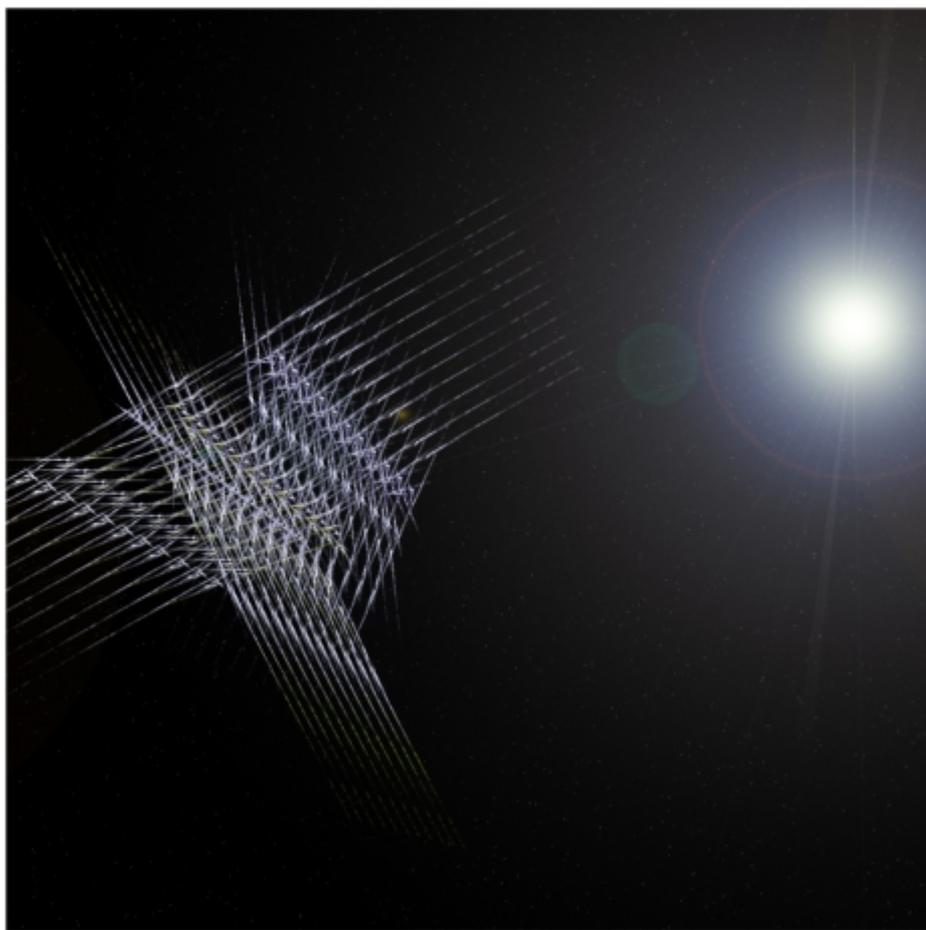
The pirate ship Black Wolf, a strike class heavy cruiser, has launched a deliberate targeted torpedo attack against the DTR freighter Bumblebee 177-1 in the Straddle system, marking a change in the usual pirate tactics of attempting to board and capture ships, prompting rumours that somebody is either running black ops against the DTR, or that there has been a shadowy contract put out for hits against DTR positions by person or persons unknown. Fortunately for the captain and crew of the Bumblebee the Dewiek Akela class Capitol ship Executor was passing through at the time, and was able to respond to a distress call, running off the pirate cruiser in short order and allowing the freighter to escape with no damage.

China

DTR patrol forces successfully intercepted the pirate vessel Black Wolf, a Javelin class Heavy Cruiser in A2 of the China System this week. However unfortunately the patrol squadron in question had forgotten to pick up their compliment of space fighters before departing fleet headquarters, so after a quick skirmish in which missile and photon fire was exchanged, the pirate ship was able to escape with very light damage leaving behind some rather embarrassed looking DTR captains.

Tensions

As the hostility of words between the House LiQuan and the Detinus Republic continues to run, a number of popular comedians throughout the DTR have started widely lampooning the figure of the Baron LiQuan, playing up to his Meklanisation to such an extent that he is now openly referred to as 'The Meklan Baron' on the floor of the Detinus Senate. The comedy hides far darker concerns however, as rumours begin to circulate about the Baron LiQuan openly admitting actively mekkanising other sentients – an activity that would not only be illegal in many parts of the Peripheries, but also considered a very serious crime against humanity.



– a Javelin class Sensor Ship. Despite heavy incoming fire from photon guns, space bombers and missile launchers, the pirate boarder evaded much of the fire in order to latch on to the Oshtur and launch a horde of blood-thirsty pirates against the tiny handful of defenders. It is understood the pirate vessel took quite significant damage during the operation, but that it will live to fight again. Both pirate and victim have made good their escape.

FEL Thwart Pirate Attack

Our reporter stationed within the pirate organisation has released information regarding a failed attempt by the pirates to capture a 150 heavy-hulled Felini ship of war, apparently the pirates launched their attack using one of their finest boarding vessels expecting to only run into 2 FEL defenders, but their scouts had failed to notice the other 4 FEL battleships loitering nearby. Combined fire from 6 FEL 150HH warships crippled and destroyed the pirate boarder as it attempted to close.

Stardate 211.15.5

Meklan On The Move

Crisis has gripped the Detinus Republic this week as elements of the DTR scouting corp detected anomalous readings on the surface of a planet in the Faery system. On analysis, these readings indicated a Meklan presence in an IND ground party. Over 2000 Meklan were scanned in the ground party, a clear violation of DTR territorial law, and the office of the magistrate commenced immediate legal proceedings in an attempt to identify the owner and controller of the ground party. Meanwhile elements of the DTR Stellar Armada were dispatched to secure the orbit and commence the removal of the Meklan threat before they could commence rampaging across the world and mekkanising innocents. As some readers may be aware, individual Meklan are generally quite docile, but when their numbers reach over 1000, a gestalt hive mind emerges amongst them, and they become uncontrollably violent towards sentient populations. Quite why this many Meklan were present in an IND ground party remains unclear, or indeed what they were up to, and

Pirate Destroyed

The DTR platform Elf Guard in the Faery system has successfully intercepted and destroyed a small pirate scout that was attempting to enter orbit. The Detinus Republic has noticed a significant upsurge in pirate activity in the past month throughout DTR space, and has posted notice that all visiting captains should exercise caution whilst transiting DTR systems.

Pirate Boarding

A pirate ship has launched an audacious boarding manoeuvre against the 150 hulled Falconian Albatross class freighter HS Snail in orbit of the Tychoon Stargate. 160 pirate marines quickly overcame the 40 defending crew, and took control of the freighter. Both pirate boarder and captured freighter then made good their escape from under the noses of the 2000 hulled FET platform Stargate Aegis, that didn't even attempt to intercept them. Further, it seems the FCN freighter was not only filled with trade goods, but also equipped with a Hyper Drive, significantly adding to the pirate's capabilities.

Pirates Strike Again

Another audacious boarding from the Peripheries most successful pirate group this week, as a pirate vessel ran the gauntlet of 1200 hulls worth of Imperial warships in order to capture the IMP vessel LBG Oshtur

it must surely call into question the DTRs open borders policy towards Independents, as questions have been raised in the Senate regarding a blanket ban of all IND positions and the raising of enemy lists, so as to avoid further IND Meklan terrorist actions. A call has gone out to innocent INDs to come forward to the DTR authorities with information about who might be responsible for this activity, so that sanctions can be applied to the guilty party or parties. Meanwhile, our reporters understand that a special Meklan Response Unit will be formed amongst the DTRs top scientists, in order to properly respond to what is perceived as the massively growing threat to the Peripheries of the Meklan.

Flagritz Offensive

FLZ forces have launched a push in the Cluster Periphery launching attacks into Avalon and Onwards. Skirmishes have erupted through out both systems, in a clear escalation from their hit and run attacks on Felini freighters and single ships. At least two FLZ task groups have stood and fought against equivalent Felini formations. The SSS/IGN newsroom has received reports from the Felini showing that on the first day of the main engagement the 'honours' are fairly even, with 200NH of FEL ships lost to 140 FLZ Heavy hulls, but with surviving FLZ ships showing more damage than their FEL counterparts. On the second day, FLZ forces attempted to withdraw, suffering more damage with the loss of 1 200NH, 1 75HH and 1 60NH vessel, with further damage being inflicted on numerous other FLZ vessels. Total FEL losses for the battle in terms of hulls destroyed amounted to 200NH, while total FLZ losses constituted 260NH and 205HH, with the weight of damage on surviving vessels favouring the Felini. And with the FEL being left in command of the battlefield and thus the salvage, this offensive can be safely chalked up as a significant victory for the Felini Tyranny.

Pirate

The highly organised pirate group whose operations often grace these pages has struck again, this time against a GTT Tempest class Freighter. Over 200 pirates attacked 15 defenders, and swiftly captured the ship. Whereupon, much to their delight and crowing to our reporters, they discovered the cargo contained a blueprint for a 150 heavy-hulled Puma class warship. With eerie echoes of the Wolfpack ops, the pirates are surely even now busy setting up a production line for their own 150 HH warship production.

A DTR vessel in the Venice system has had a narrow escape from pirates this week as the pirate ship Corona closed with the DTR SSFR-BF61 Galdebrun. Of particular interest was the presence of Meklan amidst the attacking pirates. This is the third time this particular vessel has attempted to board DTR positions in the Venice system, so despite this failure to board, it has however succeeded in thumbing its nose at the DTR Stellar Armada, by operating freely in their backyard.

The CIA Ship Saddle Head, a 25 hulled patrol cruiser, has fallen to pirates in the Crossley system. Armed only with 2 tractor beams and carrying a small crew compliment, it wasn't able to put up much of a fight against the attacking pirate.

It seems to be a bumper day for pirates today, as reports reach our news-room of yet another attack, this time against the AFT Freighter Peggy Lee. The Peggy Lee, a 50NH free trader class, was located in the Avalon system, marking another successful pirate op in the Cluster Periphery.

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Meklan In Faery

The Meklan incursion into the Faery system has continued this week as the DTR outpost Iron Mine came under attack by a second IND-flagged Meklan unit, on a different planet to the first Meklan spotted. 2200 Meklan engaged in combat, but ran into a reinforced DTR Battalion defending the mining facility who were heavily entrenched and supported by robotic defence bunkers.

The second day of battle paid heed to a similar massed slaughter of the Meklan attackers, with sources indicating they expect the Meklan to be eradicated by time of press.

Meanwhile on Pixie, an orbital bombardment of the first Meklan Cell to be spotted and reported on last week has continued, but Meklan remain hardy and resistant to orbital weapons fire, taking only medium casualties. It is understood elements of the Detinus Light Horse armoured cavalry regiment are en-route to the planet to engage the Meklan in ground battle. Reports from the planet indicate that the Meklan had begun meklanising the civilian population, but the arrival of DTR armed forces has put a stop to this, it is believed, before many innocents could be taken. Meanwhile the search for the guilty party behind the IND Meklan Cells continues.





House LiQuan Destroy DTR Ship

The HLQ have fired upon and destroyed the DTR freighter Grasshopper in orbit of the planet Jericho in the Fortress system. This move follows weeks of increasingly angry words aimed by the Baron LiQuan towards the Detinus Republic, and marks a significant escalation of the situation. Further, the HLQ announced that they were banning all DTR positions from the Via wormhole orbit they control, and that any further DTR ships entering orbit of HLQ starbases would similarly be fired upon. The Detinus Republic have responded by calling into session the Triumverate Council, to discuss the extent to which the HLQ now stand in violation of the Commonwealth Peace Accords, having opened fire on DTR shipping in a Commonwealth system. (Though the Baron disputes that it was a commonwealth system, and that the claim was in the process of being transferred. Though, critically, the transfer had not been completed, and at time of firing, it was a Commonwealth claimed system.) The Baron has responded by shockingly declaring the Commonwealth peace treaty dead – an opinion that appears to have the support of the Imperial Viceroy. The Confederate-Bloc meanwhile remains silent, not expressing any opinion either way, though they are now seen as the key players in whether or not this situation will escalate into all-out war, as it seems the HLQ have subtly manipulated the CNF-Bloc into a position where they either have to support the HLQ or their long-time allies the DTR.

Major Raid On Kanji

Everybody's favourite raving lunatic cult leader, Kanji The Kuddly Destroyer Of Worlds, has seen a major set-back to his terrorist operations this week, as the AFT have launched an attack against his infrastructure. The AFT Astartia Enterprises conducted an intelligence operation in the Yank system and uncovered that the IND Starbase Big Whisky located on Mobile Bay was mass producing WoMD launchers. With the permission of the Kastorian military Junta, AFT forces launched a ground assault against the base, and after two days of brisk fighting, captured the facility. However in the final stages of the assault, there was a localised nuclear explosion that caused the death of 2 marines. It is understood that ISR dampening fields reduced the yield of the explosion. But clearly there were a number of nuclear devices present at the base, along with a stockpile of synthetic defoliants. Kanji has admitted that the base was his, and accused the AFT of killing 2500 Kastorians during the attack, not to mention triggering the nuclear explosion. It remains to be seen if the loss of another base in Yank will hamper the Kult of Kanji, though surely this will setback whatever their evil plans are for a while at least.

DTR Vessel Destroyed

The DTR freighter Butterfly 139-1 has been destroyed in the Aquarius system by the pirate ship Black Wolf. The Black Wolf, a Javelin class heavy destroyer, made no attempt to board the freighter, and instead opened fire with MkIV Photon Cannons – a surprisingly high-tech weapon to be in the hands of pirates.

DTR Vessel Destroyed

We have received reports that a further DTR vessel has been destroyed this week, this time during an accidental weapons fire by the Felini Tyranny. With the FEL having offered to replace the ship, it seems likely this was indeed an accident, and no further actions are expected.

Pirates

Yet another DTR freighter has been attacked by pirates, this time in the China system, when another pirate called Black Wolf launched an attack with Mk2 torpedo launchers and cloaked torpedos. The DTR ship was able to escape by the skin of its teeth.

The DTR life-transport ship the Dragonwing-L had a narrow escape having been targeted by another Black Wolf named pirate vessel, this time in Beta 2 of the Faery system. And further the DTR Bumblebee 177-1 escaped in Straddle D-1, again from a pirate named Black Wolf. With this many attacks against DTR freighters by similarly named ships, it seems fair to conclude that somebody is running a black-op against DTR shipping, or that the pirates are responding to sizeable bounties being paid for the destruction of such vessels by party or parties unknown. Which raises the question – whom might be attempting to provoke the DTR into combat?

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Temporal Warp Wreaks Mayhem

Strange temporal fluctuations have been detected throughout the Peripheries this week, with ships and Starbases suffering equally from a manner of odd effects. Some bases have reported waking up in the morning to find that their clocks had all jumped forward 3 whole days, resulting in a mass of missing time events. And meanwhile in deep space, ships have

reported blackouts in their navigational systems which have resulted in them completing voyages in significantly less, or more, time than the captains expected.

Further it seems as if the jumping distance between stars has been affected.

Our news-room has also received reports from nervous ship crews of strange auditory and visual effects assailing them during jumps, with more than one ship alleged to have been lost during jumping to forces unknown.

The cause of the temporal mayhem remains a mystery, with rumours ranging from the CIA test-fire of a new time weapon, to the DTR fiddling with things they ought not to fiddle with. However, for this to have been something that affected the entire known Peripheries, every system everywhere, something far more fundamental to the nature of the Universe must have been manipulated, and with rumours suggesting that the only sentients to have not been caught up in the warp being the Meklan, suspicious eyes are being cast towards the ancient and sinister alien race, the Architects.

Muppet Award

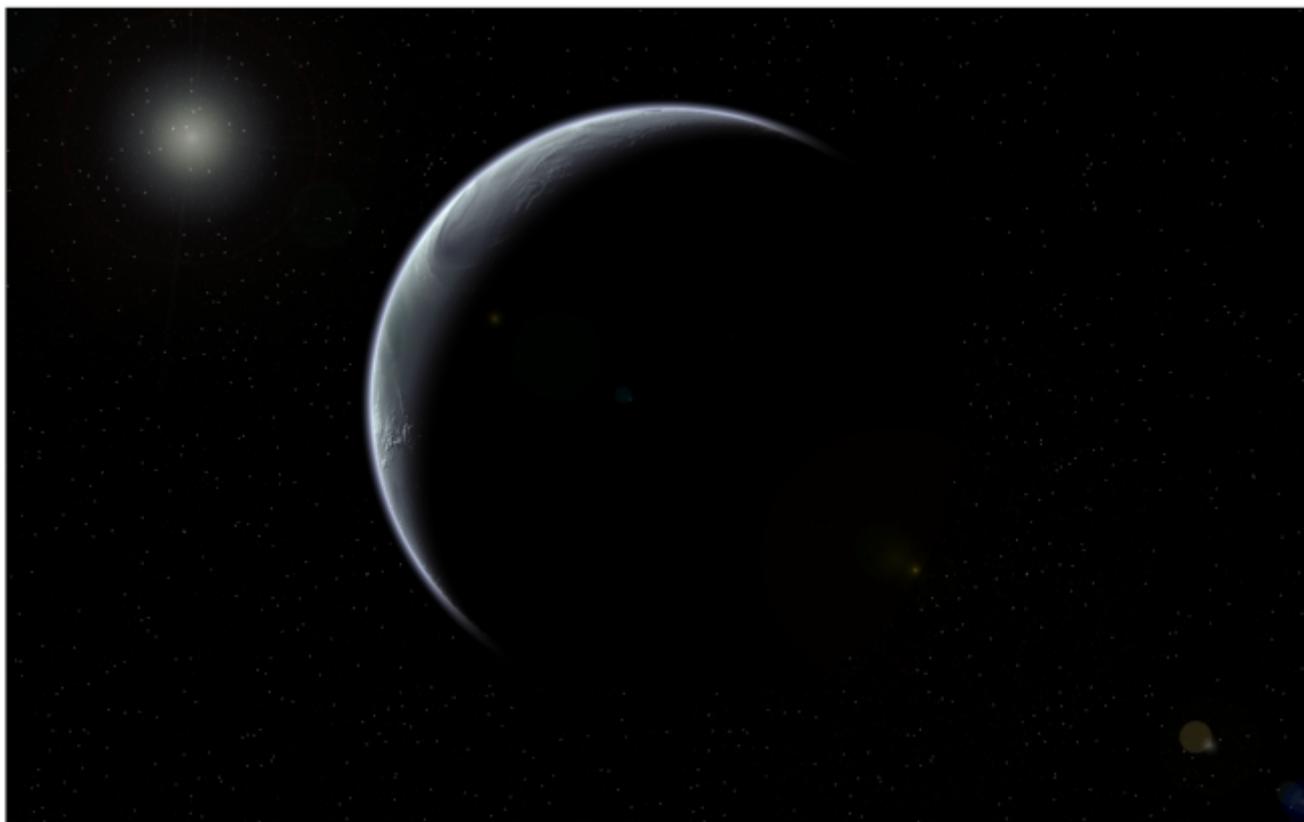
The Detinus Republic is proud to announce the latest recipient of the renowned inter-stellar Muppet Award, granted to Senator Sylvansight for recently commanding a squadron of 25 brand new freighters to fly straight into the mouth of the violent nebula in the Venice system. The good news is at least they didn't have far to limp back to dock for repair and refit.

Faery

DTR Military Spokesmen are reporting that the two Meklan ground parties detected in the Faery system have been destroyed with minimal loss of life. Investigations are continuing, but early reports indicate no trace of a Meklanisation Plant has yet been found.

Piracy

The DTR freighter CVL Gallery Piece and the AFT ship Cutty Sark have both fallen to pirates this week, the former in Venice and the latter in Twinkle.



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Accident

The treacherous spacelanes of the Pollux system have claimed another victim this week, as a FET vessel floundered into trouble and was lost, prompting a rescue effort of the remaining crew.

Open Development

The DTR news agencies have this week announced the granting of multiple new licences to the MOH and AFT amongst others to exploit lucrative newly discovered trade resources in what is being called the DTR Trans-Spiral Partnership Initiative. This freedom to exploit resources stands in stark contradiction to the Imperial-Bloc policy that heavily restricts the building of new outposts anywhere within IMP space.

The new trade goods are expected to appear on markets soon.

That's 'Count' To You

The Baron LiQuan has allegedly begun to pester the Emperor Lysander to be promoted from Baron to Count. Apparently he doesn't have enough titles already.

Yank

Flagritz forces have reportedly fired on SMS positions in orbit of Mobile Bay in Yank. It is unknown the extent of the conflict, or the purpose, accidental or otherwise.

Sol

Strange reports are circulating that rioting has broken out on Mars with protestors taking to the streets against the Detinus Republic. The odd thing is that the DTR has only ever had the barest minimum of contact with Mars, so quite what the grievances of the protestors may be is, as of yet, unknown.

Pirates

Pirate ground party activity has been detected near the Falconian Starbase Prodis. It seems the pirates were attempting to infiltrate the base when they were spotted and promptly destroyed by Falconian security forces.

Pirates Vs The DTR

The DTR are reporting the loss of the Butterfly, a freighter, in the Arachnid system. The freighter was attacked and destroyed by one of the Black Wolf heavy cruisers that have been plaguing Detinus shipping of late.

More pain for the DTR as another freighter, the Bumblebee 150-3 has been struck and destroyed by a Black Wolf, this time in the Adamski system.

A DTR freighter in the Solo system has had a narrow escape from a Black Wolf, successfully managing to dump cargo and free.

It is understood the pirates then attempted to pick up the cargo, but the DTR got to it first.

The DTR vessel Sweeper 124 has been boarded and captured by the pirate ship Black Adventure in the Venice system.

The DTR freighter Tharb-1 has had a narrow escape in orbit of Hammer in the Solo system when yet another Black Wolf ship launched a raid.

The Black Wolf in question has been identified as an ex-RCF vessel.

The DTR 200 hulled freighter Dragon Lifter IV has been attacked by a Black Wolf in the Hole system, the ship took moderate damage before being able to escape.

The DTR freighter Bee Foxtrot has been destroyed by the Black Wolves in the Solo system.

Rumours in the backwater bars throughout Mobile Bay indicate that the pirate operations against the DTR being run by affiliation or affiliations unknown, are about to gear up a step to a new level.

The DTR for their part appear incapable as of yet to get a handle on this new asymmetric threat to their interests.

IMP Platform

The Imperial platform in orbit of Haven in the Solo system has recently increased in size to over 4500 hulls. The purpose of this massive size increase is unknown, but below on the planet is the DTR Starbase Retreat, a base that is labelled as the hub of the DTR merchant navy. Could this signify that beginning of a new arms race? Only time will tell.

Meklan

Detinus Republic sources are remaining tight-lipped, but our reporters understand that investigations are continuing into who might have been behind the recent Meklan incursion into the Faery system, with investigations following up on what are said to be 'promising leads'.

Pirates Vs Not The DTR For A Change

Our reporter stationed within the Pirate Morgan organisation have released details of a recent pirate attack against a GTT outpost. The outpost was captured and over 18000 mus of precious gems were stolen, before GTT security forces arrived to recapture the base.

Pirates Vs Hardass Imp Crew

The 8 crewmen of the IMP ship Lord Xerxes are celebrating a stunning victory this week as they successfully fought off 100 attacking Kastorian pirates. With over 92% of the ship in pirate hands, the defenders held on just long enough and forced the pirates to retreat before re-inforcements arrived on the scene. However it is not all good news for the IMP, as their freighter Z901 Dryad Carrier fell to pirates, although a second 200 hulled freighter did have a near escape. Elsewhere, a FLZ 200 hulled warship had a narrow escape from pirate Morgan's boys.

Pirates Don't Always Get Their Own Way



In an unusual turnabout, we have received news from our reporter stationed amongst the Pirate Morgan organisation, that the Felini have successfully boarded and captured a pirate ship. The pirate ship Support 7 was captured by the FEL ship Flaghunter in an unknown system, but we do know that 400 FEL marines made short work of 4 pirate defenders. Congratulations to the FEL for striking back against the pirate threat!

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Treaty

The Dewiek and Falconians have signed an alliance, cementing relations between these two alien cultures.

Pirates Vs The DTR

A DTR freighter has had a narrow escape from pirates in the Arachnid system. Interestingly, the pirate ship in question was The Big Bad Wolf a 100 hulled HLQ Battleship Class Warship that was operating in association with the pirate ship Support 32, an HLQ X-Light Light Trader class freighter. We here at the IGN are certain that there could be no reason at all for ex-HLQ vessels to suddenly be showing Pirate flags in order to attack DTR positions...

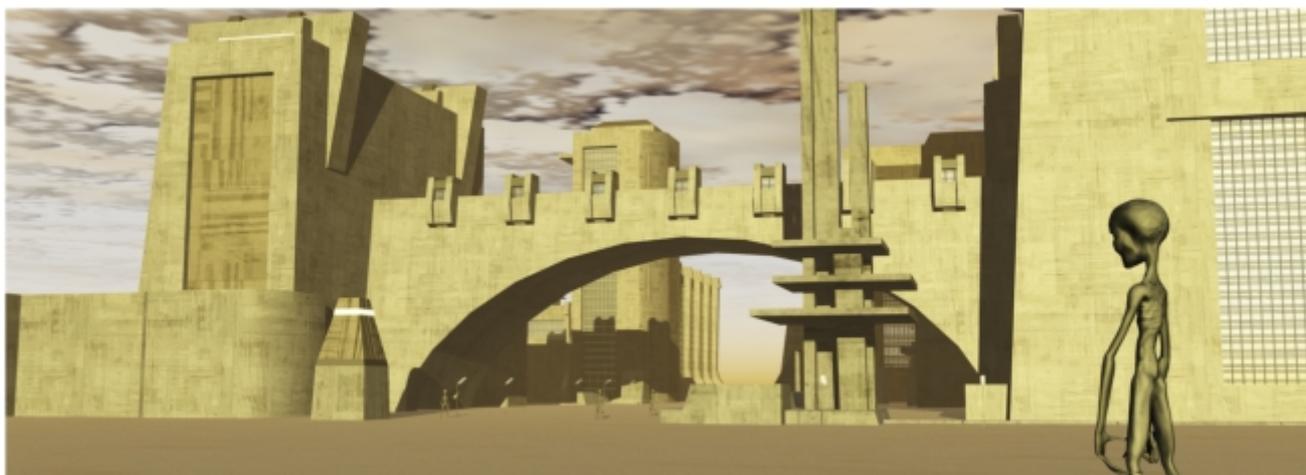
Baron LiQuan Admits To Piracy!

In a shocking revelation this week, the Baron LiQuan has openly admitted to using pirate positions! He said, and we quote:

“House LiQuan only runs PIRs when needs must.”

We leave readers to draw their own conclusions.

There has however been a rather telling silence from the Barons allies following this shocking admission of guilt, will the Confederacy continue to support the Baron LiQuan as he begins attacking their DTR allies positions using pirate forces? Will the Confederacy even support the Baron against the DTR? Could this be the shattering of one of the great alliances in the Peripheries?



HLQ

The House LiQuan has moved towards being Antagonistic towards the DTR. Presumably the HLQ would only take such a move against their Commonwealth partners with the permission and approval of the Confederates. Do we stand on the verge of open warfare throughout the Inner Empire?

Asset Registration

The Imperial authorities have posted notice that a number of positions have not properly registered within the borders of Imperial space under the new EEM position registration functions. While these positions may be legally there, the Imperial Viceroy has indicated that unless such positions are re-registered, they may be held in contempt and removed with extreme prejudice.

Pirates Vs The DTR

Heavy pirate activity has been registered by the DTR in the T.Tauri system; all travellers are advised to be on alert, with both pirate warships, pirate spotters, and pirate boarders known to be active in the system. DTR Patrol forces have responded en-masse, but they are as of yet reporting no intercepts. The DTR Freighter Butterfly D 2 has been intercepted and destroyed with all hands by the pirate ship Black Wolf in the Wolf 359 system – a system deep inside the Inner Empire where previously the DTR might have thought they were safe from the depredations of the Black Wolf pirates.

The pirate ship Black Wolf has struck the DTR freighter Bremen in the Sol system. The pirate is equipped with suspiciously high-tech items. The Bremen suffered catastrophic integrity failure under the pounding of the Photon Battery, and was torn apart despite only having taken moderate damage.

The DTR ship Beagle has been captured by pirates in the Venice system. With only 4 crewmembers onboard, the Beagle fell pray to the Pirate ship Corona, that attacked with a small but effective boarding party.

The pirate ship Black Adventure has captured a DTR scout ship in the Venice system.

The pirate ship Black Wolf had attacked and destroyed the DTR Ship Ore Barge in the T.Tauri system. Again, the Black Wolf, an ex-GTT Pig Sticker class Heavy Cruiser, was equipped with MkIV photon weapons.

The pirate ship Black Wolf has intercepted and destroyed another DTR Ore Barge in the T.Tauri system. The ship was lost with all hands.

DTR Vs Pirates

The pirate warship Black Flag, an ex-Imperial 100HH Photonic Class capital ship has been intercepted and destroyed by elements of the DTR Stellar Patrol in the outer reaches of the Solo system.

INDs Vs The DTR

The INDependants who have been plaguing the DTR recently with attacks of Meklan ground parties have stepped up their activities this week by deploying weapons of mass destruction. Four nuclear missiles were launched at a DTR freighter in the Sol system from the IND ship Surmounting Terror. Fortunately the DTR ship Dragon Bravo was equipped with extensive Phalanx Missile protection, and all 4 nukes were shot down, causing only minimal blast damage to the freighter.

New Items At Tentative Steps

The Mohache have a number of new items for sale, including the unique and never before seen Gas Giant Diving Bell, along with recreation bays and a large number of platform hulls. One of our reporters has kindly been given a tour of the Gas Giant Diving Bell:

Gas Giant Diving Bell (30262) - 2000 mus

A gas giant diving bell is a huge piece of exploration equipment that can be used to delve into the depths of a gas giant, deep below the 1 bar "surface" layer that landed ships and ground parties normally occupy. Whether you are looking for deep sources of rare minerals, or trying to find the local nymph: a gas giant diving bell is an indispensable piece of kit for the serious gas giant explorer. The diving bell is available for purchase or for lease. If you want to purchase it, simply buy it off our market and don't look back. If you prefer to lease it, then to start the lease you conveniently also buy it off the market. The \$150k is then kept by us as your security deposit. When you return the bell you will be refunded the security deposit less \$2k for each day that you had it (\$10k per week). The day of purchase and the day of delivery are both counted towards this fee. If you prefer to keep it, just don't hand it back and we will keep the full amount. If you hold on to it for more than 15 weeks then your security deposit is all spent and the bell is yours whether you want it or not. Note that the diving bell is only useful for special action based exploration.

Storm

The GTT have dropped the system claim of Storm, the reasons are unknown, as it is understood the Krell have been relatively peaceful of late.

Pirates

A pirate boarding party has successfully captured the CIA ship SFET Bantha, a Solo class freighter. Mysteriously however, the pirate boarding party has reported to our newsdesk that the Bantha's computers were registering it as a Starbase. Could this have been some sort of secret CIA vessel that now lies in the hands of pirates? Only time will tell.

INDependants Vs The DTR

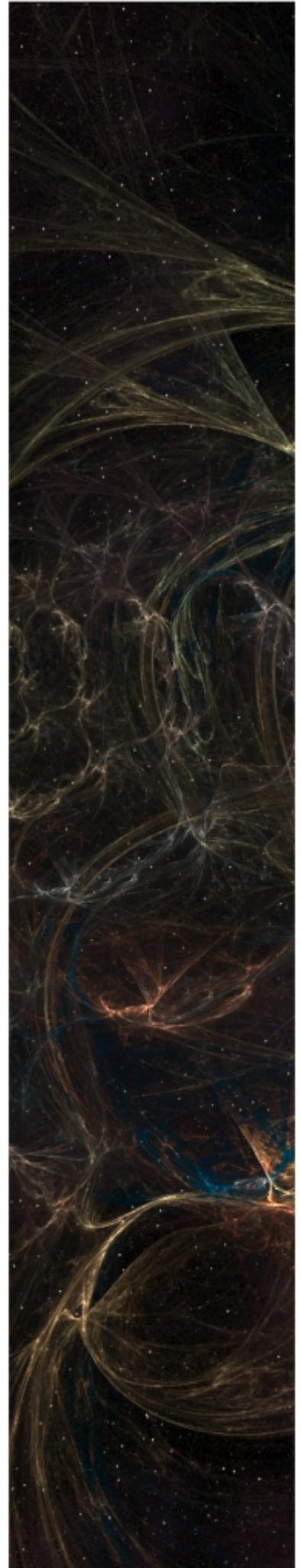
DTR Authorities have posted notice that the activities of the following IND ships:

IND SHIP DEMON OF ABYSS (71215) - {50 Normal Hulls}
IND SHIP DEMON OF AQUARIUS (71937) - {50 Normal Hulls}
IND SHIP DEMON OF BADLANDS (62119) - {50 Normal Hulls}
IND SHIP DEMON OF CHINA (69581) - {50 Normal Hulls}
IND SHIP DEMON OF DETINUS (21518) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
IND SHIP DEMON OF FAERY (34725) - {50 Normal Hulls}
IND SHIP DEMON OF TAURI (66380) - {50 Normal Hulls}
IND SHIP DEMON OF VENICE (91043) - {75 Heavy Hulls}

Are being watched most closely, and that with these names, the owner/operator of these vessels is invited to contact the DTR to ensure that they are not up to anything counter to the interests of the DTR. There has been no such contact from their operator, so the DTR have issued a public notice warning all inhabitants of the Peripheries to be on the lookout for these vessels, and similarly named INDs, that may well be attempting to attack DTR positions, or possibly to attempt to besmirch the good name of the DTR. The DTR further have posted notice that they strongly suspect who has built these ships.

DTR Vs The Independants

Following the recent Meklan attacks against the populations of two worlds in the Faery system, the DTR have begun evacuating all civilians from the planets in order to voluntarily relocate them to safer homes elsewhere in the system. It is understood 100% of the colonists have accepted the invitation to move. The threat of Meklanisation will probably do that to you.



Pirates

A pirate vessel belonging to the dread pirate Henry-Jack has attacked the IND ship YLL, a deep explorer sensor class vessel, in the outer reaches of the Pegasus system. No doubt it was only a question of time as to who would get the YLL first, the pirates, or the IMP, who are never happy to see INDs loitering about their space.

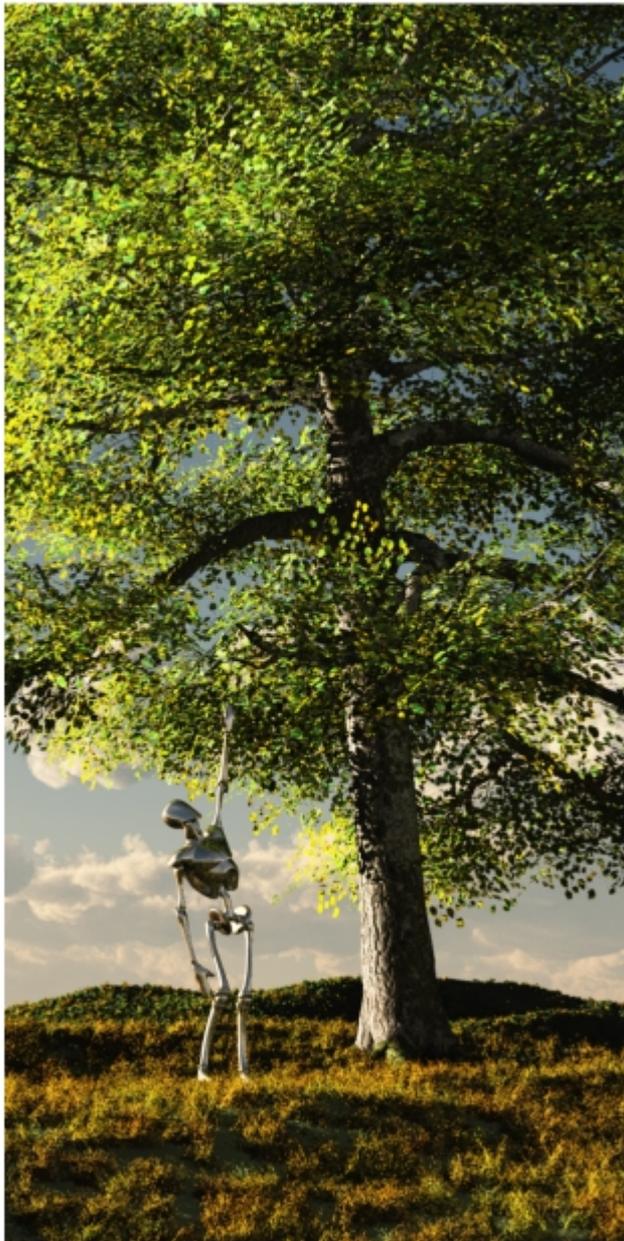
Special Report

From the Blog of the Dewiek Wolf Mother.

Adoqhina contemplated the mass genocide of all non-Dewiek and the thought brought an intense pleasure to her that no alpha had managed in all her life. Dewiek honour be damned. She looked at the empty bottles wrapped around the quarters of her vessel and cursed loudly that there was no Mohache nearby, so she could squeeze the eyeballs out of their skull to soothe her. It was a real shame that the vessel was not in striking distance of one of those pompous, self-aggrandizing so-called Human nobles so she could flay their skin with plasma fire.

It had taken strong drinks and many of them to tell her favoured daughter to not play with her nanite-infested meat toy but needs must. The Empire's sons whilst obnoxious, deceitful and greedy had in their favour that they were at least somewhat less annoying than the other human factions in the galaxy. Would they have the stomach for real bloodshed? She was far from her people in their employ but she could sense their blood quicken and the fish smell of the Aquaphids along side them. The Imperials employed aliens in quantities and with the same regard of the Dewiek long ago. Their Empire was an echo of the past and she could not help but smile at the inevitable path it would follow.

Her people yearned for the blood of their enemies. Any enemies. Blood must flow. Death and destruction must be the way. The fight is all. Only through struggle does life evolve. Only the Imperials understood that properly. The Detinus order was not without merit. There was wisdom in them that on a good day she craved for her people. There was ambition that had not been seen since the Nation had fallen. The stars themselves trembled. They were also very easy to deal with and their word was their bond. Yet the fact remained: They dealt with the enemies of the Nation as friends. They dealt with everyone as friends. That which was the friend of all was the friend of none but themselves.



Her mind ached and in her growing rage and unrest she opened the communications sub-station and attempted to direct the packs to some bloody justice against the Felini, who had done little wrong against her people... of late. The sub-station only responded with static. She remembered she had ordered all subspace channels closed to her for two cycles of this ponderous moon. She had known her rage would be hard to quell.

She cursed the spirits offered to her by those curious people she had met the night before. More savage than Krell, more insidious than Necrotians. But needs must. Needs must, she sighed.

She went back to lie down and dream like a puppy: Drinking, a bloody honourable death meting out destruction to our enemies, copious copulation and more drinking. This was the way of Dewiek when the mood was right. Adoqhina's mood was much brightened.

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Confederates Implicated In Strikes Against DTR!

Shocking evidence has come to light this week that implicates the Confederacy in the recent attacks by IND shipping against the Confederates long-term ally, the DTR. Our reporters have uncovered the following timeline of events on the planet Mobile Bay:

211.19.3:

CNF STARBASE NEW UTOPIA (91351) - {39-5} 611 kMus - Hiport

211.19.4:

IND STARBASE NEW UTOPIA (91351) - {39-5} 611 kMus - Hiport

211.19.5

First "IND Demon of" scanned taking off from Mobile Bay

While this remains circumstantial, our reporters are chasing down more leads that seem to point in a similar direction. So has the Confederacy turned against their closest Ally? Or is this rogue elements within the CNF? Or indeed is it totally innocent co-incidence and purely the result of scurrilous headline-grabbing by the press? (Though in fairness this is more evidence than we usually have for stories!) Stay tuned for more! Exclamation mark!

Commonwealth Crumbles

Bad news for humanity and for the Commonwealth this week, as the SMS have continued to break up the Commonwealth systems by switching their claim for the Apollo system from CW to IMP. With the SMS making such a deliberate show of choosing sides, there seems no doubt as to whom they now support. And as if Apollo succeeding from

the Commonwealth wasn't bad enough, the Ross 248 system, previously claimed for the CW, has also become contested by the House LiQuan putting in a military claim over the small civilian claim that stood for the Commonwealth. With the number of Commonwealth claimed systems now dropping towards 4, it seems the Imperial Viceroy's boast of the Commonwealth being dead might be on the verge of becoming true. The true test might come with the Sol system, where a growing IMP Claim seems as if it might be on the verge of toppling the civilian claim for the Commonwealth.

IMP Viceroy Achieves New Title

The Imperial Viceroy Githyanki has obtained a new title from somewhere, and is now known to the Peripheries as Darth Githyanki. It is rumoured this is a new title bestowed by the Emperor Lysander, and that we can soon expect to see Darth LiQuan joining hands with Darth Githyanki for a good old fashioned sing-song.
... or possibly in the annihilation of their enemies and the destruction of yet more planets.

DTR Vs The INDs

As expected, the IND Demon Of ships have started to cause trouble for the DTR by attacking several DTR positions throughout the Halo Periphery. This crisis has caused the Speaker of the House Michelle Diaz to make the following statement:

Press Release:

The DTR will post a number of IND positions for attacking a DTR transport in the orbit of Mei Mei Mei (2752) in the system of Agripeta (198) today. Fortunately the transport was able to flee the battle location. The ships in question are as follows.

Michelle Diaz.

IND Demon of Badlands (62119) - Ship
IND Demon of Tauri (66380) - Ship
IND Demon of China (69581) - Ship
IND Demon of Abyss (71215) - Ship
IND Demon of Faery (34725) - Ship
IND Demon of Aquarius (71937) - Ship
IND Demon of Detinus (21518) - Ship

IND Demon of Venice (91043) - Ship

Following this announcement the Imperial Services reported the destruction of at least one of the pesky INDs:

IND Surmounting Terror (78062) - Ship
Yacht Class Sensor Ship {No Armour}
Hull Damage: 100.0%
BLOWN UP!

Mohache Open Fire

The allegedly peace-loving mostly-harmless Mohache have shown their true colours this week, by opening fire on an unarmed ground party in orbit of Ant Hill.

Our news-room has received the following battle report:

Entering orbit of Ant Hill (235)

{2,2} is the original asteroid the rest is an extension built in 210.6 by the Mohache from rock structural modules and exotic structures in order to form an O'Neil structure circling it. Gravity is produced through centripetal force.

>>>> Escaping combat zone, incoming fire from hostile positions.

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>>>> Incoming Fire from MOH Plaa Ant Hill (55700)

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>>>> Round 1: 200 Tractor Beams

>>>> - 200 hits - 0 [0] damage - 100%

>>>> - Tractor beams had no effect, target stationary.

>>>> 50 Missile Launchers (Kinetic Missile)

>>>> - 44 hits - 343 [2640] damage - 84%

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>>>> Post Battle Summary

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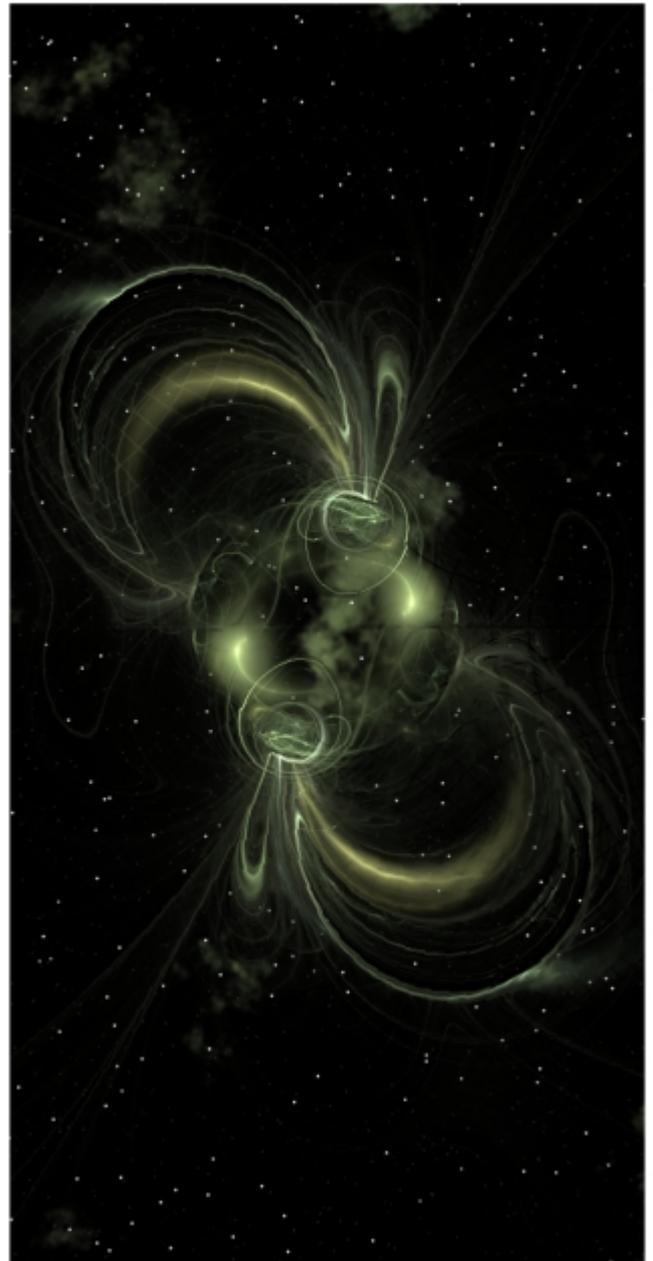
>>>> Naval Damage: 2 Sensor mkIIs (104)

>>>> Military Damage: 2 Falconian Marines (650)

>>>> 7 Human Marines (506)

>>>> Civilian Damage: 3 Combat Shuttles (805)

Admittedly we here in the IGN newsroom do not know what flags the ground party in question was flying when it was targeted, but be this as it may, we warned you all about the threat of The Dreaded Mohache! They're coming for us all! HIDE!



GTT Clarify Storm Situation

Press Release:

From the desk of the CEO of the GTT:

The GTT has dropped its claim in Storm for the Imperial Services. This is a requirement of the Krell peace treaty and the GTT is completing another step in fully implementing that treaty. There remains only the evacuation of about 3 or 4 more outposts on the planet of Inversion and turning over those outposts to the Krell to complete the peace process. The GTT is committed to fully implementing the terms of the treaty and we wish to publicly thank the Krell leadership for the patience they have extended to us. We appreciate the time they have granted to allow the emptying out of very full GTT positions on the planet and wish to restate with all sincerity that we will live up to all terms of the treaty.

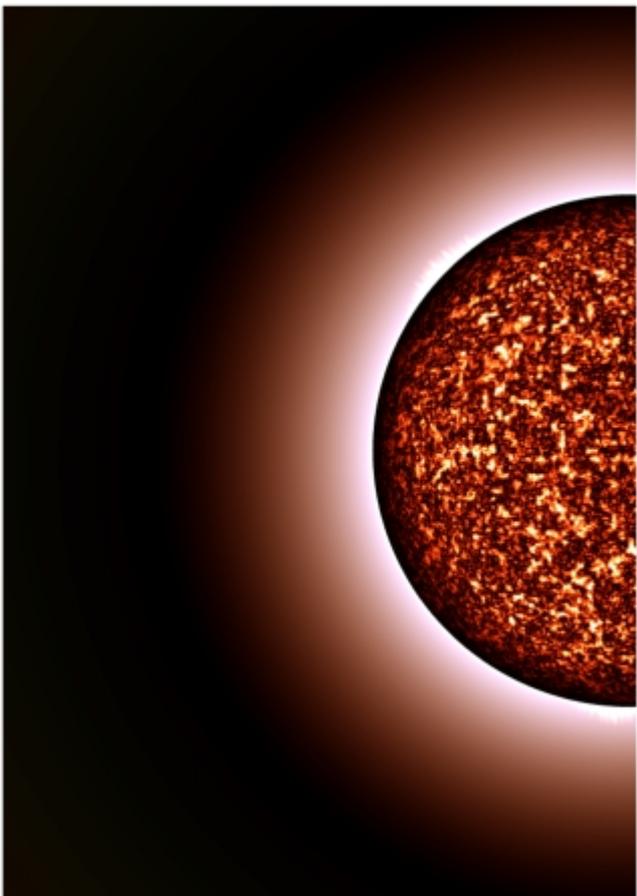
James Stryker

Pirates

A pirate vessel belonging to the un-named pirate organisation in which one of our reporters is stationed has provided details of the successful boarding of a GTT freighter in the Fortoon system. The GTT ship Kriegant, a 150 xlight hulled Gigant class freighter had a strong defensive force of 80 marines, but despite this they were overwhelmed by an attacking pirate ground party that numbered 734 marines plus 1000 warbots.

Pirates

A pirate ship has successfully captured the FEL vessel Lions Feet XII in the Battlefield system. The Ginger Tom class freighter was carrying a cargo of Thorlium.



Mystery Terrain

Scientists stationed within the DTR Exploration Corp are puzzling this week over the discovery of a sector of Rough Terrain on a Gas Giant in an un-named system. What could have created such an impossible landscape is yet to be ascertained.

Pirates Vs The DTR

The DTR ship Life Force has been attacked and destroyed by the Black Wolf pirates in the Arachnid system.

INdependants Vs The DTR

The DTR freighter Killik has been attacked by 8 of the IND Demon Of... vessels in the Halo Periphery. The Killik was able to dump cargo and flee, though the IND Demons have continued their attacks elsewhere against DTR positions.

A second attempt has been made to attack DTR positions in the Sol system with nuclear weapons by an IND vessel.

Oddly this sort of attack has previously been the trademark of the mad terrorist Kanji, but our reporters have learnt that Kanji was not behind these attacks, and that some other IND is now deploying weapons of mass destruction in the Sol system.

Pirates Vs The DTR

A DTR patrol vessel has been boarded and captured by pirates in the Venice system, along with a Caravel class freighter, as the DTR demonstrate once again their utter failure to secure the safety of their own Home System. Where is that famed DTR efficiency? When did they become so incompetent?

FEL Attack

The Felini have launched a small raid against Flagritz positions in the Hittite system in retaliation for their attacks in Agripetta. Heavy damage was inflicted on a FLZ outpost.

Sneaky Pirate Gits

The slick pirate organisation that has been behind some of the Peripheries most brazen piracy in recent months has struck again, this time against the Felini. Sources indicate that pirate vessels launched an audacious smash and grab against a Felini research station, and picked up not one but two pieces of Stellar Cartography from the Starbase Masada. However, alert FEL patrol forces spotted the pirate ships and were able to engage as they tried to flee, destroying one along with the copy of Stellar-Cartography Inferno II that was onboard at the time. The fate of a second pirate ship carrying Inferno I is currently unknown.

Special Report - Declassified entries by Star Admiral E. Janus of the Flagritz Imperial Navy

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Entry 66

Traitors...after all the perks they got, like being spared a gruesome death, many thralls decided to defect today.

The battle is still pretty much in our favour, but it should have ended today.

Though many decided to stay with us, over 8000 thralls decided to suicide. They may delay the result, but the outcome has already

been decided.

Still it was very funny seeing the thralls rushing the Felini positions, and being mowed down by both sides. How foolish of them and how brave...

Entry 66a

I must remember to congratulate the Army of Crusade commanders. Despite the setback, losing taken terrain due the initial surprise, the troops rallied and took 16% of the objective, giving us control of over half of the objective.

Entry tanks losses were also severe with another 400 MBTs being destroyed.

Entry 67

As the troops mix in we find that casualties to the enemy mount. Their desperate measures throwing in just about all they have results in severe losses to them. Though they still have plenty of troops and tanks, they must surely see they cannot hope to win and yet they fight on. I did consider throwing in the reserves, but despite the fierce armoured divisions clashes, our losses are very low. On their side however we were able to count over 630 MBTs hulks burning fiercely.

We now control over 2/3 of the objective.

Entry 68

5 days of battle already...though victory seems eminent, and within a time frame far shorter than initially projected, the results on the first 2 days seemed to indicate an easier win.

Again the enemy threw in all they had and this time they lost over 850 MBTs. Our losses remain low, but due to their counter attack we only managed to take a further 9% of the objective.

Many enemies would have given up by now. They've lost 75% of the city and their army is decimated...they seem content to kill any Flagritz they can, even if it means losing 5 or 6 of their own to achieve just that.

They must be mad...

Entry 69

Victory!!

The enemy has finally been driven away, however scouts report that their numbers have been bolstered by many thousands of militia grade troops.

No matter, they are now on the killing ground.

Their rearguard certainly took a pounding, leaving 1410 MBTs destroyed and several captured.

The enemy however still has 25k militia, 20k trained troops and over 7k MBTs. Although I expect they'll now suffer from desertion, it's still a formidable foe.



From The Blog Of CIA Laton

Looking out the window of the Governor's mansion, Laton looks across the urban cityscape.

The city has expanded at a steady rate, with civilians coming in on regular transports from the Inner Confederacy on a weekly basis. The bustling starport had been working at above 87% capacity for many months and vast new semi-automated warehouses had been built to accommodate the increased daily deliveries. The expanding populace happy, contented and in good health.

Times are good. Prosperous even.

Laton felt unsettled. The Peace of the Power Blocs has led to increased trade, increased movement of humanity into the Darkfold and an increase in Confederate territory after the surprisingly short Cluster campaign.

Hell, even the once-intractable Noble Houses had committed themselves to end the long held staple practice of indentured servitude. Laton knew that would be a hard pill to swallow, especially in some quarters. But the Baron Liquan's will would see through.

Even so, this unsettled feeling persists. Not melancholy, not trepidation, just a feeling.

The reflected light of Frey's gas giant can be seen rising in the afternoon sky. A twice daily occurrence, its massive form looms over the small moon like the colossus of ancient Rhodes, looking down on its harbour.

Laton looks over towards his secretary, who is looking at him concerned.

"Is everything alright, Sir? You have not been yourself recently."

"Don't worry yourself, my dear, I'll be alright. It could be that I've been driving myself too hard recently. It could be that I need to visit the Inner Confederacy for some R&R. Anyway, what is next on the list?"

The scene fades with the secretary handing Laton a datapad, talking and waving a silver pen around in a circular motion

Stardate 211.21.5

Commonwealth In Ruins

The Commonwealth of humanity appears to lie in ruins today as yet more systems are claimed away. It began with the Sparta system dropping its claim for the CW, and instead being claimed by the SMS for the IMP. This was promptly followed by the HLQ launching a claim for Ross 248; Pollux changed for the IMP; Then the CNF began to claim Trinity for the IMP, and indeed at time of press, the Sparta system claim has started changing from CW towards, we assume, CNF or IMP. Further, in the Inner Confederacy, the Genesis system has dropped its CW claim altogether, while the New Sol system is changing from CW towards BHD. These shocking developments leave just a handful of systems still flying the Commonwealth flag: Sol, Via, Trafalgar, and Varitang. Further, all of this appears to have been achieved without any consultation or debate amongst the Commonwealth Triumverate council, with the DTR sitting alone at the table, while the IMPerial Services continue to declare the Commonwealth dead, and the CNF remain with a stony 'no comment', keeping their opinions on these changes very close to their chests at this stage. With the destruction of the Commonwealth an avowed aim of the IMP and HLQ, it appears those affiliations are on the verge of achieving their goals. And with the Commonwealth apparently teetering on the brink of destruction, so too stands the peace accords, which are an integral part of the Commonwealth.

Humanity stands now on the brink of war.

Detinus Republic Responds

The DTR has responded to the IMP-lead breakup of the Commonwealth by changing their claim by the DTR Starbase Primus Inter Pares of the Straddle system from 'On Behalf Of The IMP' towards DTR. The Imperial Viceroy immediately announced this was a declaration of war, and in response The Speaker of the Detinus House of Lords, Michelle Diaz, made the following statement:

'The Detinus Republic has noted the change in status of Pollux, Ross 248, Apollo and Trinity over the last couple of weeks from Commonwealth to Imperial Services. Indeed the IMPs have been actively pursuing this asking for claimants such as the SMS to change the system claim. We have also noted the support you personally have given to Baron Liquan for creating restricted locations in the Inner Empire systems of Dolphinus and Fortress. In both cases this is against the Commonwealth Accord which was signed by both the IMP and the HLQ on 208.9.2.

However, you have also stated that, and I quote 'The commonwealth is a bad joke, so is the Tri Party council', and 'I cease to recognise their existence, not sure that I ever have, hang onto them as dead institutions should you wish Commonwealth'. Since you have annulled the Commonwealth Accords and changed system claims then we are only following suit and have changed the Straddle claim back to the DTR. It should be noted that when we talked to the natives on the planet Boomerang and asked for their opinion, they stated that the DTR have done a lot to help them whereas the IMP have done nothing. As such they gave support to the DTR claim.

Of course this reply doesn't make any difference to anything since you were going to do whatever you've decided to do regardless. Think I'll go and buy another pair of shoes. Much more interesting than whatever you have to say.'

The DTR has also made it clear that if the IMP stop attempting to destroy the Commonwealth and start a war, they will be more than happy to return the Straddle claim to 'On Behalf Of The IMP'. This offer seems not to be heeded by the Imperial Viceroy Darth Githyanki, who remains intent on armed conflict.



IMP Attack DTR Fleet Headquarters

A single IMP scout ship has launched a suicide attack against DTR Fleet Headquarters Restricted Zone at Tharbad in the Venice system. The scout was destroyed as it attempted to scan military vessels present, but not before it inflicted light damage on the DTR Ship Ursa Major. The DTRs official response was to issue a \$50,000 fine for the violation of the no-fly zone, apparently holding back from taking this event as an opportunity to declare the IMP in violation of the peace treaty.

Pirates Vs The DTR

A pirate ground party has made several successful attempts to scout DTR Tharbad, managing to transmit data on DTR defences. DTR sources have remarked off the record that the pirates were equipped with military supplies that suggested an IMP origin. And indeed coming as it did the day after the IMP spy ship attack, the finger of guilt is pointed firmly at Githyanki.

Pirates Vs The DTR

Pirate ground parties have been detected attempting to scout the DTR base of Aquime City in the Arachnid system.

Detinus Republic Moves To War Footing

Armed forces throughout the Detinus Republic have had their military leave cancelled, and personnel have been instructed to stand to station, as the DTR positions itself on the highest level of military alert. All communications channels were interrupted last night with the broadcast of the following message from Michelle Diaz, Speaker of the House of Lords. This address was carried to all ships, bases, outposts and worlds with a DTR presence, and now, obviously, the Peripheries at large:

‘Gentlebeings,

Over the last 5 years, the DTR has worked tirelessly to create peace across the human empires. As I'm sure you remember, a provisional treaty was agreed with the Imperial block but was later ripped up by the Imperials. A year later, a final treaty between the Imperial and Confederate blocks along with the DTR was signed bringing peace to the Inner Empire, as well as the Darkfold, Detinus and Capellan peripheries. These peace accords have survived some difficult times but progressed to the stage that the DTR handed over system ownership of Adamski and Straddle to the Imperials.

In the last 12 months though, it has been clear that the HLQ have been causing a number of issues in an attempt to break apart the Commonwealth treaty. All their efforts have come to nothing as your government has been determined to keep the peace. Recently the Meklan Baron Liquan of the HLQ banned DTR shipping from entering the orbits of Frolic and Pig Iron in Dolphinus, and Masada and Jericho in Fortress, in defiance of the Commonwealth treaty. In doing so they also attacked and destroyed 2 DTR scouts that went through these orbits.

Since then, the Imperials have been changing system claims away from the Commonwealth to IMP claim. The IMPs have also forced the SMS to claim Apollo for the IMP instead of the Commonwealth. In addition, pirate attacks have increased significantly over the last couple of months. Whilst we know of the pirate organisation that has been carrying out these attacks, we are not yet certain who is financing them. It is highly likely though that there is a connection with the changes in system claims. Finally, about a dozen IND ships named after DTR claimed systems have started to attack DTR transports in the Halo periphery. Again whilst your government does not know for certain who is behind these attacks, it is likely to be connected to factions wanting to break up the Commonwealth. The DTR during this period of time has remained calm and we have stepped up anti-pirate operations, resulting in the successful

destruction of a pirate vessel this week. We will continue to patrol our space so that it is safe and secure for civilian shipping. We will also not be provoked, which is the reaction which the IMP/HLQ are desperately trying to achieve.

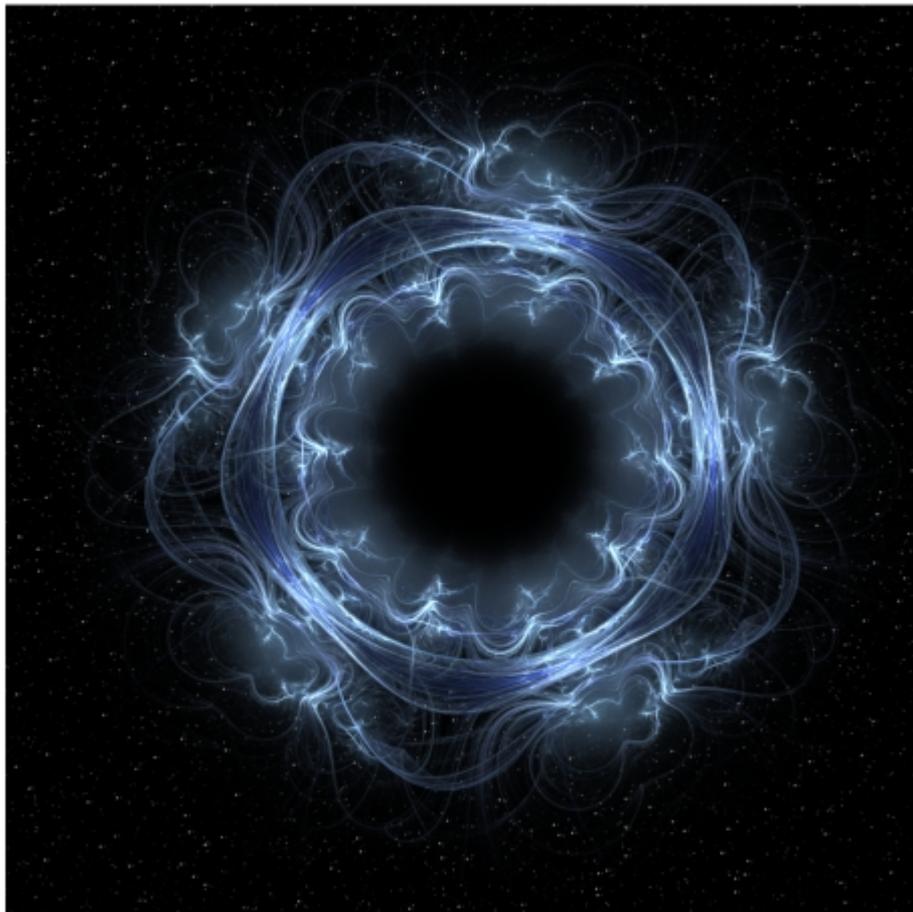
However, your government is acutely aware that others are trying engineer situations to create conflict, to weaken the resolve of the DTR as well as to damage the DTR itself. This will not be allowed to happen. However, in order to ensure peace, we need to prepare for conflict and so your government will start to issue information feeds so that all are updated on what you need to do in case war is brought to our shores.

Freedom and justice will always win.

Michelle Diaz.
Long Live the Republic.”

Pirates

A pirate ship belonging to the dread pirate Jack Rackam has successfully captured the Mohache vessel Albaa Saalon Sivv in the Solo system. The MOH ship was apparently carrying a cargo of metals, much to the displeasure of the pirates who were hoping for better booty than that.



Pirates

A FET Company has posted the following message:

Sadly, two days ago Grannys Goodies LLC, a FET affiliate, lost a small trading vessal, GRANNYS MANGO CHUTNEY (28785) to boarders from the PIRATE SHIP DILUTED PUPIL (1932). As with most such vessals, the CHUTNEY, a barge, was minimally crewed, and unarmed. The pirate apparently cloaked into a supposedly secure location to do the dastardly deed; killing 9 loyal FET employees in the process. Details follow. Grannys Goodies is hereby requesting that the IMP authorities post both ships for Piracy, as the incident occurred in an IMP system. Additionally, Granny Goodies is hereby offering a reward of \$50,000 for proof of the destruction of the DILATED PUPIL (1932), and \$20,000 for the capture & return of the CHUTNEY (28785). (Tho it seems likely that the EEM will accept the "requisite" bribe to reregister this vessal.)

Our reporters here at the SSS/IGN understand that this boarding happened practically under the noses of two FET platforms, which failed to prevent the attack.

It's Science!

The DTR Scientific community is celebrating this week following the graduation of Professor Kim Allen, who has achieved the prestigious qualification of +5 in the EEM Science Examinations Ratings.

It's More Science!

The DTR Stellar Engineering Corp have announced their latest stunning success in the realms of cutting edge scientific achievement. Cecil Rhodes, the DTR Minister for Exploration And Terraforming made the following announcement:

‘Over the course of the last year the Detinus Republic has been working with the Felini to improve access to the Cluster periphery for the purposes of increased trade. It is with great pleasure that I can announce today that the stargates in Solo and Twinkle are now linked and are open for transit!’ The move of linking Twinkle and Solo has been met by widespread applause from traders who now have significantly more options for moving their goods, as it relieves pressure on the heavily militarised and fee-charging Crossley wormhole link, and radically cuts down on transit times for travel to the busy Twinkle system.

The Mohache were quick to announce that they would be setting up a market at the Solo Stargate to sell Stargate keys, and other assorted goods, as yet again the MOH are quick to muscle in on a new market.

Enquiring minds ask, is there nowhere in the Peripheries where the Mohache are not present?

DTR Vs The Pirates

DTR patrol forces have successfully destroyed the pirate ship Black Wolf in A13 of the Venice system. The Black Wolf was closing to attack a DTR freighter when multiple squadrons of Detinus patrol ships closed on the location and opened a deadly fire.

A second Black Wolf has had a close escape in the Venice system this week, narrowly evading DTR patrol forces.

Subspace Static - Stardate 211.22.5

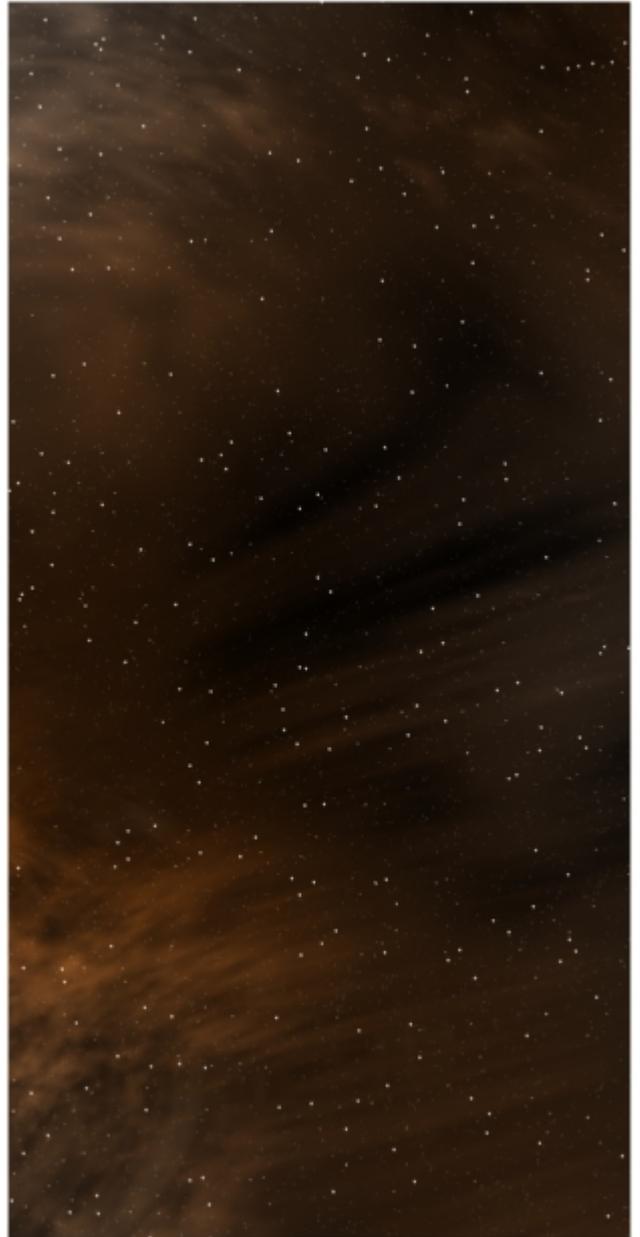
Halo – FEL vs FLZ

There have been a number of small fleet engagements in the Halo Periphery this week, the first of which involved a clash between the Felini and Flagritz that resulted in a FLZ retreat. A squadron of FLZ heavy cruisers, consisting mainly of advanced HLQ built Gunships armed with MK IV photonics has been driven off by Felini forces. The FLZ squadron

was believed to be sent to deter FEL raids on FLZ outposts in the Halo. Both squadrons met in the Agripeta system and despite the devastating effect of the FLZ advanced weapons on the Normal Hulled, Organic tech Felini vessels it was the FLZ fleet that finally beat a retreat after two days of heavy combat. An IGN/SSS reporter stationed with the Felini fleet was able to witness first hand the three-day sequence of battle, and can confirm that on day 4 the Felini held the field, and the Flagritz had retreated. It is understood both sides suffered heavy damage, with multiple ships being lost. But with the Felini left holding the field, they can be declared the victors of this particular round.

Halo – DTR Vs The Independents

Reports have already surfaced in other news sources of a clash between the DTR and the independent Demon Of... ships in orbit of Agripeta. It seems as if 15-20 of the IND warships, a mixture of medium and heavy cruisers, tangled with similar numbers of DTR Cluster Corsair class heavy cruisers that were attempting an intercept. After the initial day of battle, two DTR cruisers were left as burning hulks, with several more having suffered heavy damage, in return only one of the IND ships, the Demon Of China, had been destroyed, resulting in a perhaps unexpected victory for the INDependants. An unofficial and somewhat red-faced DTR source remarked that the MkIV equipment and evolved tactics displayed by the IND ships clearly indicated that they were very highly trained indeed, and almost certainly an elite black-ops outfit.



Pirate

GTT Patrol forces have intercepted and destroyed a pirate Caravel class freighter, the Packrunner, in the outer reaches of the Dryad system. There has been no word on what cargo the Packrunner might have been carrying.

Trouble Brewing In The Trans-Spiral?

There are few details as of yet, but DTR sources are said to be expressing unhappiness at the behaviour of certain affiliations within their Trans-spiral development zone. More news as we get it.

Commonwealth

After the tumultuous events of the last few weeks, where the situation amongst the human affiliations was moving with rapid speed, things have suddenly gone very quiet between the DTR, IMP and HLQ.

Some might say suspiciously quiet...

There have however been no great changes, no system claim alterations have been made, and our reporters have learnt of no high level discussions being scheduled to take place.

Could this be the calm before the storm?

We here at the IGN/SSS certainly hope so, because ye gods, has this been a slow news week.



Stardate 211.23.5

Avalon Bombarded

A Flagritz fleet has inflicted light damage on a Felini mining outpost in the Avalon system, killing 16 employees as a number of mines were collapsed. The outpost was understood to be mining metals. Felini authorities have said that their production capacity has been hardly affected, and while they regret the loss of life, the cost to the enemy of 700 plasma torpedoes and 800 missiles outweighs the damage inflicted. Further, Felini fast response units were able to intercept the five FLZ raiders as they withdrew, and while there were no kills, they inflicted losses in the order of 20:3. It is understood the FLZ raiders took further damage as they ran away, and one baseship narrowly escaped a boarding attempt launched by angry Felini marines. Elsewhere, a Flagritz Novafire class Baseship had a brief tangle with a superior Felini fleet in the Onwards system. The FLZ ship withdrew with no damage inflicted on either side. Flagritz news agencies are reporting a great success for the Flagritz Empire this week, with the crushing destruction of a Felini metals mine in the Avalon system.

Pirates

An apparently new pirate organisation has struck against the Mohache in orbit of the Tychoon Stargate. The MOH ship Persii Nah Jiie was boarded by a small party of hive pirates, who quickly captured the ship and made off with a cargo load of shields and shield generators.

Bounties

Underworld sources have revealed that increasingly large bounties are being offered for successful attacks against the DTR launched by pirates and ne-er-do-well Independants. There has as yet been no indication as to who is paying these bounties.



News From Earth

The situation on Earth continues to be relatively dire for the inhabitants of that over-populated and desolate world, with rioting reported to be regularly breaking out whenever food aid is dispersed. Further, corrupt regimes across the planet are understood to be profiting greatly from the influx of black market goods.

Special Report – Declassified Confederate Intel

A rare insight into the inner working of the Confederate Naval Forces has surfaced this week with the release of some detailed intel from several years ago. Our thanks go to the CNF for their release of this information.

++ Operations Review Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.24.4 ++
++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Duke West: Bring up the next case file for review.
Lt. Fredricks: Yes, Sir

++ File: 00567\XF.91
++ Type: CNF Ship MIA
++ Status: Under review

Lt. Fredricks: In early 205 a new asteroid was located in [*Redacted*] within the Cluster
Lt. Fredricks: On Star Date 205.10.3 a Fast Freighter class Sensor Ship, the CNF Ship Ham and Mustard (3023), conducted the first CNF survey of the asteroid
Lt. Fredricks: Scans reported a basic crust like terrain, no life, no atmosphere, minimal gravity, hydrocarbons and traces of other basic element types
Lt. Fredricks: Automated sensor sweeps determined nothing of importance. Acting Captain Joe Smithe ordered a closer inspection of the surface.
Lt. Fredricks: The following report was received via subspace relay

Perform a low pass scan of the asteroid

Result:

Low Pass Scan/[*Redacted*]

At visible wavelengths the surface is little more than a black eclipse of the background starfield. Other wavelengths reveal more but not a lot The rock is a large chunk of the debris that forms the inner edge of the kuiper belt, the leftovers from building the system. The only oddity is that the gravitational field is slightly higher than would be expected.

Lt. Fredricks: Captain Smithe moved his ship in to investigate further

Surface Exploration (Crust)

Result:

Surface Exploration/[*Redacted*]/Crust

The crust of the world is very unusual...

"Oh my God, quick get back to the ship..."

"No, Arrgh"

--No more transmission. Contact with the ship lost--

Lt. Fredricks: This was the last transmission we received from the Ham and Mustard Sir. Duke West: I recall this incident. Flag this for further review of associated data files and reports. Lt. Fredricks: Yes, Sir. Duke West: Release this report to high command and partner organisations. Lt. Fredricks: Status updated Sir

++ Status: Declassified as of Star Date 211.24.4

***** Special Report – More From The CNF Files *****

Confederate Naval Forces (65)

++ Operations Review Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.24.5 ++
++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Duke West: Have you located the associated files relating to the incident at [*Redacted*]?
Lt. Fredricks: Yes, Sir. Running now.

++ File: 00567\XF.92
++ Type: Investigation/Possible Threat
++ Status: Under review

Lt. Fredricks: Following the loss of the Ham and Mustard a standard broadsword class vessel, the CNF Ship Tax Fraud (54025), was dispatched on 205.10.4 to investigate what happened to the ill fated CNF exploration vessel

Lt. Fredricks: The boys at HQ were more than a little surprised to see this reported via subspace relay

Code:

|-Asteroid [*Redacted*] [0.1g]

Entering orbit of [*Redacted*]

Scanned:

UNK SHIP ALIEN CONSTRUCT (56438) - {400 Heavy Hulls} - Attacking us.

Alien Construct Class Freighter {Advanced Heavy Armour}

Duke West: Great Scott. That thing is massive. A heavy hulled freighter too.

Lt. Fredricks: The ensuing battle was decidedly short.

>-----BATTLE REPORT-----

Shields are down

Armour protection: 80

Targeting UNK Alien Construct (56438):

Returning fire.

Attacking UNK Alien Construct (56438)

Round 1: 25 Missile Launchers (Kinetic Missile)

- 25 hits - 172 [1750] damage - 98%

Round 2: 20 Missile Launchers (Kinetic Missile)

- 20 hits - 188 [1400] damage - 98%

Round 3: 18 Missile Launchers (Kinetic Missile)

- 18 hits - 107 [1260] damage - 95%

Round 4: 9 Missile Launchers (Kinetic Missile)

- 7 hits - 39 [490] damage - 95%

Incoming Fire from UNK Alien Construct (56438)

Round 1: 6 Alien Construct Weapons

- 6 hits - 8848 [9000] damage - 100%

Round 2: 6 Alien Construct Weapons

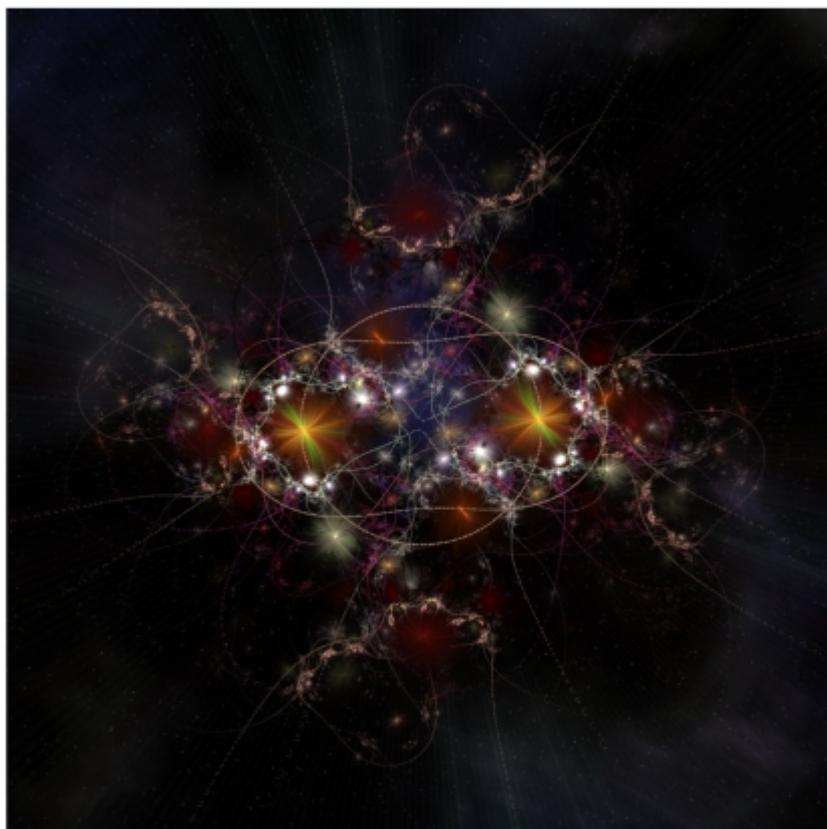
- 6 hits - 8866 [9000] damage - 100%

Round 3: 6 Alien Construct Weapons

- 6 hits - 8888 [9000] damage - 100%

Round 4: 6 Alien Construct Weapons

- 6 hits - 8859 [9000] damage - 100%



Lt. Fredricks: The Tax Fraud succumbed to integrity failure and was lost with all hands

Duke West: They died bravely fighting an insidious alien foe. May the true one bless their souls.

Duke West: Release the report. Find me the next file in the series.

Lt. Fredricks: Status updated, Sir.

++ Status: Declassified as of Star Date 211.24.5

Stardate 211.24.5

Straddle

The Imperial Services have instigated a competing counter-claim for the Straddle system, having shipped in 40,000 troops to counter the DTRs civilian claim from the planet of Boomerang. There does however seem to have been a hiccup in the EEM system classification system, as there does not appear to have been any transition period for the competing IMP claim, leading to yet more suggestions of bribery and corruption amongst EEM officials. When contacted for more information, an EEM spokesman took a break from lounging about on mountains of stellars to tell our reporters to frack off.

Pirate Destroyed

A pirate exploration vessel blundered into a Falconian patrol group in the restricted system of Fury yesterday. Accurate photon cannon fire from a falconian gunboat destroyed the pirates ISR and jump drives as well as its AIs and the majority of its crew.

Shipping Disaster

HLQ Press Release.

It is with deep regret that we announce the loss of 6 ships from the XTS squadron of X-light cargo haulers. The ships have just undergone maintenance and R@R at Draconis Prime on Jericho and were on their way out of the Inner Confederacy when for some unexplained reason they decided to jump into Via an Asteroid infested system which destroyed 60% of the squadron. Rescue operations and a full investigation is now taking place.

Pirate

It seems as if at least one pirate organisation has completed their routine return-to-base for maintenance operations, because the spacelanes are once again being hit by bloodthirsty knives. The IND ship Dreyfus, a Broadsword class heavy cruiser, has fallen to a pirate ship in the Storm system. The Dreyfus' defensive fire of missile launcher and light photon guns managed to almost completely miss the incoming pirate boarder, and over 500 pirate marines made short work of a strong defensive force. It is understood the Dreyfus had onboard an important individual, though details on this are as yet scarce.

Two Mohache freighters have fallen to pirates in orbit of the planet Rockfire, in the Rebellion system. Two Peach class freighters, bearing the same name, fell to the one over-achieving pirate ship. Each MOH ship is understood to have had only 5 crew on each, which resulted in the total loss of 3 pirates during the attacks.

Colony Lost

The IGN newsroom has received a confused report regarding the loss of a small agricultural outpost somewhere in Capellan space. The few defenders of the base were understood to have been over-run by the living dead. These reports are being chalked up to hyperbole, as a leading health expert contacted by one of our reporters on the planet Mobile Bay absolutely denied that the dead could ever raise from their graves to eat the living.



Special Report

Voice Of The Common Man, by Peregrine Lanner.

Greetings sentiments,

well its been a few months now since I swapped the luxury comforts of my corporate chair for the austere surroundings of Lanner's Farm but I still like to keep in touch with the affairs of the galaxy. For that I must thank the good fortune of having taken out life-long subscriptions to the various galactic periodicals.. I get not one but THREE regular mags drop through my letterbox and right riveting reads they are too, so it is only right that I began my ramblings with a brief note of thanks to each.

First off and in no order of preference, we have the SSS. I am amazed at how much of a bad press this magazine gets. The claims of political bias abound after every edition. I have to say that if ever you want the truth of the matter, your first point of reference should always be the SSS. All you need do is read what it has to say on a subject and then believe the complete opposite. By doing this you will never fail to learn the truth.

Next up we have the xenophobic times or whatever it calls itself. Actually I find it rather strange that a magazine that projects itself as the voice of the Alien nations, should have a human chick as editor. My sources would suggest however that she was not the first choice, but that if CNF Scott had survived, he would have been a 'shoe-in' as first editor. Whatever, it doesn't detract from the fact that it portrays the aliens in a better light. The only thing it is denied now are regular accounts from the FET hive queens saying what a great guy I was.

Last but by no means least we have the GGG, which I believe stands for "Get Githyanki's Goat" .. certainly the good natured bantering between the loveable viceroy and the editorial staff is almost as spellbinding as the content itself. Of course many believe that the GGG is simply Blake Ravenstone's private periodical, though his constant denials of this, are quite deafening.

If you believe that he does pull the strings behind the scenes then you probably believe that Darth G had a hand in the last viceroys demise.

That brings me to my next observation.. its been HOW many months now since the last viceroy bought the farm (I dont mean that in the same context as me buying Lanner's farm .. I still get to enjoy mine .. heh heh) and we are still no closer to finding out the truth .. well we all KNOW the truth but we just want an official confirmation. All I can say is that its a good thing that the Imperial Services are not the official 'police' force of the Capellan empire ... oh wait a minute ... they are.

Mind you the previous viceroy to the dead one has hardly had a much more glorious ending ... Viceroy Ike Kreiger ... GTT corporate tycoon. Sounds a bit far fetched to me, the highest elected official selling their soul to the private sector? when has that ever

happened. It does offer an explanation to one thing though. Us FETBoys always used to wonder how come the GTT got the choicest cuts when it came to an Imperial system divvy-up , guess now we know.

Lastly we have the current viceroy 'mad' Darth Githyanki.. he's eaten too much red booker-steak meat to my mind. he's gone from promising Trader to Evil Despot in a matter of months and now the world stands on the brink of Armageddon .. nice one Darth. I cant complain though, I reckon I'm gonna make a real killing on those shares I bought in Mohache Military Technologies... being pacifists they will be able to sell to both sides.. nice little earner.

Mention of the Mohache masters of the universe reminds me, seems my old mucka Krazy kanji has given up on his one-man campaign of Mohache genocide. Guess with all these cultists hanging on his every word , he has found religion. he should have stayed with my old lot and thrown his hand in with the BHD and the pope. Always good to have 2 religions around, you can blame everything on the other one then.



I also see that Baron Liqun has come in for some trash-talking. I kinda expected it from the horrible hounds from Githyanki's kennels. Old wolfie the Deweik used to bark off at every opportunity she got (thats when she wasnt trying to blow up my unarmed freighters) but now it seems that the Baron's old mates the Toga-boys have got in on the act. mmmn .. I say 'toga-boys' but as they now have hive senators perhaps I should call them 'toga-bugs' .. or a more PC title would be just 'The Togas' .. anyway its semantics ... back to the topic. What is their gripe? the Baron is now a mekkan ... jeez, they will be saying he's not human next. have to say I found the Baron to be a jolly decent chap. Always coughed up on time and was totally trustworthy. He even had a 'lockup' at one of my bases for a while ... I assumed it was full of modules but I guess he could have had the world's supply of nanites stashed away there. Live and let live I say. Well time flies and I end with an unashamed plug ... are you unsure of the correct form of address when talking to a mangy mutt from the Deweik Dog pound? are you in need of a few tips on how to clinch a deal with a hive senator while trying not to laugh at how daft they look in a bathsheet? .. then you need to attend Lanner's seminar on diplomacy. It only lasts a couple of days but I will have to charge you an obscene amount of dosh .. times are hard. It will still be cheaper than a similar course run at tentative steps .. talking of which, I see they sell diving bells now. I might just invest in one... although I can picture myself larging it up as Jacques Cousteau, there is a more practical reason .. rumour has it old Norozov has stashed his millions in a gas giant so I might strike the jackpot ... until next time ... assuming there is a next time after Darth has finished we us all ...

Peregrine Lanner
The original FET 'mouth'

Stardate 211.25.5

Straddle

Having successfully re-enforced the system claim in favour of the IMP, the Imperial Services remain in control of the Straddle system this week. A combined IMP/GTT/HLQ strike-fleet is positioned in orbit of the moon Midway, where the new Imperial claim has been laid down. The House LiQun have stated their intent to aggressively defend the location, almost daring the Detinus Republic to come and have a crack at them if they think they are, in the vernacular, hard enough. The Detinus Republic for their part continue with their customary official silence, leaving everybody guessing as to what their next move might be, if indeed they care enough to make a next move.

Commonwealth In Tatters

More systems have abandoned their claim For The Commonwealth, as the Varitang system gives up its claim for the Commonwealth, and is claimed instead for the HVB – a surprising move as most commentators believed the HVB to be in retirement at this time. At this point only two systems continue to fly flags for the Commonwealth, Via and Sol itself.

Emperor Delivers Snub

The Emperor Lysander is, according to rumours, refusing to see an emergency peace delegation from the Detinus Republic, who are desperate to talk to him regarding the destruction of the Commonwealth and the danger of warfare once again swamping humanity. An un-named insider at the Royal Court has suggested to reporters that the Emperor considers war to be good for business, and has no intention of doing anything that might prevent mass bloodshed.

Flagritz

Confusing reports are surfacing that the Flagritz Empire has launched a series of assaults against what were understood to be their allies in the Twilight Periphery, the COH and OPS. There is no further news at this time, and with Twilight still cut off from the peripheries, it might be some time before the picture becomes clearer as to what exactly is happening in there. Suffice as to say, it seems as if the Hive races are yet again getting a kicking.

Pirates

A pirate force of approximately 200 Falconian marines has stormed and captured the HVB broadsword class heavy cruiser Husvar. The Husvar managed to inflict light damage on the pirate boarder as it closed, but was unable to stop the bloodthirsty pirate parrots from capturing the ship.

Mostly Harmless?

As many sentients know, this publication has for a long time now been carrying the torch of dreaded warning regarding the apparently 'peace-loving' race known as the Dread Mohache. We are now able to unveil a scandalous expose that shows that as well as having the technology to build 400 hulled vessels, the MOH have also commenced a secret warship-building programme that threatens to bring the Peripheries to its knees!

We have obtained intel on the Mohache Ship Serious Callers Only, a 100HH Nemesis Class battleship:

MOH SHIP SERIOUS CALLERS ONLY (24301) - {100 Heavy Hulls}

Nemesis Class Capital Ship {Advanced Heavy Armour}

Aff: Mohache (73)

LifeForms: 101

Class: Nemesis

Hulls: 100 Heavy Hull mkIIs (81)

Armour: 200 Armour Plate mkIIIs (452)

Hull Damage: None

Max Boarders: 997

INSTALLED ITEMS

4 AI Combat Navigator mkIV (923)

2 Aux Bridge (102)

1 Battle Bridge (101)

20 Bunks (98)

40 Combat Engine mkIV (167)

10 Gatling Laser mkIV (218)

1 Integrity Stabilizer mkII (191)

5 ISR Type 4 Engines (155)

1 Magazine (135)

3 Magazine mkII (2025)

40 Missile Launcher mkIV (208)

1 MOH Mind Pod (950)

65 Sensor mkIV (106)

25 Targeting Computer (107)

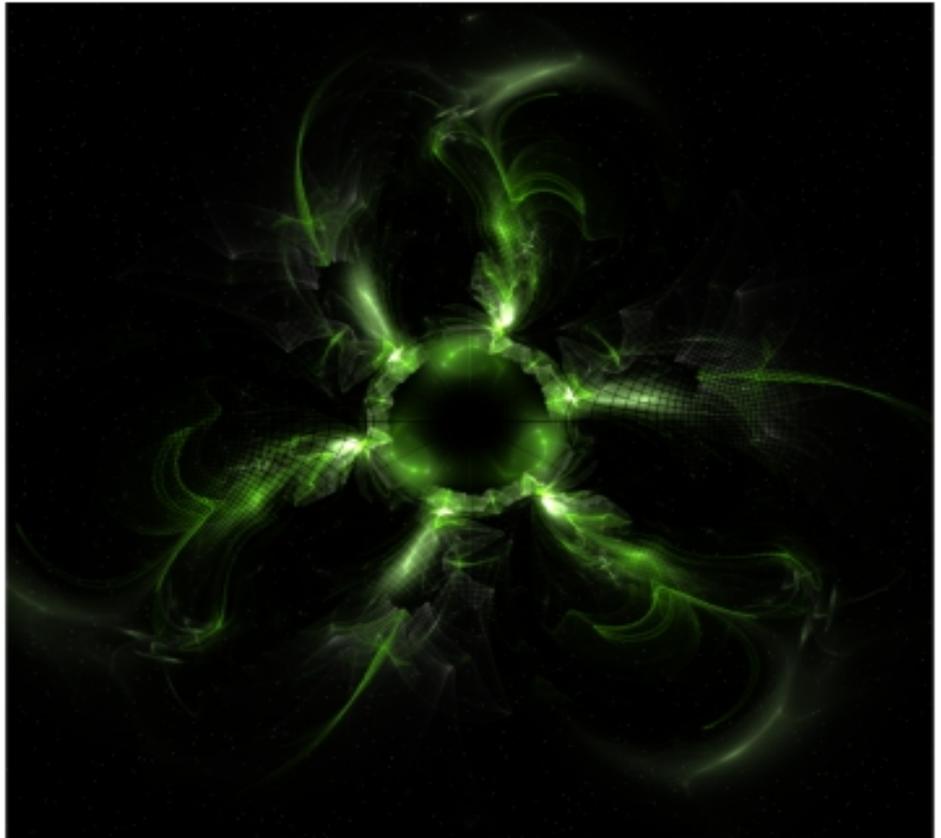
5 Thrust Engine mkIV (163)

10 Tractor Beam mkIV (343)

CARGO

120 Kinetic Missile mkIV (2022)

100 Mohache Marine (756)



As can be seen from the scan, the Mohache are not only constructing highly advanced warships with high mark armour, hulls and items, but they are also utilising the horrifying Mohache Mind Pod – a device that our news-room believes is built utilising the harvested brains of innocents to create a weapon of massive destructive ability. We can only speculate groundlessly at the literally millions of similar warships the Dread Mohache may already have in the field, positioned across the Peripheries for stage one of Operation Farmer Overlord.

Pirates

The Children of Hexos vessel 26A, a Maple class freighter, has fallen to pirates in the Hittite system, marking what is almost certainly a moderately horrible week for the COH.

A third successful pirate attack this week saw a company of human marine pirates capturing the Brotherhood vessel Unus Verus Deus. The BHD ship had a compliment of only 5 crewmembers, and fell with barely a shot being fired.

Big Promotion At Work Day

The Baron LiQuan is celebrating this week having been promoted to the position of Prince. This apparently does not mean he is now the heir to the throne of Humanity, as the title 'Prince' might at first suggest, rather he is... actually we're not sure. But either way we bet he has a very shiny new medal to celebrate it. Congratulations LiQuan! Though we warn you now, we're so used to referring to you as the Baron LiQuan here at the IGN newsrooms, that we cannot promise that will change any time soon.

Breaking News

Via abandons Commonwealth! Only Sol remains.

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Piracy

Pirate boarders have successfully captured an Obsidian Predator Swarm Broadsword class heavy cruiser in the Hittite system. With anti-piracy patrols reporting regular contacts with small pirate scouts in the Hittite system, all travellers are warned to be on maximum alert when transiting or loitering in-system.

IND Destroyed

The soaring popularity of Independents continues this week as the CIA Starbase Atlantis in the Skord system has opened fire and destroyed an IND ship that entered orbit and attempted to purchase basic modules. All IND starcaptains are reminded of the need to ascertain that their intended destinations will not blow them out of the sky at first sight, even in relatively safe and neutral systems like Skord.

Piracy

There has been more pirate activity in the Cluster Periphery this week, as pirate organisations continue to spread their tentacles across what had previously been an entirely safe zone. The IMP vessel Saint Mary fell to pirates in orbit of Lupine in the Wolf system. The Saint Mary, a 100 hulled Oak class freighter, was defended by a small compliment of 8 marines, who fell swiftly under the blades of over 200 attacking pirates who swarmed across her hull.

Detinus Republic In Mourning

Flags have been flown at half mast throughout the DTR this week in memory of the captains and crews of the freighters Pondus Duo and Pondus Quattuor and the exploration vessel Kimui Aisek, who met their deaths in three separate catastrophic asteroid related incidents.

Mohache

A diplomatic storm has blown up over the recent revelation that the Mohache are fielding highly advanced warships. However, the Mohache leadership have been quick to re-assure political leaders that their warships are entirely defensive in nature, pointing out that the vessel that was reported upon last week in this very publication was equipped with fewer ISR drives than necessary for a ship of its size, reflecting the design philosophy that it is a stationary defensive vessel. And the need to defend ones-self in a hostile universe seems to be a principle that has found broad acceptance amongst many senior political figures, including both the DTRs Foreign Minister Cassius Jerusalem and the Imperial Viceroy Darth Githyanki.

Twilight Falls

Ominous silence is emanating from the Twilight Periphery as there continues to be no news regarding the fate of the OPS and COH affiliations locked within.

Midway

The Imperial military build-up around Midway in the Straddle system continues this week, with HLQ and IMP forces maintaining a strong patrol around the immediate environs.

Stardate 211.27.5

Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of man has died its final death this week, as the last Commonwealth flags are being lowered in both the Trafalgar system, and Sol – the birthplace of humanity. The Confederacy is in the process of taking over the system claim for Sol, against a sole competing claim for the Commonwealth being upheld by the DTR. It is not thought at this time that the DTR will seek to contest this, as the Detinus Republic seems resigned to the fact that only they wanted to keep the Commonwealth alive.

House Ravenstone

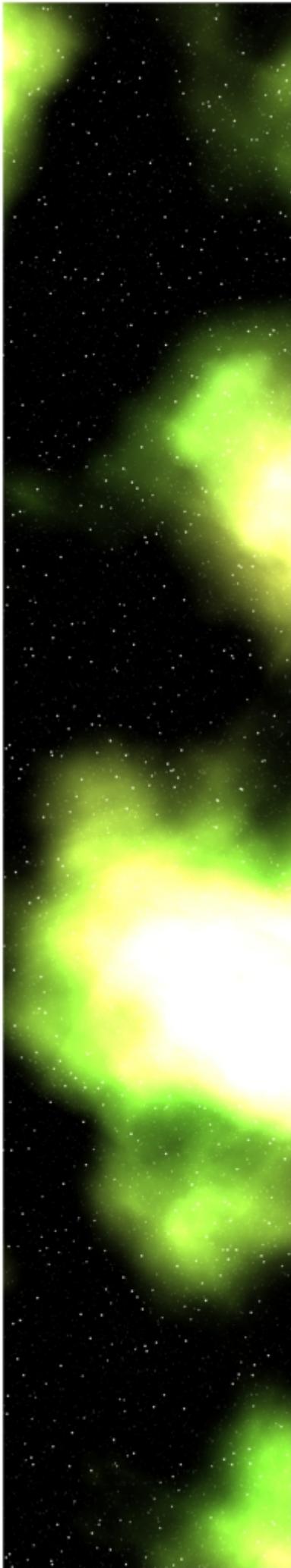
A new noble house has arisen from the Confederacy this week, as Duke Ravenstone issued the following statement:

Press Release

From the offices of Blake Ravenstone

Star Date 211.28.2

We have the pleasure to announce the creation of House Ravenstone (RVN) as an official affiliation, registered with the EEM and acknowledged by His Imperial Majesty, Emperor Lysander. Blake Ravenstone, Grand Duke of the Imperial Frontier, is recognized as leader of the affiliation and head of the noble house. More information about the new affiliation, including the status of systems claimed by the Grand Duke, will be released in the next few days. It is at time of press unknown if this is a schism within the Confederacy of the likes of the RCF schism, which will be resisted heavily by the CNF, or if this split has happened with the approval of Supreme Commander Jackson.



Battle In Onwards

The following Flagritz transmission has been received by the IGN newsroom which seems to suggest a battle has occurred in the Onwards system. We have no further information other than that presented in the transmission: The map updated seamlessly, the marker representing Felini base PG-Reso-O-1 in the Onwards system altered to the Imperial glyph for Target Destroyed. Imperial Intelligence reports confirmed the scout ships initial scans, only rubble and ruins remained. The bases survivors weren't expected to last long in the harsh atmosphere. The assault hadn't gone completely to plan, Dalin Raal chided himself for the oversight. As always when unable to defend their space the Felini had called upon aliens to fight and die for them. In this case a Falconian fleet had attacked Imperial warships, one Novafire and a Broad Sword were reported missing. In return the Felini had lost a Jaguar Leap Class Carrier, a Jaguar Growl Class Capital Ship and a Lion Snarl Class Capital Ship, the last a 200HH warship designated by Imperial Intelligence as the Felini Flagship, being the largest -and rarest, type of warship the Felini deployed in the Cluster.

EEM Sell Starbase

In an unusual move, the EEM – the maintainers of the Peripheries standard monetary unit – have sold one of their few major starbases.

Press Release

From the offices of Blake Ravenstone

Star Date 211.28.3

Historic starbase EEM Hypso (4802), in the Capellan System, has just been purchased by House Ravenstone (RVN). Founded in 165 on planet Utopia MCXVI, shortly after the Capellan Periphery was discovered by humans, Hypso had a pivotal role in the expansion beyond the Inner Empire. Grand Duke Blake Ravenstone has announced that the starbase will receive some renovations but that selected historic locations will be maintained and conserved as a monument to the exploration of the galaxy. With a substantial downgrading of their presence in the Peripheries, many financial commentators are wondering if this could be the first stage of a planned EEM withdrawal. Which begs the question, will anybody else create a standard currency to rival the Stellar?

DTR Vs The Pirates

Pirate forces have again been targeting the Detinus Republic this week, as the DTR freighter Life Dreams managed to successfully fight off the pirate ship Black Hart in the Badlands system.

Pirates Vs The DTR

The pirate HLQ Gunship Class Heavy Cruiser, the Black Wolf, has destroyed the DTR Freighter Butterfly Foxtrot with the loss of all hands in the Hazzard system.

PIRATE Black Wolf (88399) - Ship

HLQ Gunship Class Heavy Cruiser {Medium Ablative Armour}

Armour: 70.0

Destroyed DTR Butterfly Foxtrot (34010) - 3036 [4280] Damage

The Black Wolf was armed with MkIV Photon Guns, and made swift work of carving up the defenceless freighter.

A DTR Spokesman remained tight-lipped, but simply reminded the press that the Baron LiQuan was recently quoted as saying, "House LiQuan only runs PIRs when needs must."

Scurrilous Rumours From The Jiggly Room

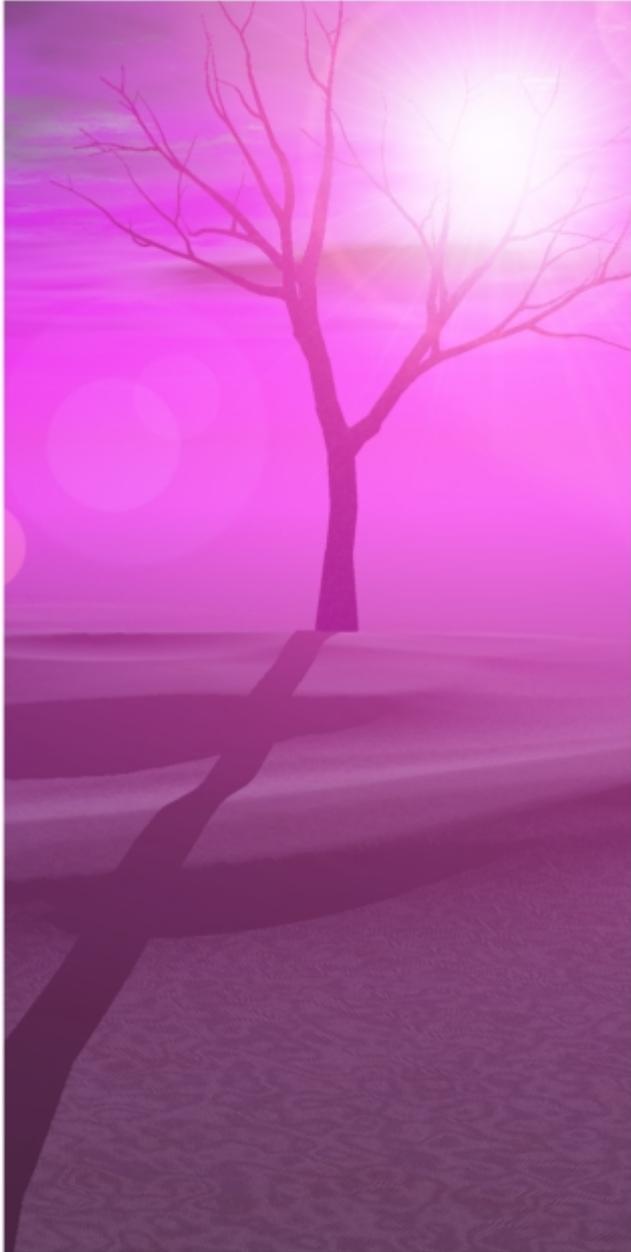
During a late night drinking session one of our freelance reporters stationed within the infamous Jiggly Room, learned of a surprising event.

Allegedly, the Kastorians placed a small fine on a GTT Captain's assets that the RIP attempted to strong-arm the new Capt, but justice pre- vailed.

for the destruction of the RIP ship Future. It was overheard that the RIP attempted to strong-arm the new Capt, but justice pre- vailed. The interesting thoughts that were being passed around the Jiggly Room included:

- Why did it take so long for the GTT member to find anyone from the RIP
- Why was not rescue effort broached by the RIP
- Why did it take a non-associated affiliation member to offer assistance in finding the RIP
- Even with the Captain and the Research Director of the GTT making notification, still there was no response from the RIP
- Was the ship in question empty and on low maintenance???
- Additionally, there was wild speculation about the RIP selling Targeting Computers with kookoo egg malware/virus attached to be hatched when they wanted.

Our reported continued, "Now, I admit that almost all of the participants were apparently members of the Frequent Drinkers Club (FDC) and had consumed more than their share, but it did interest me that non slurred their words. So, we cannot be sure of any facts except that the RIP attempted to strong-arm the GTT and force an apology from a non- involved party. That attempt failed and the Kastorian Junta saw the truth presented to them in long negotiations. While applauding the actions of the Junta, it would be wise to remind everyone when approaching Yank to insure that their screens are cleared and that they haven't purchased any "new" Targeting Computers without thoroughly testing them out first."



Pirate Success

The pirates are celebrating a major success this week having carried out an audacious boarding against a Felini patrol squadron: The Felini Admiral in charge of the squadron is understood to be absolutely furious with his ships crews for failing to stop this attack.

Stardate 211.29.5

Trouble In The Board-Room

News has reached our offices of a potential shift in the leadership of FET. Our source located within senior management at the FET Corporation has tipped off reporters to a power play designed to oust CEO Norozov from the big chair. Our sources say that Executives Crosius Black and Tobias Matheson may have colluded with the then security director Kanji in the kidnapping of the CEO and other FET directors to grab power for themselves. (As long-term readers may remember, when Kanji left the FET, he took with him several senior FET figures all of whom suffered terribly in his evil claws.) Both executives have not been heard from for some time since CEO Norozov returned from his ordeal. As for Executive Dragan Mijatovic who was not a member of FET at the time of the kidnap may have also fallen foul of ZN's infamous temper as it is rumoured that ZN has been heard to say "I'll sort that bastard out along with the other two. No one questions my methods, no one do you hear!" It is known that Executive Mijatovic controls the FET asset Free Coalition on Mobile Bay, but again our sources say that ZN has personally taken over control in the last week. Our source was going to reveal more to our reporter, but the call was cut off abruptly and replaced by a warning from FET security that all communications systems were temporarily unavailable. The FET share price value has dropped on the inter-stellar trading networks as uncertainty surrounds the future direction of the company.

Twilight

With details from Twilight still scarce regarding the fate of the Hive positions that had previously sheltered therein, our sources have learnt that the DTR-QNG faction intends to launch a fact finding mission to uncover exactly what has been going on. It is unclear how this might impact on DTR/FLZ relations, as the two powers have endured a slightly chilly detente in recent months, and as we know the DTR have become a champion for small affiliations who are threatened with annihilation by larger affiliations. There has still been no word from the leaders of the COH and OPS, sparking speculation that the controlling authorities may also have been wiped out during the Flagritz action. Though oddly the COH and OPS are still showing as being allied to the Flagritz Empire. Though our news-room does understand that the leadership of the Children of Hexos at least may well have been away on extended holiday when these attacks against them occurred.



Spy Row

Accusations have been flying this week as the Imperial Viceroy Darth Githyanki has accused the senior DTR political figure Lord Sivar of attempting to recruit an agent at an Imperial Starbase. The DTR for their part have denied this incident could possibly have taken place as the IMP claimed, as Lord Sivar has been on extended sabbatical recently and his office hasn't even sent in any commands to his freighter fleet, let alone made any attempts to recruit anybody anywhere. Furthermore the DTR Foreign Minister then posted notice of an Imperial Spy ship that had been spotted in orbit of a DTR Starbase recently.

Pirates

A pirate ship has successfully boarded the Felini freighter Kitten's Gambit V in orbit of the planet Pumi.

A pirate ship in the Hazzard system has managed to not only detect, but also board a CIA spy ship. The Patrol Li class explorer, a 25 hulled CIA designed ship, was stormed by a mixture of Falconian and Human pirates, who made quick work of the defending crew. The pirates, both boarder and victim, are understood to have made a clean getaway.

The campaign of directed black-ops piracy against the Detinus Republic has continued this week with the destruction of a DTR freighter in the Hazzard system by an unknown pirate vessel suspected to be of the Black Wolf group.

The Black Wolf pirate ships have made a confirmed kill against the DTR freighter Firewing Bravo in the Wolf 359 system this week.

As with all the Black Wolf pirate attacks, there was no attempt made to board the freighter, the pirate ship simply closed and opened fire with MkIV Photonics. It is understood the pirate ship was a Pig Sticker class Heavy Cruiser.

Another Black Wolf pirate has struck at DTR freighter shipping, this time attacking a large cargo ship in the Hole system. Fortunately the freighter was able to flee in the nick of time, as DTR patrol forces closed in. It is understood the pirate was able to make good his escape. DTR patrol forces report that the pirate ship was a Gothic Destroyer class Heavy Cruiser.

Reports indicate a fourth attempted attack against DTR shipping has occurred this week, prompting rumours as to when this pirate threat becomes significant enough that the Detinus Republic will be compelled to move against the pirates backers.

CIA Warships

Our news-room has received reports of a large number of CIA warships moving through the Crossley system. It is unknown what might have provoked a concentration of CIA naval firepower, and frankly we didn't fancy the brain-probing that goes hand in hand with any attempt to approach the CIA for an official statement, but, suffice as to say it is rare indeed to see a CIA fleet in the open. There is nothing to see here. Please move on. There has been no mention of the CIA. The CIA are our friends. We love the CIA.

Terran Colony Annihilators

Rumours are spreading around the bank-alley drinking holes on Mobile Bay that some brave yet suicidal lunatic has made an attempt to board a TCA vessel. If true, we can only assume they didn't know what happened last time somebody tried to board a TCA vessel.

Pirates

The CIA ship Bezpokoini has fallen to pirates in the Monk system. 140 Kastorian Marines successfully stormed the ship, then made good their escape.

System Changes

The noble House Ravenstone is claiming more systems, with the Demon system in the Cluster changing from CNF to RVN, and the Outer Capellan system of Wastelands now showing for the RVN too. Wastelands was however previously not claimed by anybody. There has been no official statement from the Confederacy regarding these changes, so we assume they are cool with it.

Breaking News

Reports are reaching our news-room of a fifth unconfirmed attack against DTR shipping by what the DTR are referring to now as: 'pirates'.

Stardate 211.30.5

Incident In Yank

Rumours are circulating regarding a strange incident in orbit of Mobile Bay this week, involving the RIP ship Cyan Map. We understand this incident in some way involves the recent attempted FET board-room takeover. Further information includes a report that whilst in stationary orbit over Mobile Bay the vessel Cyan Map was struck by something that was initially thought to be minor planetary junk - probably nothing more than an old defunct civilian coms sat... However on visual inspection it was revealed that the impact was apparently caused by a body that had shattered due to being frozen at the time of impact.

Rumours suggest the presence of 3 legs, and an assortment of other body parts that appear to add up to more than one individual.

The authorities suspect foul play.

Trade Acquisition Group

It seems as if the TAG have entered administration this week, with their CEO announcing his retirement.

RIP Rebranded

The Regular Independent Privateers, or RIP, have apparently reverted to their old name, back from before when they became somewhat more legitimate. The RIP are now known as the Raiders Of The Imperial Periphery – suggesting that the affiliation may have returned to their old unrepentant pirate ways.

Cult Of Kanji

The recent announcement of an exclusion zone in the Borderlands system by the Confederacy appears to have something to do with the activities of the Cult Of Kanji. A COK vessel has been destroyed whilst attempting to violate the exclusion zone, prompting the terrorist Kanji himself to boast that he regularly transits the location, and the feeble efforts of the Confederacy will not stop him.

A spokesman for the Detinus Republic ministry of defence is reporting the destruction of a Cult Of Kanji scout ship that was attempting to transit a restricted zone.





Humanitarian Mission?

Our newsroom has finally received a report from inside the Twilight Periphery. An independent reporter has provided footage of the Flagritz Imperial 1st Commandos storming the OPS Colony Hive Awakening. Massively outnumbered, the OPS Colony fell in one day. Our newsroom has received a few conflicting reports that the Flagritz might be acting out of some sort of humanitarian impulse – to prevent OPS and COH ships and facilities from falling into ruin due to inactivity. However, we understand the leader of the COH has just returned from a sabbatical, so the proof will be in whether or not the FLZ now return COH assets to them.

Pirates Vs The DTR

DTR freighter shipping has suffered yet more losses at the hands of the Black Wolf black-ops pirate group, with the destruction of a Butterfly class ship in the Wolf 359 system.

Six Misses In One Day

One of our reporters stationed within a pirate organisation has passed on a report regarding an incredible six missed boarding attempts in one day. Somewhere, somehow, there are 3 CNF, 1 FET, 1 CIA and 1GCE ships, whose crews can breathe a sigh of relief.

Stardate 211.31.5

HLQ Pirates Vs The DTR

A DTR freighter has narrowly escaped destruction in the Straddle system, when a 100 heavy hulled House LiQuan Battleship class pirate carrying the Black Wolf designation struck in the same orbital quadrant as the major DTR base in the system. The appearance of 100 hulled HLQ battleships marks an escalation of the Black Wolf pirate groups operations against the DTR.

Pirates Vs The DTR

A Black Wolf strike-class heavy cruiser has destroyed the DTR Firehawk class Freighter TFH4 in the Solo system this week.

The DTR SHIP Bumblebee 150-1 has been destroyed by another Black Wolf designated pirate ship, this time in the Adamski system.

As with all of the Black Wolf strikes against DTR shipping, no attempt was made to board the freighter, the pirates simply swooped in with their high-mark photon guns and started shooting.

Wolf 359 also saw yet another DTR freighter destroyed by the Black Wolves.

And at risk of repeating ourselves, a 4th Black Wolf strike destroyed another DTR, the I Can't Believe It's Not Butterfly, in the Solo system.

There has been no official statement this week from the DTR regarding their mounting losses to the Black Wolf black-ops organisation.

Trade Acquisition Group

A new owner has been announced for the TAG, as it seems they have avoided liquidation, and will continue as a going concern.

Piracy

A Falconian freighter has been lost in the Dryad system to pirates. There was apparently no booty.

Booty-less pirates means grouchy pirates.

A small IMP scout ship has been captured by pirates in the Lucifer system.

Halo

A pirate broadsword, the Whistlestop, has been spotted in the Halo Periphery, along with the Vasco De Gama, a 50 NH pirate ship. This marks an upsurge in pirate activity in recent months, suggesting there may be a new pirate group in operation.

Yet More Piracy

The Mohache have also tangled with pirates this week, with a run in against a Black Wolf ship, and a boarding attempt in the Rainbow system in the Cluster Periphery. Speculation has surfaced that there may now be a bounty out against the MOH as well as the DTR.

Even More Piracy

The Imperial asteroid hunter Cara Mia has fallen to pirates in the inner reaches of the Pegasus system.

Amnesty

The GTT have announced their intention to release all of their captives this week, under a general amnesty. We have received the following list:

Linus abercrombie (#11) {CIA Prisoner}
Captain Trader (#8) {FCN Prisoner}
Captain Trader (#14) {FCN Prisoner}
Trade-Leader Crudak Grok (#12) {KRT Prisoner}
Captain Fogarty Fegen (#13) {KRT Prisoner}
Trade-Leader Grogor Omook (#15) {KRT Prisoner}
Careel Alamjinju (#7) {MOH Prisoner}
Aeris Windwalker (#10) {RIP Prisoner}

The affiliations to which they belong have been invited to pick up their captives free of charge from a GTT installation.

Demons Of

The IND Demon Of ships have struck once more at DTR shipping, provoking the following angry press release from the DTR Foreign Minister Cassius Jerusalem:

“Today the IND Demon Of... ships have again attacked DTR shipping. Only this time they appear to have been staking out Primus Adventor in the Agripeta System, the location of a mission commonly undertaken by beginner starcaptains on behalf of the local Naplians. The office of the DTR Foreign Ministry considers this a particularly low and cowardly attack against new recruits, and I personally am disgusted that somebody feels this is an appropriate hunting ground. I condemn this attack in the strongest possible terms, and call out the coward who shelters behind IND flags to strike against the Republic.”

It is not yet known if this attack might have been a deliberate attempt to scare off prospective new starcaptains from joining the DTR.



Stardate 211.33.1

Wimbles Uncovered!

Shocking news this week as we can exclusively reveal the mythical home system of the Wimble nation. Un-named sources have revealed to us not only the name of the system, Wimbledon, but also its location – through a wormhole in the Fury system. We also understand that the wormhole is heavily militarised, as yet another supposedly peaceful race of farmers is unveiled to have a secret love of weapons of war. However, we can also reveal that said WMB and FCN warships are apparently mostly inept, as they failed to stop a pirate scout from transiting the wormhole not once, but twice.

Pirates Vs The DTR

Black Wolf pirates have destroyed another DTR Butterfly class freighter, this time in the Solo system. However, a passing patrol of GTT anti-pirate warships happened upon the scene, and was able to engage the Black Wolf as it was pounding the DTR freighter into its component atoms. The intervention was almost enough to save the freighter, but not quite. GTT forces did however destroy the attacking pirate, earning the GTT much praise from Detinus Senators for their timely intervention.

Pesky Pirates

A small pirate ground party has managed to capture a small SMS outpost in the Stockton system. SMS warships turned up on the scene and bombarded the captured mining base from orbit, killing all of the captive employees and destroying the base, but not before the pirates had managed to escape with all of the booty. Unconfirmed reports suggest that the pirates had left the captive employees tied up in the middle of one of the complexes that was destroyed by a direct hit from incoming orbital weapons fire.

Sneaky Pirates

A pirate support ship had a close run in with the AFT warship Aizhak in the Solo system this week, as it was attempting to pick up debris from a destroyed Black Wolf ship. However, as the Aizhak closed to weapons range, the pirate support vessel lit up with a dazzling number of thrust engines, and disappeared into the void, leaving the lumbering warship in its wake. Reports from the DTR suggest that the pirate support vessel was not able to pick up the debris before a DTR Starbase picked everything up.

Squealing Pirates

DTR news agencies are reporting the successful capture of several pirate officers recently, all of whom are currently being debriefed and interrogated.

Dead Pirates

IMP patrol forces have intercepted and destroyed a small pirate scout operating in the orbital quadrant of Boomerang in the Straddle system.

Successful Pirates

Pirates have captured the CIA ship Stately Plane in an unknown system. The Stately Plane was apparently carrying a cargo of Light Tanks. The attacking pirates were a group of Hive, leading to speculation that a new pirate organisation may be in operation.

Unpopular Pirates

A second CIA vessel has fallen to pirates, this time in the Teutonic system. The CIA Stately Crown was carrying no cargo when 120 Hive Marines stormed the airlocks and swiftly overwhelmed the ships complement of 20 crew.

Taking-The-Mickey Pirates

In what is proving to not be a good week for the CIA, they have lost a third ship to pirates. Pirates captured the SFA Broadhaven, a solo class freighter, in the Curly system. It is unknown what cargo the ship was carrying.

Gloating Pirates

The GTT SHIP KRIEGER TRADER, a Krieganic Class Freighter, has been captured in the Rebellion system in orbit of Borks Dilemma. However, our reporter stationed amidst the shadowy pirate underworld learnt that a unique piece of technology was captured from this ship – the Boarding Shield. Our reporter has spoken to some of the pirates who captured the ship, all of whom were scratching their heads as to what exactly the purpose of the Boarding Shield was, as it didn't appear to slow down their capture of the ship at all, nor did it inflict any damage:

Incoming Fire from PIRATE Krieger Trader (41541)

Round 1: 30 Boarding Shields - 0 [0] damage

30 Human Marines - 4 [60] damage

30 Warbot mkIVs - 40 [240] damage

No doubt bootleg versions of this tech will be available on the black markets soon.

Pirates Vs The DTR

Even more success for the incredibly dangerous Black Wolf pirates this week, as they have intercepted a second DTR freighter. The DTR Silken Boudoir was attacked in the outer reaches of the Venice system, however the ship dumped its cargo of Industrial modules and ran a successful pattern of evasive manoeuvres, managing to scramble to safety. A response by the DTR stellar armada failed to pin the pirate, who escaped in one piece.

The Black wolf pirates have attacked the DTR freighter Dragon Delta in the Hole system.



Despite taking 20% damage, the Dragon Delta was able to survive and escape. Interestingly this particular Black Wolf class ship was equipped with the usual MkIV Photon Guns, but also a MkII Photon Battery – not a weapon commonly seen being deployed by the Black Wolf pirates to date.

DTR Vs The Pirates

A rare success for the DTR this week as elements of the DTR Stellar Armada managed to intercept and destroy a Black Wolf heavy cruiser in the Arachnid system. A small patrol of escort cruisers operating in association with a single 200 hulled battle cruiser brought the Black Wolf to battle and pounded it to pieces in short order, taking only light damage return.

Another Black Wolf pirate has had a narrow escape in the Hole system, as a squadron of DTR patrol vessels narrowly failed to engage it in battle as it attempted to destroy a freighter.

Pirates Love Squid-Heads Too

A Flagritz broadsword class heavy cruiser has fallen to pirates in the Crossley system despite she and her sister ship, a second broadsword, being able to fire off a volley of nova gun fire against the approaching pirates. Despite the pirates successful operation, we understand the pirate boarder suffered a fair amount of damage, and may be laid up in drydock for a while undergoing repairs.

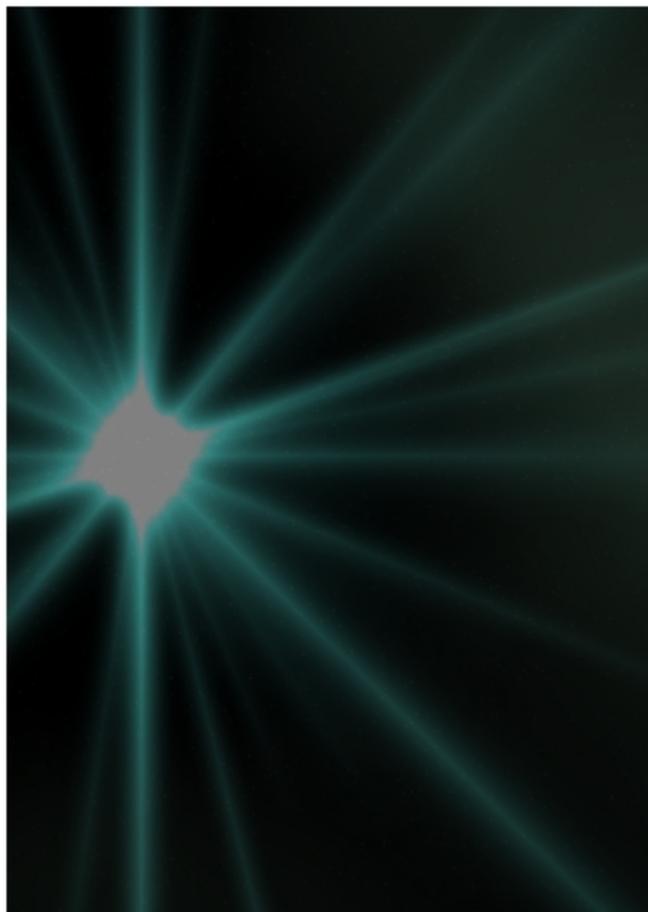
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IMperial Services Attitude Adjustment

The newswire is buzzing this week with the revelation that the IMP have changed their official relationship status with the DTR to ‘Antagonistic’. Quite what this means remains to be seen, but a precursor to a military strike, it most certainly appears to be.

INDs Vs The DTR

The Independent-flagged Demon Of ships have struck again at the DTR in the Halo Periphery this week, launching an aggressive sortie into orbit of Mei Mei Mei in the Agripeta system, where they attacked the DTR freighter Lingerin Kiss, destroying the vessel with all hands. A second DTR freighter had a narrow escape, as the Demon Of vessels maintained their blockade of the planet for several days, apparently attempting to draw the DTR into a battle. In response the DTR have raised the bounty on the Demon Of vessels, and issued a statement yet again condemning pirates for hiding behind an ‘Independent’ flag.



Halo

A skirmish has erupted in Halo following the capture of the AFT vessel Darkened Angel by the pirate ship Londis. A small DTR squadron, along with an AFT response fleet, managed to intercept both the Darkened Angel and the Londis. During an extensive exchange of fire, the Darkened Angel was destroyed, and the Londis heavily damaged. The fate of the pirate ship Londis is unknown, but it is suspected the vessels integrity failed as it attempted to flee the scene of the crime.

Skirmish

The long-running FLZ/FEL war continues this week, as news has reached our news-room of a battle in the Hittite system. Felini naval forces commenced several days worth of orbital bombardment against a Flagritz ground installation, thought to be a mining outpost, and then followed it up with a ground assault that captured the facility with minimal casualties. Analysts have been surprised by the lack of response from the Flagritz military, sparking speculation that they may be busy planning a significant operation elsewhere.

Pirate Clobbered

A patrol of AFT cruisers has managed to successfully intercept a lone pirate Broadsword, the Whistlestop. It seems the pirate ship barely even fired back as it was pummelled by multiple broadsides at close range. There is something more to this story, but our reporters are still chasing down the leads. Hopefully there will be an update in the next edition.

Dread Mohache Warlords

Following the recent uproar regarding the sighting of a high tech Mohache warship, our newsroom has recently received the following scan report:

MOH SHIP PEACE MAKES PLENTY (43087) - {150 Heavy Hulls}
Clearly both the vessels name and its size, speak for itself.

COH Return

The Children Of Hexos leadership has apparently returned, and is demanding answers from their allies the FLZ as to the recent FLZ military actions against the COH in the Twilight Periphery. To the best of our knowledge the FLZ authorities have refused to respond to the COH.

FCN Statement On Wimbledon System

It is with dismay but a sense of inevitability that we view the breaking of news of the Wimbledon system by the gutter press. We have been advising the WMB for some months now to make this news public but this was not their wish. The falconians have involved the Wimble Nation fully in opening up this system and from the earliest stages. The system is claimed for the WMB and we are supporting this claim to their homeworld. A number of issues still remain to be resolved in this system and for this reason we are not considering opening general access privileges until the WMB are happy with this. It is anticipated that eventually public access to Fury and Wimbledon will be allowed and we ask others to be patient and to recognise the rights of the Wimble nation to their own system. More information will be forthcoming in the next XSM issue.

FET Statement

Greetings all.

In week 29 of this year IGN reported possible trouble within the FET boardroom.

Indeed there was some evidence that executives Crosius Black and Tobias Matheson attempted to use the Kanji incident to gain control of the company. This came to light several weeks after the renegade released me. When FET security forces arrived at the offices of said executives they discovered positive evidence that although they were not part of the kidnap plot they did try to take advantage of the situation. Both Black and Matheson were not found. It is assumed that they fled once they discovered the security forces were enroute to arrest them.

Concerning executive Dragan Mijatovic who has not been implicated in the boardroom coup as he joined the company several months afterwards, we are not sure what has happened to him. He was indeed the company representative running Free Coalition on Mobile Bay. He had failed to answer calls for several weeks so I ordered my investigators to look into the matter as I was rather concerned that Kanji may have struck again. The team found that Mr Mijatovic had disappeared quite a while ago. His staff informed us that he had ordered them to carry on as usual in his absence and would be back after a short break.

The investigation team found the base in a state of near collapse. Production lines sitting idle due to lack of ores, ship building projects stalled as the BPs had been removed, security levels woefully low, empty ground enemy lists and PIR GPs regularly scouting the base. So I had no choice but to take control of Free Coalition myself.

We are still to ascertain the whereabouts of Mr Mijatovic as we are concerned for his safety and the hunt for Black and Matheson continues.

So I would like to reassure everyone that FET is in good shape with myself still at the helm.

As for the IGN report of week 30 concerning the body parts hitting the RIP ship Cyan Map in orbit of Mobile Bay speculating a possible link between the disappearances of the executives and said bodies I could not possibly comment as that is just what it is pure speculation.

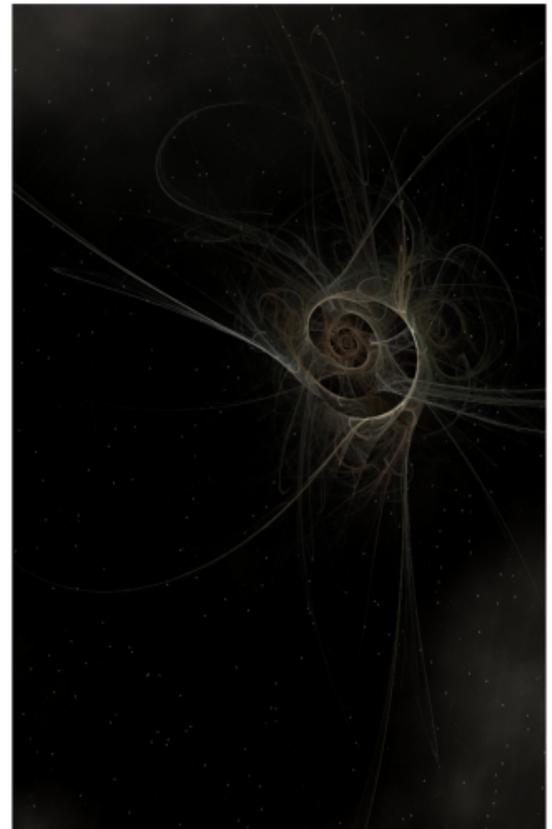
Signed. FET CEO Norozov.

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Heist Of The Century

Our news-room has received reports of a major heist having been successfully carried out against the Brotherhood outpost of Mount Sinai. From detailed records sent to the IGN news room, it seems as if enterprising pirates managed to hack the stations security grid and issue pick up authorisations that resulted in the theft of the following items over the course of several weeks:

You picked up 10 Teleporter Modules (425) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 3082 Gravitron (41) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 40 Scintillators (125) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 100 Light Tank mkIIs (822) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 398 Jacium (30) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 200 Patches (45) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 100 Gatling Laser mkIIIs (217) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
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You picked up 100 Robotic Defence Bunker mkIIs (841) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 50 Battle Tank mkIIs (826) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
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You picked up 200 Patches (45) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 200 Scintillators (125) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 169 Vines (30302) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 132 Light Tank mkIIs (822) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 76 Jammers (112) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 120 Space Interceptor mkIIs (243) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 92 Jammers (112) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 100 Light Tank mkIIs (822) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 566 Vine Seeds (30301) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 7500 Rare Earth Elements (22) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 50 Battle Tank mkIIs (826) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 16 Photon Cannon mkIIs (309) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 200 Torpedo Launchers (219) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).
You picked up 15 Fighter Bay mkIIIs (240) from BHD Mount Sinai (4304).



One of our reporters spoke to a Brotherhood security guard at Mount Sinai off the record, and asked why nobody thought to question the transactions. The security guard informed us that the paperwork was all in order, and that they trust in the True One to giveth, and indeed taketh away.

Promotion

The Imperial authorities have announced the appointment of Bratislav Zigic, governor of Titan, to the position of Imperial Trade & Exploration Commissioner. The current Imperial Viceroy Githyanki has been reportedly celebrating day and night with retired viceroy Simms now that they have finally shifted the burden of trading to somebody else within the IMP Command Council.

Pirates Vs The DTR

The Black Wolf depredations against DTR shipping continue for another week, with the reported destruction of the DTR freighter Red Russian in the Hazzard system. The Black Wolf black-ops group has not been very active in the Cluster Periphery, so this attacks potentially signifies an extension of their operations.

FLZ ambush FEL vessel

We have received the following report from the Felini news agencies. A new build FEL warship was on its way to pick up the remainder of its crew in the Onwards system when it was ambushed by a FLZ destroyer, a small skirmish then developed as 3 or 4 vessels exchanged fire. The FEL vessel was its shakedown cruise operating at only 69% efficiency and had no officer but sustained only minimal damage in the exchange, it is likely that the FLZ vessel was looking for freighters to ambush and simply bit off more than it could digest. The warships own batteries fired only sporadically with greatly reduced accuracy due to lack of crew and only scratched the paint of the attacker

Pirate Londis

As reported on last week, we can now confirm that the pirate ship Londis was indeed destroyed in the Halo Periphery.

Spoils Of War

Felini news agencies are reporting the capture of over 20,000 mass units of trade goods from a recently captured FLZ outpost.



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It's War! Or is it?

The HLQ have this week delivered an ultimatum to the DTR demanding they cancel the Civilian claim supporting the DTR in Straddle, or else they will be forced to take action. The precise nature of this action is unknown, but we assume it doesn't mean strongly worded letters to the Speaker Of The House. The DTR for their part seem, for a change, not to be in the mood to acquiesce to the Prince LiQuan's demands, with a number of responses from even senior DTR political figures that politely request LiQuan to take the proverbial long walk off a short pier. With more sensible figures offering compromise solutions, including the Arch Bishop Riven of the Brotherhood, it is hoped calm heads will prevail. But it seems as if the long war of words launched by the HLQ against the DTR may finally be coming to a head.

Battle In Yank

A single pirate ship was destroyed yesterday in the Yank system, in orbit of Mobile Bay, by a combined assortment of ships who vaporised the pirate in short order. There is more to this story, but details are still trickling into our news-room.

Pirates In Stockton

A pirate ground party is busy making a pain of itself in Stockton this week, running around attacking an empty or nearly empty mining outpost. It is understood an Imperial rapid reaction force was able to respond in good time, and put a stop to their shenanigans.

DTR Vs The Pirates

A small pirate scout ship has been destroyed in orbit of Jesuit in the Monk system by the DTR platform Jesuit XII. The pirate ship, the Eyes Of Monk, was identified from the wreckage as a Ghost class scout, and was no doubt checking the orbit for potential victims.

Pirates Vs Everyone

There has been a brace of pirate attacks throughout the Peripheries.

Firstly, the FEL ship Shard Of Anguish, a Lynx Jester class escort carrier was taken easily, as the ship had no fighters onboard at the time to fight off the pirate.

Then in the Wastelands system the RVN ship Nobbio was captured. The Nobbio was reportedly a yacht class scout, making it unusual for the pirates to have spotted it in the first place. Even more unusually reports indicate that the RVN ship was packed with more crew than the available life support allowed, suggesting either something peculiar was going on, or the RVN just like to pack crewmembers in three-to-a-bed.

And finally in an audacious attack, a small flotilla has been targeted in orbit of the planet Territory, which, to be fair, we here at the IGN have no idea what system that is in. Anyway. Reports indicate that a small group of CIA and CNF ships were attacked, resulting in the capture of the CIA ship Galactica, a 100 HH Rogue Fighter class Carrier and the CIA ship Thorium Sunrise, a Khopesh class Heavy Cruiser.

Despite defensive fire, initial reports seem to suggest the pirates captured prey have all escaped, although we hear rumours that a pirate broadsword may have been caught.

Breaking Pirates News

A Felini Heavy Cruiser has just been captured by pirates. And reports indicate a Brotherhood battleship may also have been taken.

DEN Statement

WE ARE THE VOICE OF THE PACK

Sentients,

Allow me a moment of sentimentality and reflection:

The archived footage of the battle against the Hexamon and Destroyers published recently stirred a passion in my soul. To see the struggle of our people and the glorious battles of the past to free our worlds of the true menace to all. I was young and the Nation was different then... driven by passions that have cooled since.

Whilst the ebb and flow of time and human politics has changed much, we pay tribute to our Dominion allies and our Detinus friends who were once allies. In the struggle of the Long Game they rose and fought with us.

May they have the courage to stand against the scourge once again. Whilst Mohache grow fat and dabble in forbidden lore... humans play with the fire of corrupting tech and whilst the rest of the galaxy is too primitive to face the threat, know this: The Nation remains vigilant. We hope our friends and allies will stand with us in the End Times to come.

The task we started in those halcyon days is not complete. The Great War will never end until either they or us are vanquished completely.

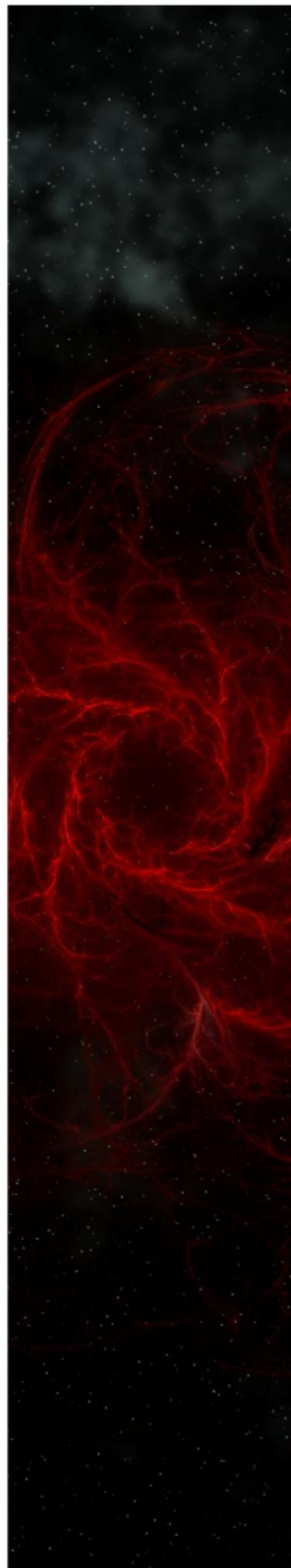
Thank you Senator for sharing your archives.

The Wolf Mother

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Alliance

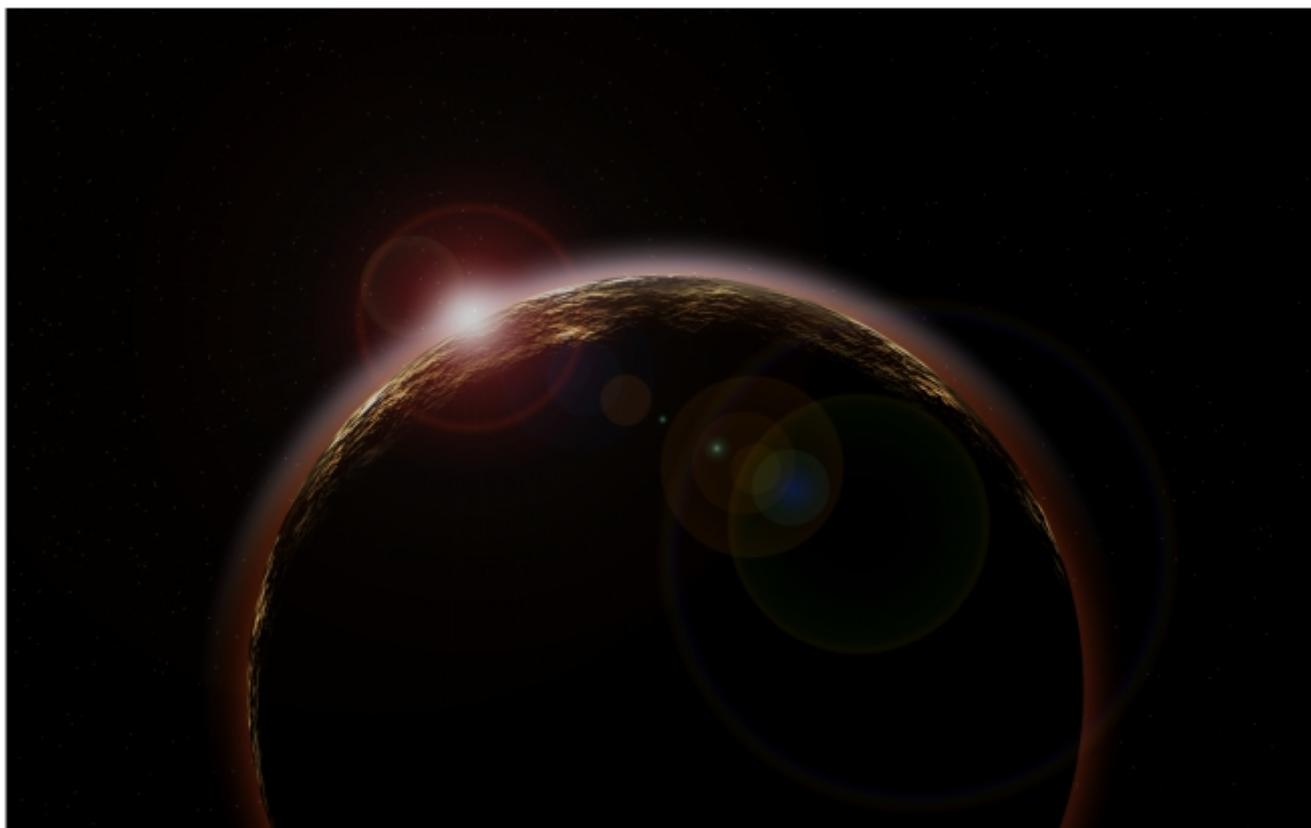
The big news this week regards the signing of a historic alliance between the IMP and DEN, and the hand-over of the strategically important Dyson system to Dewiek control. The tone of the announcements posted by both parties speak of deep friendship and respect having grown between the IMP and DEN, marking a significant thawing of the hitherto strongly anti-alien foreign policy of the Imperial Services and Emperor Lysander. With the IMP seemingly so set on holding on to the Straddle system, yet prepared to cede the Dyson system, analysts are having a field day with all sorts of wild speculations as to what it all means. We here at the



SSS/IGN often get into trouble when we speculate, so we shall instead simply conclude this story with the observation that the dread Mohache are probably behind it all.

Imperial Audience

SSS cameras were whirling at the historic meeting between the DTR and Emperor Lysander. This was the first time a member of the DTR and the Empire had conducted high level talks in person since the unfortunate events a century go. DTR officials were impressed by the intellect and open mindedness show by the Emperor, with the DTR Foreign Minister speaking to the press about how 'Emperor Lysander embodies the true spirit of the Empire, the higher ideals of sanctity of life and preservation of universal peace. He is 'the man for all seasons' come again.' The DTR Senate has been open in their praise of the Emperor, and have repeatedly stated their admiration for the intellect and open mind shown by the Emperor. Upon conclusion of talks, initially framed as tense, there was a discernible warming in the air as the two sides found that they were closer on many issues than thought before the meeting. There were talks of future meetings and in fact, the Emperor offered to visit Straddle personally by the end of the year if the DTR would invite him. A personal gift of a pair of riding boots was received by the DTR delegation, intended for Speaker Diaz, from none other than the Imperial Princess herself. The honour of a gift from the Princess spoke volumes for the value this visit has added to securing peace across the galaxy. Speaker Of The Detinus House Of Lords, Michelle Diaz, has reacted warmly to the gift, stating that, 'The princess is very much a lady with exquisite taste.' The DTR delegation stated before boarding their ship: 'We would like to thank General Jackson for hosting this meeting and we thank the Emperor and the Princess for their courtesy during our visit. We look forward to expansion of relations in the future.' There is even talk that the Detinus Republic may instigate a national holiday in honour of Emperor Lysander, and all of the talk in the gossip columns is about just what exactly the Princess and the Speaker might wear when they finally meet in person.



House LiQuan In Hot Water

Shocking news this week as the HLQ appear to have been fined something in the region of one to five million stellars for bringing the Empire into disrepute following their war of words with the Detinus Republic. The Prince LiQuan responded to this fine in his own inimitable style:

Unconfirmed reports are coming in of a seven figure sum being levied against House LiQuan by the Emperor for " bringing the Empire into disrepute".

It is believed that "shoe fetish Diaz" sent a boy ambassador to the Emperor to whine and complain about House LiQuan. Telling how the prince is picking on them and hurting there feeling by telling the truth which they wish to avoid. The prince is being closed lip about this but one wonders where this will lead. The Emperor is one of the few people who the prince will listen to, so least the DTR got that bit right. A close friend of the prince as stated that he heard "Bloody republicans cant those girls fight there own battles without running to teacher". Also "what was the Emperor thinking of even listening to them they have more tales than a planet loads of felini"

"There is more than one way to skin a republican they have not heard the last of this"

"Contact that PIR Morgan chap see if he has any DTR prisoners, I think its time for them to buy there freedom in the thorlium mines of Masda that will wipe the smiles of there faces."

The prince is reported to be living Frolic to " Sort this bloody mess out and if that young pup is still there I will rip him a new ***** and send his broken body back to the coward who sent him"

The DTR for their part have said nothing of this incident. Nor have they responded to the Prince LiQuans exclamation that he was

going to seek to deal with a pirate known as Morgan to obtain DTR prisoners to torture. But we here at the Inter-Galactic newsroom do wonder if dealing with pirates might be just the sort of thing that might get one into trouble for bringing the Empire into disrepute.

Alliance?

With the forging of an alliance between DEN and IMP, it has also this week come to light that a larger power-bloc seems to be forming, with the DEN, IMP, HLQ and FLZ apparently all on very friendly terms with each other. On the face of it, this seems an unlikely power-bloc, but between them these four affiliations can surely muster significant armed forces.

Krell Rising

Reports from the war-torn surface of Inversion are suggesting that the Krell leader Bone Smash may have risen to lead his rat-like psychopaths to glorious mass slaughter once again. The elite 211st Krell Suicide Brigade is reported to have been so excited, they all detonated their Krellian Suicidepaks in celebration, resulting in another historic 100% casualty rate for the brigade.

Pirates Vs The DTR

A DTR Freighter has been lost to pirates in the Hazzard system. There are understood to be no survivors.

A DTR freighter has attacked by pirates in the Monk system. A pirate Black Wolf strike Cruiser closed to firing range, but the DTR freighter was able to dump its cargo and flee, as the pirates weapon targeting systems were confused by an expanding cloud of amber and pigs.

A pirate ground party has been destroyed as it attempted to close with a DTR Starbase on the planet Zaro in the Venice system.

Piracy

Our news-room has received a report of the FET failing to engage a pirate in the Monk system. It seems a pirate vessel entered orbit of the planet Jesuit, whereupon it was fired at and destroyed by the DTR Starbase Pilgrims Rest. A FET Starbase and a FET Ship Of the Line class battleship either failed to detect the pirate, or did not have active enemy lists.

Flashpoint?

The SSS/IGN have received a report that the Brotherhood have raised active enemy lists against the DTR, marking a significant worsening of relations between these one-time allies:

Eden

This system is claimed as a Holy site in the name of the Brotherhood all assets are property of the Brotherhood. Unregistered positions are liable to be seized in the name of the True One

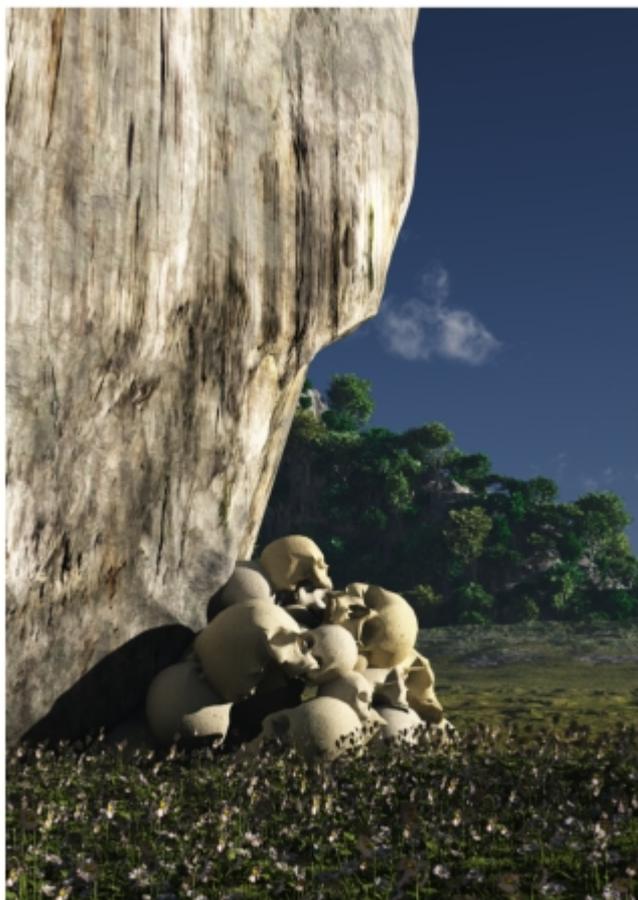
Enemies

Type Target

Affiliation Detinus Republic (58)

Affiliation Pirate (1)

Affiliation Regular Independent Privateers (17)



Pirates Vs The FET

One of our reporters embedded within the pirate organisation that is currently running rampant throughout the Peripheries, has sent us a report from the Warlord system, where the pirate ship Royal Guard intercepted and destroyed the FET freighter Grannys Bourbon Glazed Beef Roast. Having made no attempt to board the FET ship, our reporter was able to question the captain of the Royal Guard, who told us that the attack was in retaliation for a FET platform destroying a pirate scout last week. Further, our reporter was informed that if the FET continue to destroy pirate ships, more of their freighters run the risk of being intercepted and destroyed.

Pirates Vs The GTT

The captain of the GTT vessel Tarkis IV was attacked by an overwhelmingly large pirate boarding party this week, however just as the pirates were on the verge of taking the ship, the brave captain initiated the vessels self-destruct protocols, and destroyed the ship before the pirates were able to seize it. We believe the brave captains name was Thomasia. It is unknown at this time if this is the same person as the GTT political Thomasia, or simply a relation.

Dewiek Broadcast

An affiliated news agency operating within Dewiek space has just broadcast the following disturbing scene:

'And we take you to downtown Fanntinian where an extraordinary scene is unfolding. We are told that what can only be described as a space ship has landed in the gala park. You can just about see the smoke from the ignited trees beyond the barricades. We caught a glimpse before of the aliens as they disembarked. The rumour is that they are Dugnorks, the very same as those in the museum of mythology. Ambulances have taken away some injured one of which we believe to be a law officer, though it

is not clear whether he was caught in the stampede, ran over in the confusion or as some are saying bodily thrown into a wall when he tried to arrest the aliens. We are hoping to get an interview just as soon as he awakes. PDF have now cleared the area and nobody is being allowed through. Despite this, some are still saying this is some sort of massive publicity stunt. We go now to Gessil who has a clear view of the aliens from a nearby office. Yes, we can see them approaching the doors and they are pointing at what appears to be an official - they are clearly armed. We can't hear what is being said but the official is looking worried. We can also see some bodies nearby, one is missing her head. Herra, is this the end? Let's hope the emergency session by the council will be able to make a decision.'

We here at the SSS/IGN are currently unable to provide greater context for this broadcast.

Special Report - Wimbledon

From The Blog Of the Wimble Elders.

The cartography was done; sensor grids were laid; we were just waiting for a wormhole to open.

Imagine my surprise, when I was contacted by the Falconian peoples with the news that they had discovered a system with wimbles in it that appeared to match the descriptions we had had from the ARC of the location that they had moved the wimbles to so many years ago. The story of their discovery of the Wimbledon system has been made public elsewhere.

Within weeks of the message from the Falconians we discovered that the wormhole we had been expecting did indeed open exactly where we had expected it - and it led to Wimbledon! I didn't know whether to be frustrated or elated. I had been working for years., only to discover that someone else had been working on a parallel track.

Still, Wimbledon was what I had been looking for.

It is an unusual system. There is a single planet, very close to the system primary, but accompanied by a moon that is virtually the same size. Really this is virtually a double planet. What causes problems is that the system also contains a wormhole that is unstable and opens very close to the system planet. This creates considerable tidal stress that lead to great earthquakes. The residents of the system, and they were definitely wimbles, with a small number of members of the recently discovered sentient races from the Halo systems, showed considerable concern over the effects of the wormhole. The Falconian Republic has been of considerable help in researching technology to ameliorate the effects of the wormhole and the earthquakes, but there is still a lot of work to do. Between them the twin planets appear to contain deposits of the common ores, although in limited quantities. There is scope for development, which should help the residents, but it will need to be of a limited nature. I have taken the decision to take an unusual step and claim the system, with the support of the Falconians, on behalf of the local residents. It has been gratifying to see that this claim has been supported, at least in principle, by a number of other affiliations since the news of the Wimbledon system became public.

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Flashpoint Straddle

It seems as if the DTR have dropped their competing claim for the Straddle system following their recent talks with Emperor Lysander, so it would seem that for now at least, the peace will continue in the system.

ARC

Reports of the sighting of several Architect vessels in the outer reaches of the Straddle system have been received. Prompting speculation that the ancient and malevolent aliens might have taken some interest in the current political wranglings over the fate of the system. Could the ARC have some sort of interest in the tensions between the DTR and the IMP/HLQ? Or is their presence there a co-incidence? There are rumours of a vessel being destroyed having drifted too close, but we have not yet received confirmation.

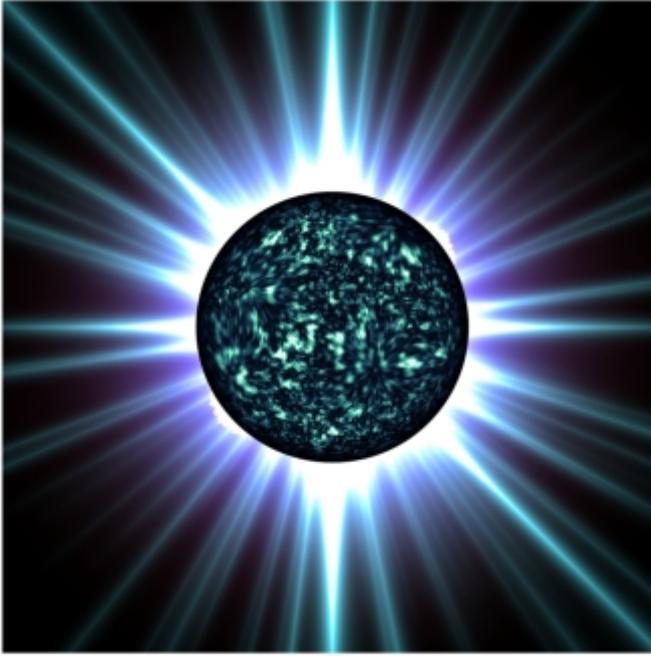
Whatcha gonna do? Whatcha gonna do when the Mohache come for you?

Panic has hit the SSS/IGN newsroom this week as we received reports of a vast Mohache warfleet entering the Yank system directly on course for the Inter-Galactic News headquarters. Our elite team of investigative reporters sent in sightings of the following vessels before deciding retreat was the better part of valour:

- MOH SHIP SKOWAA LON ACLIIST (57301) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
- MOH SHIP SKOWAA NAH ROIKKER (12847) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
- MOH SHIP SKOWAA RAN AIAAS (35016) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
- MOH SHIP SKOWAA RAN MAACON (14750) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
- MOH SHIP SKOWAA RAN MABBLE (57853) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
- MOH SHIP SKOWAA RAN MABSOOT (44056) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
- MOH SHIP SKOWAA RAN MRIIP (70872) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
- MOH SHIP SKOWAA YNN QIFEE (75555) - {200 Heavy Hulls}



Although we have received the following detailed scan from another source:



MOH SHIP SKOWAA PAACRI (57853) - {200 Heavy Hulls}
Sequoia Class Capital Ship {Light Ablative Armour}
Aff: Mohache (73)
LifeForms: 300
Class: Sequoia
Hulls: 200 Heavy Hull mkIIs (81)
Armour: 317 Stealth Plates mkIIs (471)
Hull Damage: None
Max Boarders: 1582

INSTALLED ITEMS

10 AI Combat Navigator mkIII (922)
1 Aux Bridge (102)
1 Battle Bridge (101)
8 Bunks (98)
4 Cryobay (187)
1 Exploration Module mkIV (139)
1 Integrity Stabilizer (190)
30 Interior Bulkhead (2150)
20 ISR Type 1 Engines (140)
1 Jump Drive (175)
1 Jump Drive - Backup (176)
250 Sensor mkIV (106)
40 Thrust Engine mkIV (163)

CARGO

299 Mohache Marine (756)

Reporters here at the IGN have looked over this ship design and come to the conclusion that this seems a very expensive way of mounting 250 sensors, and have speculated wildly at how easily the sensors could be swapped out for some of the high tech weaponry known to be on sale at the dread Mohache base of Tentative Steps! Panic! Fear! Panic!

In related news, the Mohache have this week confirmed their universal stance of friendship towards every sentient in the Peripheries. We now return you to your previously scheduled entertainment.

Pirates!

A pirate vessel has successfully boarded and captured the GTT freighter Little Star 3 in the Adamski system. The Little Star was reportedly a 200 hulled Super Clipper class Freighter, crewed by 50 crewmembers who were unable to put up much resistance in the face of an onslaught of over 500 mixed human and felini marines. The pirates also seem to have deployed mark 3 warbots – items which it is understood were captured during a previously successful pirate attack. Both the Little Star and the unknown pirate boarding vessel are understood to have escaped in one piece from the scene of the crime.

Pirates Vs The DTR

The DTR vessel Discovery has been attacked by the Black Wolf pirates in the Hazzard system, it is understood DTR reinforcements are rushing to the scene, but are likely to be too late.

Pirates!

Pirates have captured the Mohache Ship Melba Ynn Wuumir in the Tychoon system, along with its cargo of harmony hooch. It seems hopeful to think the pirates might over-imbide on alcohol and take a few days off from their routine programme of looting and pillaging.

High Star

There has been a security alert at the major Starbase of High Star in the Twinkle system, with the authorities releasing the following terse press release:

“Two operatives where intercepted and killed while engaged in hostile activity at Highstar. A Pirate ground force was spotted scouting the facility.”

Long-time readers may remember when barely a week went by of the Peripheries favourite news outlet without some sort of major story relating to High Star, and how quiet the system became once it was taken over by the Felini. Could it be possible that we're about to see some action in Flashpoint Twinkle once again?

Warming Relations

It hardly takes an interstellar expert on political affairs to know that relations between the bureaucratically obsessive DTR and nanite-enhanced HLQ aren't brilliant, which is why we have received report of the HLQ vessel H Tar undertaking R&R at a DTR Starbase with some surprise. Could these two old verbal sparring partners be starting off on a newer friendlier path? Time will tell.

Bad News For Felini

The catnip-munching surrender kittens have suffered another embarrassing defeat at the hands of pirates this week, as the Sabre Tooth

leap Class heavy carrier Shield of Tyre was captured in the Onwards system. A force of 300 pirate marines overcame the defenders, consisting of 150 crew, and made off with the 150 heavy hulled warship. No doubt they will be busy refitting it as a boarding vessel even now. The Shield Of Tyre's fighter compliment reportedly managed to inflict only light damage on the pirate vessel before it managed to close for the boarding action. The Shield Of Tyre appears to have been on its own, without any escort vessels at hand.

Pirates Hate Mega-Corps

The GTT have suffered a second loss at the hand of pirates this week, as the Gigant Class freighter Cunnaric was caught in orbit of Spume in the Adamski system despite 3 armed outposts on the planet of the surface opening up with defensive missile launcher fire. The Cunnaric appears to have been equipped with a device called a Boarding Shield. The makers of which are probably going to be a little red-faced when they heard of the ships capture by pirates.

Pirates Really Hate The Felini

A second loss for the FEL, when pirates in orbit of the planet One Giant Leap, successfully boarded the Pride Founder a 75 normal hulled Templar Scholar class interceptor. Interestingly not a class of ship we here at the SSS have ever heard of before. Despite having a compliment of Felini Startroopers onboard, the Pride Founder still fell to the pirate horde.

This Is A Really Bad Week For The Felini

The Felini ship New Hope ran out of hope this week, when pirates caught up to it in the Doctrine system, wherever the hell that is. The Lynx Clusterer class freighter was defended by seven Felini escorts, who scored hits on the pirate boarder with a small number of Mk3 Photon Cannons, managing to inflict light damage, but nowhere near enough to deter over 400 bloodthirsty pirate marines who stormed the New Hope and captured it in short order. Curiously we have received a report that the Felini freighter was crewed by 30 Hive drones.

Felini Clobbered Again

Pirates have captured the Felini heavy cruiser Cataclysm Of Suffering, however there is some small comfort for the Felini as the Cataclysms Of Sufferings 3 escort vessels managed to inflict heavy damage on the pirate boarder. Not enough to stop it capturing the warship, or from escaping, but still, some damage is better than none.

Weekly Pirate Count

Having been an active week for the old pirates, we present a summary of vessels lost:

DTR – 1 150NH.

FEL – 1 200HH, 1 75NH, 1 50 XL, 1 75HH

GTT – 1 150XL, 1 200LH

MOH – 1 50NH

Making a total of 950 hulls worth of vessels.



Stardate 211.38.5

Flashpoint Straddle

There has been an unusual battle in orbit of the DTR Starbase of Primus Inter Pares on the planet Boomerang in the Straddle system

this week. A small pirate scout ship, the suspiciously named Eyes Of Large, entered orbit alongside a squadron of HLQ warships, whereupon the DTR defensive platforms and the HLQ warships opened fire and destroyed the pirate. Questions have been asked as to the timing of this event and the owner-operator of the pirate scout, which allowed the HLQ warships to observe first-hand the precise defensive and offensive capabilities of the DTR platforms. A DTR source has named the incident 'highly convenient for the House LiQuan', and questioned the 'co-incidental' nature of the timing of the battle.

Krell

Krell trading vessels have begun travelling the space lanes at the command of Warlord Bone, surprising everybody at the fact that the Krell apparently have unarmed trade ships. Sanity has been restored however as the Krell pointed out that they need to earn stellars to pay for more guns somehow.

INDs Vs The DTR

The Independent Demon Of ships have struck once more against the DTR, this time managing to ambush a small squadron of DTR-QNG vessels in the Agripeta system. Six DTR heavy cruisers were destroyed, having only managed to inflict light damage on their attackers, marking yet another defeat for the DTR at the hands of the Independants.

Halo

Our news-room has received the following press release from the Felini regarding a battle at the Yank Express Wormhole against Flagritz forces:

A six day heavy cruiser battle at the Yank Express Wormhole came to an end with a FLZ withdraw. The FLZ forces inflicted massive damage on the FEL forces with multiple Feline cruisers destroyed. A number of FLZ vessels where also damaged with one confirmed kill but they used there superior numbers and speed to affect staged withdrawals of damaged vessels through out the week, a tactic the slower and outnumbered Felini vessels where unable to replicate. It is believed the FLZ withdraw was triggered in the face of mounting integrity loss from sustained operations and the imminent arrival of Felini reinforcements.

Sources close to the Starhunter-Karlosse Pride leadership state that losses where ' heavy but not strategically significant' but that the 'ongoing replacement of inferior FLZ built heavy cruisers with House LiQuan gunships was a matter of growing concern'

TCA

We have received reports that the Terran Colony Annihilators have been spotted at the Plague Stargate. For those who might not know, the TCA are a mysterious alien affiliation of living ships, who bare many similarities to the ARChitects. Though the TCA and ARC appear to be in a state of millennia-long warfare. It is not known what the TCA are doing at the Plague Stargate, though there is speculation it might have something to do with recent sightings of ARC ships in the Straddle system.

Dread Dead Mohache

The dire threat posed to all civilisation as we know it by the peaceful farming Mohache took a new and sinister turn this week, as we received a report from a pirate that the Mohache have now unleashed the terrible power of the living dead!

Incoming Fire from MOH Nah Behazlaha (93006)

Round 1: 1 Corpse - 0 [2] damage

45 Mohache Crew - 8 [45] damage

1 Officer - 0 [10] damage

Round 2: 1 Corpse - 0 [2] damage

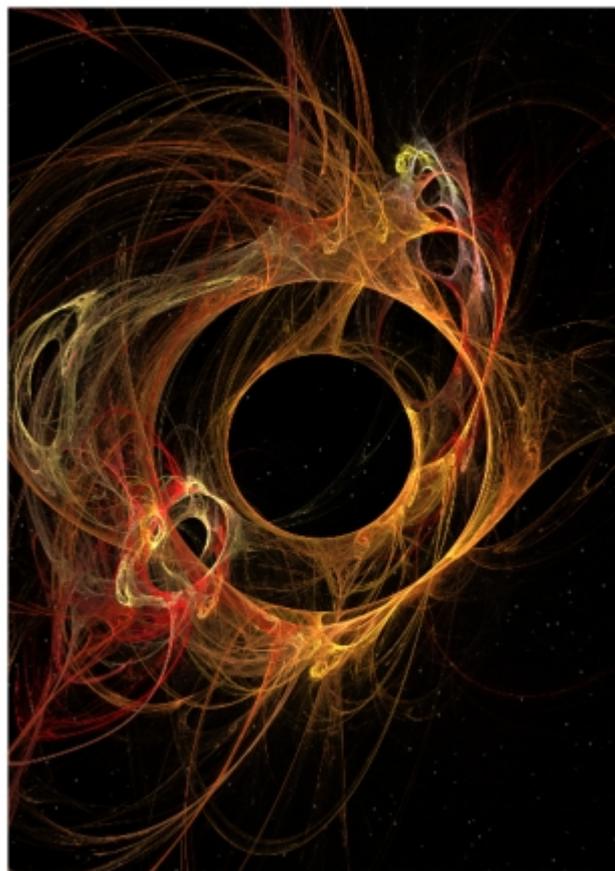
45 Mohache Crew - 3 [45] damage

1 Officer - 0 [10] damage

Round 3: 35 Mohache Crew - 4 [35] damage

1 Officer - 2 [10] damage

Needless to say the pirate boarding was successful and they captured the ship in question. So apparently not even the living dead can stop the depredations of these vile pirates.



Dewiek Travel Advisory

The Voice of The Nation

The Nation announce the following Travel Advisory

"The Mizam system is temporary under martial law and all travellers are advised to seek permission before venturing anywhere in the system. This does not apply to our Imperial or Falconian allies with business in the system. This Advisory will hold until rescinded.

Travellers ignore it at their own peril."

CIA Fact Finding Tour

To all concerned citizens,

Under direct instruction from the Emperor, The CIA have been instructed to establish a outpost on the planet Boomerang, in the Straddle system. This facility will be used to investigate the claims that imperial citizens have been corrupted or mistreated. As part of

this investigation, various ground parties will contact/ examine the civilian population and visit starbases/ outposts which have been established on the planet to determine if any mis-treatment of imperial citizens has taken place. All affiliations established within this system are required to co-operate with this investigation and all imperial citizens shall not hinder or try to hinder the investigation in any way, shape or form.

Results from the investigations will be presented to the Emperor at the time of his visit to the system,

Yours,
Laton



Stardate 211.39.5

Flashpoint Straddle

The House LiQuan have upped the ante in the Straddle system this week by declaring their intent to 'process' the civilian population and render them 'co-operative' with the Empire. Further, the HLQ have announced their intent to deploy military forces to the planet, to enforce compliance, and that they will blockade the world, thus triggering a very dangerous game of brinksmanship. With the House LiQuan known for their widespread use of 'indentured servants' and their deployment of Meklan, it seems the future for the peaceful inhabitants of Boomerang might just be about to get a lot more lively. And quiet what response their announced intent to blockade the planet will bring from the DTR is anybody's guess.

Hungry Demons On The Rampage

The following terse broadcast has been received by news stations throughout the Halo Periphery:

BEGIN: ===== STANDARD TERRAN TRANSLATION =====

WARNING / ADVISEMENT / ALARM <EXCLAMATION>

PIR attacks....Mei Mei Mei

680 demons attacking....ruins...of... former FEL Tel Dakari.

Also...appears...attack/aggression/skirmish...at RVN outpost.

WARNING / <UNTRANSLATABLE> / *#@@\$@@@ <ERROR ABORT>

PIRATE Om nom nom nom! (44135) - Ground party

Scints: 25.5

Fighting for control of FLZ Tel Daktari (76328)

PIRATE Om nom nom! (61699) - Ground party

Scints: 25.5

Fighting for control of RVN Triple-M Annex (48306)

Protocol Droid 4732

Details as to what happened on the ground are still sketchy, but it seems as if a large number of innocent men women and children have been eaten.

Pirates Attack

The un-named but highly effective pirate organisation have announced yet another stunning success this week, with the capture of a Mohache Nemesis class Capital Ship in orbit of the planet Sty. The MOH ship Serious Callers Only fell prey to a massive force of vile pirates, supported by highly advanced combat druids, who survived heavy defensive fire from the Mohache warship in order to close and storm the vessel. The Mohache ship was defended by an entire company of marines, but despite fighting bravely they fell in relatively short order to the pirates. A Mohache Mind Pod is understood to have been installed on the ship, and has now fallen into the dread pirates clutches, though we are uncertain how big a blow this might be for the Mohache, as the nature of the Mohache Mind Pod is still unknown. There are however rumours that a senior Mohache political figure may have been captured by the pirates.

DTR Vs the Pirates

A rare success for the belaboured DTR this week, as their patrol forces are reporting the successful destruction of the pirate ship Black Bantha in the Hazzard system. The Black Bantha was attempting to board a DTR warship in the location, which was able to fight off the attacking pirate boarding party despite facing a large number of Warbots. DTR patrol forces were then able to intercept the Black Bantha and destroy it after a short exchange of fire.

INDs Vs The DTR

The depredations of the IND Demon Of ships in the Halo Periphery against DTR assets has continued this week, as the IND raiders managed to intercept several freighters. Losses have yet to be confirmed, but reports indicate the IND ships have been able to hit and fade without any loss to their own numbers.

Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Man, whose demise was apparent several months ago, has taken another serious blow this week as the IMPerial Forces have officially declared themselves hostile to it. Given the IMP were one of the powers who created the Commonwealth in the first place, this can be seen as a huge reversal of their foreign policy since Darth Githyanki took over the reins of power.

Stardate 211.40.5

Shock News! IMPerial Services Implicated In Piracy!

An alarming story has reached the Inter-Galactic Newsroom this week that appears to heavily implicate the IMP in the running of pirates. Earlier this week an AFT freighter suffered an attempted boarding by the pirate ship Parietal Erg (30110), a 75 Heavy Hulled Broadsword Class Heavy Cruiser, in the Sol system. However, the Parietal Erg has matched up against the following recent scans from the orbit of Dogleg in Capellan space that one of our reporters was sent by an un-named source:

Date 37.4:

IMP SHIP TO RECONFIGURE (74653) - {75 Heavy Hulls}

IMP SHIP TO RECONFIGURE (30110) - {75 Heavy Hulls}

With the name of the IMP already heavily tarnished by the Pirate Large scandal of several years ago, when the IMP Patrol Commissioner was revealed to be the worst Pirate the peripheries have ever known, this discovery appears to suggest the IMP may have gone back to their old ways.

Flashpoint Straddle

The Straddle crisis continues for a third week, as heavy CIA and HLQ freighter traffic shifts back and forth, which caused great alarm amongst the civilian population when Meklan were scanned onboard the CIA vessels. Meanwhile the HLQ stand ready to enforce their embargo on the planet, with it being unclear at this time if they are prepared to open fire against DTR vessels. Rumours continue to circulate on the planet that the HLQ Starbase that has been set up to 'process' the civilians, might in fact be a Meklanisation plant. The IMP Viceroy has refused to confirm that Meklanisation would be illegal inside IMP space, apparently leaving the door open for this to at least be a possibility. However the Prince LiQuan has publicly stated that he does not produce Meklan, and further does not even have the technology to do so.

Pirate Gets Beaten By Granny

A 200 heavy hulled FET warship has been attacked by pirates somewhere in the Crisis system, but a strong compliment of FET marines onboard the GRANNYS JAMBALAYA was able to easily fight off the attacking boarding party.

We have been unable to confirm rumours that FET utilised handbags in a highly effective defensive deployment.

More Meklan Spotted

Our news-room has received a report from an anonymous source that seems to suggest the Brotherhood might be employing Meklan:

BHD SHIP DEVILS RIDE (666) - {125 Heavy Hulls}

Flagship Class Capital Ship {Heavy Armour}

Aff: Brotherhood (63)

CARGO

14 Cyborg Warrior (704)

68 Human Veteran Crew (511)

51 Human Veteran Marine (512)

14 Meklan - Human (709)

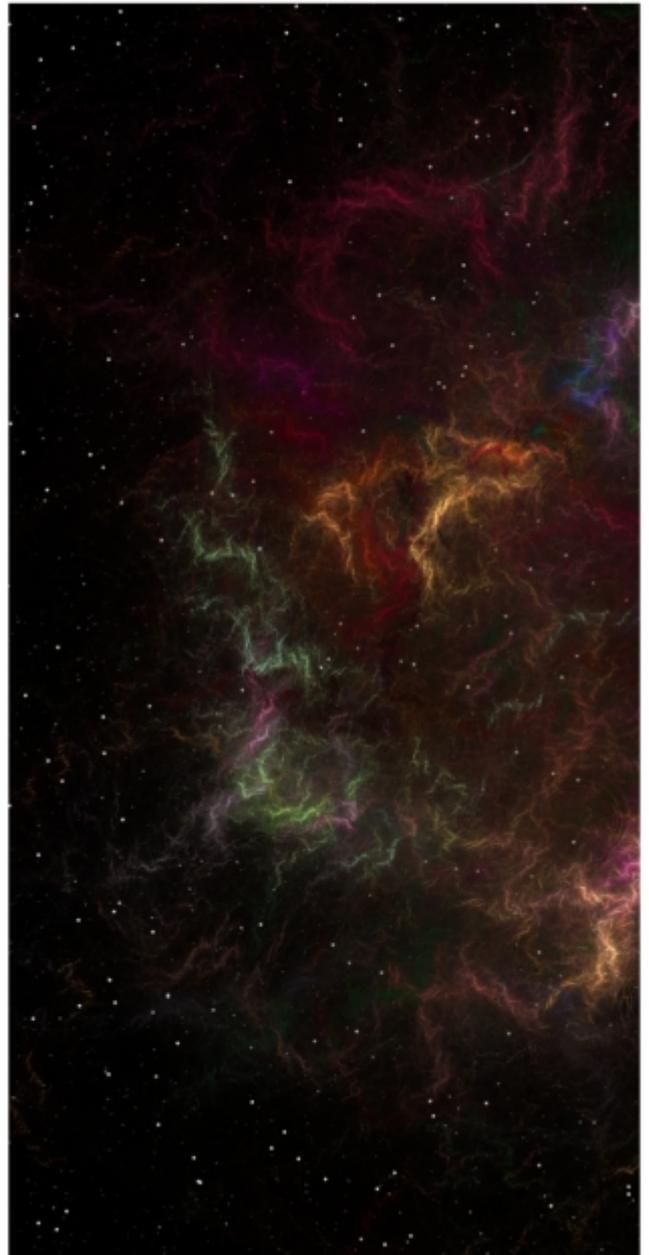
10 Zealot (677)

The Brotherhood have recently stated that they do not destroy Meklan, as they feel there is still some spark of the soul of the individual remaining within the meklanised shell. It is unclear the extent to which Meklan might make useful battleship crew however.

Krell News

The Krell have launched a recruitment drive, seeking new independently minded starcaptains to perhaps earn their very own Krell Clan. Suicide is not an option, and horrible ghastly violence is assured.

Krell Press Release:





The Krell have embarked on a stringent program of economic reform. In order to remove the shackles of alien (human) control over the Krell, the Krell must be financially independent. As the Krell are improving their economic situation, they are also improving their political position in their own home system of Storm. The GTT have already turned over their platform over Inversion and several of their outposts on Inversion as well. Soon, they will turn over the remaining GTT outposts on Inversion and our homeworld will be free of all but our approved Falconian friends. In a very short time, the Krell will claim Storm. This will be an historic occasion since this claim will be supported by the Krell population (which has never happened before).

The Krell are growing up....

Falconian News Round-up

Another Falconian vessel suffered losses to the asteroid fields of rage due to a navigational error. Investigators suspect the navigational hazzard system had not been engaged. A small pirate scout vessel Eyes of Large (100) was destroyed in an excess of fire in the orbital quad of Falencia in Acropolis. A select squadron of Falconian warships took part in a joint operation with DEN, IMP and GTT vessels to destroy the 400HH TCA vessel Inquest at the Plague stargate. The squadron included advanced Falconian, Dewiek, Flagritz and Hive designs using powerful beam weaponry and fighters. A combat video showed bombers evading point defence turrets to press home their attacks and organic hulls crisping under photon cannon fire. No Falconian casualties were taken.

A Falconian search and rescue vessel was involved in the rescue of crew from a CNF debris field near the remains of the TCA vessel.

Horrible Pirates

The Brotherhood ship Tempest Barge 04 has fallen to pirates in the New Sussex system. The pirates are reporting the capture of a full cargo of Ashfold Dragonflies

DEN/DTR

Relations between the Dewiek and Detinus Republic appear to have hit a bulkhead at high speed this week as the Wolf Mother launched a vicious verbal assault, drawing angry responses from senior Detinus political figures. With the DTR Foreign Minister reported to still be ranting and raving, it remains to be seen if relations between the two powers can be patched up any time soon.

Special Report – From The Annals Of The Brotherhood

Lucius Haldane stood to attention on the proving grounds within Olympia. He was flanked by his senior captains, a century of veterans, some soldiers, some marines, a number expert pilots and techs. Brilliant men to the last. These would form his drill officers, his trainers, his chaplains and would lead their brethren in understanding how the will of the True One should be enforced in the heat of battle. In front of him were arrayed the rank and file of the first founding. A full legion of battle brothers, lined up in a hundred files, ten deep, armoured in white body armour with the latest assault carbines from the manufactories of Carthag held at port. The front rank comprised the chosen sergeant of each squad, each of them a skilled warrior, who had gained notoriety in the campaign to free the Inner Confederacy from the clutches of the arch-heretic Eaton, all of them converts to the Brotherhood from the Confederate liberation force. All stood to attention awaiting his words.

He strode up to the podium and considered activating the holo crystal in which his speech was stored. He paused, then dismissed the idea, he knew what they wanted him to say, he knew what he needed to say. What he didn't need was scripting.

Thinking of them he stole a quick glance to his left. Seven figures stood at the end of the line of captains, slightly to the one side, in the shadows almost. They had come from the Schola and whilst each of them was officially in training, their confidence, their piety, their... arrogance, had been evident. Chapter Master Haldane was a veteran of eight campaigns, but even he wouldn't want to be found wanting by that assembly. One of them was Arch Bishop Riven, the tall one in the middle. Haldane was sure he would sooner battle his way single handed to Janth through the Dewiek packs than be judged by that one.

A movement to his right brought him back to the present. The GGG reporter was moving from his right along the front ranks filming the gathering. Ringo Baxter stopped and panned the camera left towards the podium and Lucius. Right on cue. Grudgingly, Lucius mentally noted that a reporter he may be, but Baxter was certainly a professional in terms of timing and execution.

Haldane took a deep breath and slowly exhaled before commencing his speech. Lucius Haldane's speech was one of honour and duty, emphasising the need to perform the will of the True One above all else. He focussed on the need to protect all the faithful from the heretic and to avoid the lure of the xenos. He spoke with passion about a united humanity, one species, within one Empire, united in one Faith. His was a speech of generalities, drawing on the principles laid down in the script, yet bending itself towards the code of the warrior, giving

greater prominence to the role of the battle brother to perform his or her duty with honour and leave the direction of the Faith to others. Lucius knew he had strayed from the scripted path, yet he felt his version would be both better understood and accepted by his warrior brethren. And, after all, he was Chapter Master, a power in his own right.

Lucius paused, for he was almost at the end, and he allowed a moment of reflection through the silence. "Brothers", he called "we stand here at the start of a new age, an age of the faithful-strong, an age where great men of faith will do great things. The heathen will look at us and say that we are only men, not gods, not giants, just men, but in their ignorance they will find that we are something more, for we are angels come to lead the faithful and smite the heretic. We are the first, and you are the first of the first, you are the first founding of the Angels of Fortitude, and I salute you."

At this, a great banner pole was raised aloft behind Lucius and the emblem of a four winged angel, armoured in silver breastplate, pauldrons, greaves and gauntlets, holding a flaming sword with a guard fashioned in the likeness of wings in the right hand and a tower shield in the off hand. A silver mask obscured all features bar the mouth and bright white shining eyes.

As the banner snapped in the salt tinged wind from the north, Lucius Haldane raised his right hand aloft and shouted the motto of the new Chapter, "Faith. Honour. Vigilance." His words were matched a thousand fold as the assembled warriors honoured their brethren with the singular chant.



Stardate 211.41.5

Sabotage!

A massive explosion has been reported at the DTR Starbase Primus Inter Pares in the Straddle system. A number of employees and local civilians are reported to have died in the explosion, which has caused what authorities are describing as 'significant' damage. The Detinus governor has described the explosion as a 'terrorist attack', and unquestionably the result of a saboteur. In what may just be a co-incidence, relations between the DTR and the CIA appear to have taken a distinct turn for the worse.

Controversy Erupts

Last weeks story regarding the pirate broadsword has lead to an explosion of criticism of the Peripheries favourite news outlet, with the IMP and allies angrily denying involvement in piracy, citing instead that the broadsword in question had been captured by pirates in Capella. In response to this storm of criticism The Editor of the SSS/IGN contacted the Imperial Viceroy in order to ask him to provide evidence of the boarding in question in order to clear their name. The IMP Viceroy refused to provide this evidence. The Editor feels it is therefore impossible to present any more of this story from the IMP viewpoint. The editorial policy is to accept and publish all credible news reports provided to the news bureau. Due to funding reductions and the difficulties of interstellar travel, news reports cannot always be checked or verified. Opposing views are welcomed, and rebuttal pieces will always be printed in the next edition where requested.

Imperial Services Implicated In Piracy – Again

A DTR freighter has been attacked in the Inner Empire by a pirate Broadsword. The pirate Agar Reptile closed with a Detinus freighter, which was able to make a rapid escape:

TU 248: Move to System Quad {14} {2} {12}

Leaving Orbit.

|-Planet Detinus (4889) [1g]

|-Moon Trantus (1160) [0.2g]

Scanned:

PIRATE SHIP AGAR REPTILE (74653) - {75 Heavy Hulls} - Attacking us.

Broadsword Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

The Agar Reptile has been previously scanned a few weeks ago over Dogleg in Capella under a different identity:

Date 37.4:

IMP SHIP TO RECONFIGURE (74653) - {75 Heavy Hulls}

IMP SHIP TO RECONFIGURE (30110) - {75 Heavy Hulls}

Astute readers may note that this is the second of these two IMP Broadwords to turn up as a pirate in the Inner Empire, the first being the vessel that caused the storm of controversy as referenced in the previous news item. We are certain this is just a co-incidence.

Pirates Vs The DTR

The pirate ship Black Wolf, a Gothic Class Destroyer, has intercepted a DTR Butterfly class freighter in the Wolf 359 system. The DTR freighter was able to dump its cargo and flee, having a very narrow escape indeed.

The pirate ship Big Black Wolf, a Broadsword class Heavy Cruiser, has intercepted and destroyed the DTR ore freighter Ore Barge 11 in the Hazzard system. The Ore Barge was torn apart by accurate photon and nova gun fire. There are understood to be no survivors.

The DTR freighter Butterfly 3-1 has been intercepted and destroyed by the pirate ship Black Wolf (this time a Strike class heavy cruiser) in the Monk system.

Unwelcome Visitors

A small Independent ground party has apparently camped in the middle of the DTR/QNG Starbase Queens Guardian, where they appear to be taunting the Starbase authorities to open fire. Rumours seem to indicate the IND ground party might be holding hostages, as we understand a tense stand-off has developed at the facility.

Pesky Pirates

The CIA vessel Iskra, a 50 heavy hulled scout runner class vessel, has been captured by pirates in the Teutonic system after a brisk boarding action which saw one pirate killed.

DTR Exploration Corps

The Detinus Republic exploration Corp have been broadcasting live footage from a recent discovery at some ruins in an un-named system, where what appeared to be solid rock, in fact turned out to be a vast network of tunnels and chambers; complete with underground seas. While some of these tunnels appear natural, it is clear that they have been extended and extended. Begging the question as to what happened to all the material quarried - though the team speculate that a fair proportion of it may have been basic elements and possibly some was dumped into the subterranean lakes. It is however clear from the footage that below the team is a vast city - crumbling in places, collapsed and inaccessible in others. The team theorise that it could have held millions of people, making this a quite fascinating discovery, more of which is likely to be aired on the Detinus news media shortly.

More Pirates

The IMPerial ship Ground Support Ship Cargo has been captured by pirates somewhere in the Straddle system.



Missing In Action

Disturbing reports are circulating that the Prince LiQuan has been captured by the TCA. House LiQuan news agencies have carried the story in the following presentation:

Camera zooms in onto a smartly dress dressed office of Admiral Reed.

"is this bloody thing on yet"

"Yes sir we are live now"

"Well why didnt you tell me you fool"

Clearing his throat.

Greeting all, it is with a deeply saddened heart that I must report the Kidnapping of Prince Alderhan LiQuan two days ago by the Terran Colony Annihilators also know as the TCA. A near by squadron reacted quickly but failed to stop the offending ship getting away.

We presume/hope the Prince is dead after falling pray to these monsters.

The circumstances of his Kidnap is being looked into and more details will be released when know.
 In the meantime a reward of \$1,000,000 stellars is being offered for infomation leading to his release or recovery.
 All sighting of TCA ships are to be reported to House LiQuan, a reward will be given.
 Any obstruction in this by third parties for what ever reason will be see as an act of war.
 I would like to offer my deepest condolences to the now Prince Demetrius LiQuan, his wife Jessica LiQuan and there children for their great loss.
 May the True One Guard the Old Princes Soul and protect the new one.
 Thank you and good day.
 Is this thing of now.
 Right bosun pipe splice the mainbrace.

New Arch Lord

The Flagritz Empire have this week announced the arrival of a new Arch Lord following the stepping down of previous Arch Lord Raal. Caste Leader Pessum Ire has been granted the Writ Of Thorlium, and assumes the office of leadership of the Flagritz Empire. The newly crowned Arch Lord Pessum Ire is understood to be the leader of the Isolationist Party within the Flagritz hierarchy, so whether or not his leadership will take the FLZ in a new direction, remains to be seen.

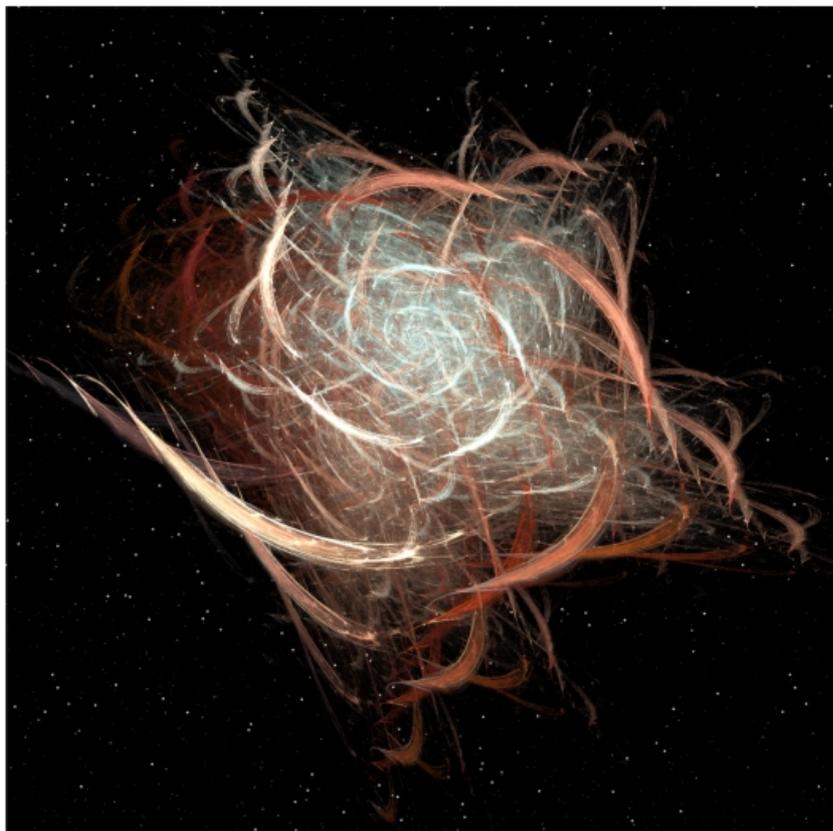
FET Accuse DTR

Zuvoro Norozov, the FET CEO, has this week launched an angry attack against the DTR, accusing them of piracy: "Before our criticisms of the DTR both ourselves and the BHD only suffered minimal pirate trouble with just the odd ship falling prey to boarders as do most affs. However in recent weeks there has been an upsurge in attacks. Conclusion: The DTR are either hiring or running pirates to harass FET and BHD as we dare to publicly question their motives and want to punish us." The SSS/IGN has examined the FET claims, and collated the totals of ships lost to pirates in the last year. Which makes for interesting reading.

(Aff) (Ships Lost To Pirate Boardings) (+Ships Destroyed By Pirates) (total)

GTT : 45 + 0 = 45
 IMP: 44 + 1 = 45
 DTR: 8 + 19 = 27
 MOH: 16 + 0 = 16
 FEL: 15 + 0 = 15
 CIA: 14 + 0 = 14
 CNF: 14 + 0 = 14
 HLQ: 13 + 2 = 15
 FET: 9 + 1 = 10
 GCE: 7 + 0 = 7
 IND: 6 + 0 = 6
 DEN: 6 + 0 = 6
 FCN: 5 + 1 = 6
 FLZ: 5 + 0 = 5
 BHD: 4 + 0 = 4
 HVB: 4 + 0 = 4
 AFT: 3 + 0 = 3
 SMS: 3 + 0 = 3
 KRL: 2 + 0 = 2
 COH: 2 + 0 = 2
 OPS: 2 + 0 = 2
 EEM: 1 + 0 = 1

 IDC: 1 + 0 = 1
 PIR: 1 + 0 = 1
 RVN: 1 + 0 = 1
 WMB: 1 + 0 = 1



As can be seen, the GTT and IMP have suffered the most at the hands of pirates, with the DTR in third place. It is therefore the conclusion of our investigative reporters that the FET claims perhaps do not match the reality of the numbers, but interesting it clearly points the finger of guilt at none other than the apparently harmless Wimbles!

Special Report – Declassified Confederate Papers

Confederate Naval Forces (65)

++ History and Culture Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.41.5 ++
 ++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Duke West: What's next Fredricks?

Lt. Fredricks: Some notes on the first ventures into space and the finding of Pulac

++ File: 00887\HY.102

++ Type: Historical Research Notes - Author Robert William Draper



++ Status: Under review

>Date 3.2: Special Action {...} {...}

Action:

It is already known that following the first world government (year 1) a colony was established on the moon 20 years later in the year 21 but pulac was not discovered until the year 47. Draper looks through the known facts surrounding the first 47 years of the empire, who was in charge during this time and if the colonisation program was only limited to the moon in this period due to the lack of pulac for technological advances in space travel. Presumably this was a period of consolidation and the period in which many of the smaller non government bodies were soaked up or went bankrupt.

Result:

Special Action/Earth History/Pre-Pulac Expansion

The moon base was established as the first off-world shipyard as a way of launching ships into space without the expense of fighting against the Earth's gravity well. The use of metals found on the moon along with water found in the form of ice under the crust meant that this venture was largely successful.

Slowly reaction driven ships explored the system, taking years to cross the distance between planets in efficient if slow hoffman transfer orbitals.

Comets were redirected towards Mars and Venus and bacteria was seeded into the atmosphere. Together these were the beginnings of the terraforming projects that would take decades to complete.

Between 21 and 47, extensive stellar cartography programs had established that there were unusual fields around certain stars including Sol. It was also discovered that these could resonate with similar frequencies and that

should enough energy of a specific type be used in a certain manner, it was hypothesised that this would make a type of wormhole. This though was theory as no energy known to many could be used without frying the object generating it.

While mining for new water sources on the moon, the discovery of a new mineral was made. This was named pulac. The relatively clean energy produced by the excitation of this crystal revolutionised interstellar travel through the development of jump travel. This still took a few years to perfect but once the initial tests were undertaken, there were a number of systems already mapped through stellar cartography.

All these events occurred under the new world government.

Duke West: Authorised for release, update status

Lt. Fredricks: Yes, Sir

++ Status: Declassified as of Star Date 211.41.5

Stardate 211.43.5

TAG In Trouble

The Trade Acquisition Group were briefly in hot water this week when one of their markets started advertising an interest in purchasing Pleasure Slaves. The offending trade request since vanished, no doubt when multiple parties took offence to the slave trade.

Pirates Vs The DTR

The pirate ship Parietal Erg has attacked the DTR freighter Dragon India in the Sol system this week. The Parietal Erg is the broadsword class Heavy Cruiser that was reported on in the last edition as being the ex-IMP vessel that was reflagged under what some call suspicious circumstances.

The Dragon India took severe damage in the attack, which has caused more than significant concern, as the vessel was carrying nearly 8000 innocent civilians from Earth who were leaving for the stars to seek out better lives away from the misery and over-crowding of humanities birthplace.

We understand 102 civilians were killed in the attack. But reports suggest the freighter was able to escape from the marauding pirate. So a greater tragedy was narrowly averted.

Pirates

The pirate ship Royal Genocide has struck against a Dewiek logistics vessel in the Solo system. It is unusual for Dewiek vessels to be attacked by pirates, as the DEN are usually quite careful not to loiter in deep space. However, as it turned out they had nothing to worry about, as their

deployment of 50 Dewiek Marines brutally fought off not one but three repeated boarding attempts, leaving behind them a mass of dead pirates.

The FET ship Pioneer has not been so fortunate as the Dewiek, and has fallen to pirates in the Plague system. It is understood a large number of Artificial Intelligences were onboard the Pioneer, and have now fallen into pirate hands. It remains to be seen if AI's can be convinced to work for pirates. May the True One help us all if AI's decide to get in on the piracy game.

The FCN ship TK Swat has been captured by pirates, again in the Solo system, losing a cargo of 170 structural modules along with the ship. The ships compliment of 40 crew was no match for the 250 pirates who stormed the vessel.

This brings this pirate organisations tally to almost 250 ships, amounting to 15,000 hulls.

Embargo

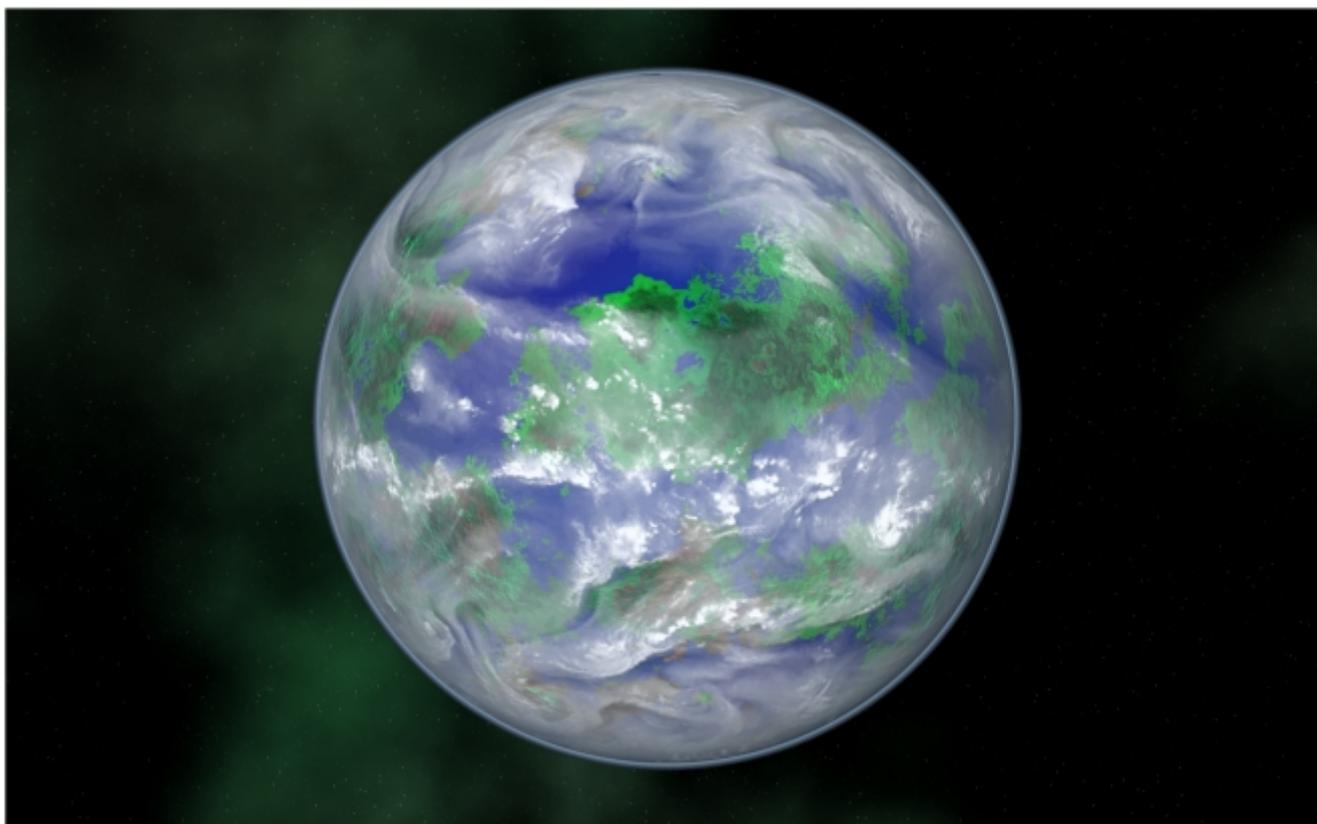
The House LiQuan have demonstrated their seriousness in enforcing the embargo around the planet Boomerang in Straddle by destroying a DTR freighter that mistakenly attempted to transit the area. Surprisingly however this didn't seem to result in a major diplomatic incident, as the DTR were quite ready to admit their error in not having rerouted the vessel.

Warming Relations

The decidedly frosty state of affairs between the HLQ and DEN have taken a sudden turn for the better this week, as the HLQ announced a return to friendly normality. No doubt the departure and disappearance of the Meklan Baron removed a significant barricade that stopped the two parties from having friendly discussions, given the bad blood that reached its climax some years ago when the Baron LiQuan killed Dewiek Elder Silvermane using his Meklan improved combat implants.

DEN Fined

The noble House Ravenstone has fined two Dewiek spy ships for trespassing in the Demon and Wastelands systems. It remains to be seen if the DEN will actually pay the 100k stellar fine...



CIA Confederate Special News (CCSN)

A busy couple of weeks for the members of the Imperial and Confederate Blocs:

FET Take Over INDependent Company

The FET have come under considerable fire, well verbal fire, for the appropriation of an INDependant company. The company, once owned by the mercenary figure Johnny Alpha, had apparently been conducting mercenary operations against various affiliations who are now seeking the repatriation of lost personnel and reparations for damages. Although, heated critical talks have been ongoing on the public subspace forums the situation, as yet, has not turned into open conflict.

House Ravenstone Fines the Dewiek Nation

Reports have been received that 2 small scout vessels of the Dewiek Eldar Nation have been spotted in 2 systems under the custody of the House Ravenstone. This has led the enigmatic Grand Duke to issue a fine of \$100,000 to the DEN, in response to the spotting of these 2 small ships. As the fine represents a cost of \$12,500 per hull, reporters interviewed some citizens of the Confederacy to get their views of this fine:

"Well, when I hurd off this fine, I thought I could get a nuw Lon' Guun' and a ring for my gelfri'end. Y'know, the ones with MOH gems in. That, an' a good night oowt!" Regis Ford, 21, Darkfold system.

"I cud get an 'awl expensive paid ticket to see the Preense Likwaans house of ali-ins, in the Inner Confed. 5 Star weeth 'awl the trimmings!" Kylie Sponson, 27, Teutonic system.

Reporters are on standby to bring further news on this developing story, and hope for appearance of the Grand Duke too.

Confederate Intelligence Monitor Odd Activity at the London Wormhole

Confederate sources have supplied information that several Detinus Republic Warships have been stationed for unknown reasons, at the London Wormhole. Even though scanning has proved these are clearly warships, Sources are wondering why they are in the area.

"Maaybee 'dem Republikans are trying escape the Pri-ince Likwan for shooting one of der she-ips in Impereal Land. Maaybee 'dem Republikans are looking for a deecent pair of footwears ! I remem-beer meety-up wiv' those inteeligent boys a while ago, reeal smart dey wur. I don't remem-ber much wot we spoke aboot, but dey wur had the reeal smarts!" Kaylee Hill, 28, London system, commented.

Hopefully, we can bring updates to these and other stories in the coming days,

This is Ainsley Moore, reporting for the CCSN, back to the studio.....

End of Transmission

Special Report – More From The CNF Historical Records

++ History and Culture Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.43.1 ++

++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Lt. Fredricks: Some notes on the NHC now Sir

Duke West: All a matter of perspective no doubt. Proceed anyway

++ File: 00887\HY.103

++ Type: Historical Research Notes - Author Robert William Draper

++ Status: Under review

>Date 3.3: Special Action {...} {...}

Action:

Draper makes some notes on subjects springing next to mind. The New Harmony

church (and later sects) played a pivotal part in the history of the emperors and stellar empire. Examine the roots of the new harmony church in earths history in relation to the dawn of the new age of space expansion in year 1 onwards (wherever they first appeared). It would be presumable that they originated from the combined faith groups of all the ancient religions that are based on the concept of one all powerful god and that their appearance as a distinct entity in the new age (rather than a part of each of the many other bodies) was due to the desire to practice religious freedom outside of the overcrowded earth coupled with relatively cheap space travel after the year 47 and the desire to bring the good word to any potential aliens that might be found. Examine this synopsis and compare to the facts found.

Result:

Special Action/Earth History/New Harmony Church Origin

While individual religions were taken to the stars simply as baggage by both crew and colonists alike, the rise of the New Harmony Church was not really a natural conglomeration of old religions. New Harmony was the term used for the application of morals and ethics to the advancement of science. It was originally a self-organising movement sponsored by the Emperor and backed by the public ensuring that science prospered without fear of the creation of 'Frankenstein's Monster'. Its metamorphosis into a fully-fledged religion began on backwater planets (before the time of subspace communications) and it was not long before the 'True One' was revealing the universe through scientific discovery. While in some systems it became a way of life, it never really gained more than a foothold on Earth. The official Church however was established, guiding scientists in search of the nature of the True One through morally defined and approved research.

A faction of this Church became close to the Emperor resulting in schism forming the Brotherhood.

Duke West: Authorised for release, update status

Lt. Fredricks: Yes, Sir

++ Status: Declassified as of Star Date 211.43.1



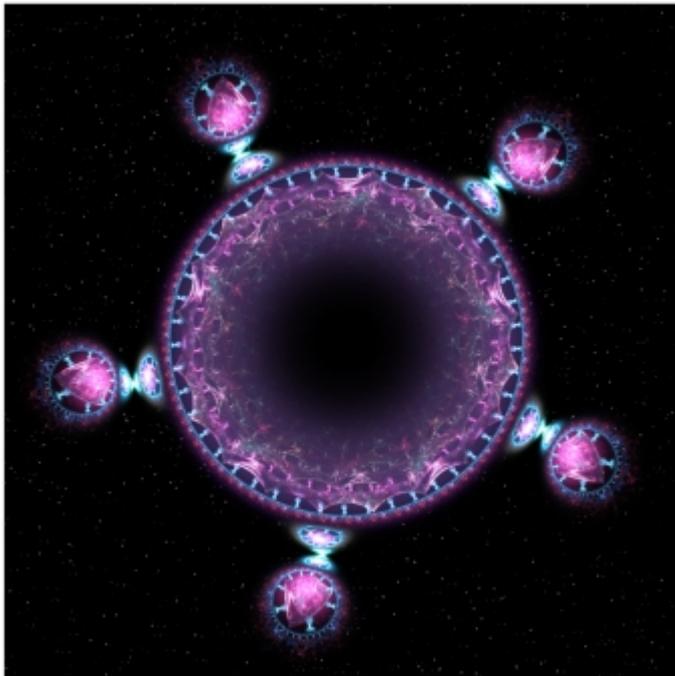
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AFT pounce

AFT Forces have launched a dazzlingly successful ground assault against the pirate outpost Reaper, as detailed in the following press release: Today, stardate 211.44.4, the Association of Free Traders launched a combined naval and ground assault on the pirate outpost Reaper (18552) in the Agripeta system. I'm happy to report that this assault was successful, and the operations centre of the base is now in AFT hands. Reaper was the base of operations for the pirates and terrorists associated with the renegade known as Johnny Alpha, and had been reported as holding several AFT prisoners captured from vessels destroyed by those pirates. Today's action was a joint operation between Bright Star Industries and Astartia Enterprises. The ground assault force was lucky enough to find a poorly defended route into the base, resulting in the capture of the outpost's key command locations in a single day, despite much of the base remaining in pirate hands with a significant force of pirates remaining. We have called upon the remaining pirates to surrender, as they have nowhere to run, nowhere to hide and no reinforcements. If this surrender is not forthcoming, fighting is expected to continue for the next few days. The AFT will continue to take firm action against pirate operations threatening AFT activities, as well as seeking to recover AFT personnel captured by pirates.

Kind regards,
Gerald Fernandez

Our reporters have learnt that the rapid capture of the base really was a massive stroke of luck, as the following transmission reveals:



Ground Battle for the Control of PIRATE Reaper (18552)

Round 1: Battle is 122:7 in favour of Attacker

Defender lost 7.22% control [92.78%]

0.05% chance of losing control

Round 2: Battle is 148:9 in favour of Attacker

Defender lost 7.88% control [84.9%]

0.47% chance of losing control

Round 3: Battle is 16:1 in favour of Attacker

Defender lost 7.88% control [77.02%]

1.65% chance of losing control

Round 4: Battle is 16:1 in favour of Attacker

Defender lost 7.19% control [69.84%]

3.73% chance of losing control

We also understand that the base was able to inflict substantial damage against AFT warships located in orbit before it's ground-based weapon systems were captured and silenced by the stunning success of the AFT ground assault troops.

Confederacy On The Move?

The IGN newsroom has received reports that the Confederate battlefleet may be on the move, with a fearsome fleet of over 170 200 heavy hulled warships being spotted at the London wormhole. The fleet is said to contain several ship classes which have never been seen before. As to the purpose of this deployment, we can only guess, a training exercise? Or something more significant? Only time will tell.

DTR Vs The Pirates

The pirate ship Black Wolf, one of the vessels that has been plaguing DTR freighter traffic in recent months, has been intercepted and destroyed in the Wolf 359 system by DTR patrol forces. This particular Black Wolf was a Gothic Destroyer class Heavy Cruiser. The pirate is understood to have inflicted light damage against one of the attacking DTR warships, before being destroyed after a short battle.

A second Black Wolf pirate has been intercepted by DTR patrol forces, this time in the Monk system. Despite inflicting heavy damage, the Black Wolf was able to survive and limp away, though a question remains over just how far the pirate might have been able to get with the damage it had taken.

Yet more success for the Detinus Republic this week, with a third reported Black Wolf intercept. This time DTR patrol forces in the Hazzard system were able to intercept the Broadsword class pirate 'The Big Black Wolf' somewhere in the inner reaches of the system. Six DTR Nebulon Interceptors savaged the Broadsword over the course of the battle, eventually destroying it taking only light damage in return.

The Detinus Republic have announced their successful bombardment (following an anonymous tip-off) of a small pirate base, Den Of Thieves, located in the Adventure system. The pirate ship Halo Delivery was also destroyed during the operation, which also saw several Independent freighters targeted as they attempted to make pick-ups and deliveries to the pirate base.

Pirates

The GTT vessel Tardis IV has been captured by dread pirates on the planet Persian in the Mithras system this week. It is understood the Tardis IV was landed on the planet conducting some sort of survey operation when the pirates landed next door and stormed the open access ports of the largely defenceless freighter. Despite putting up a brave fight, the Flagritz crew defending, lead valiantly by three officers, were narrowly defeated, and the pirates made off with the vessel.

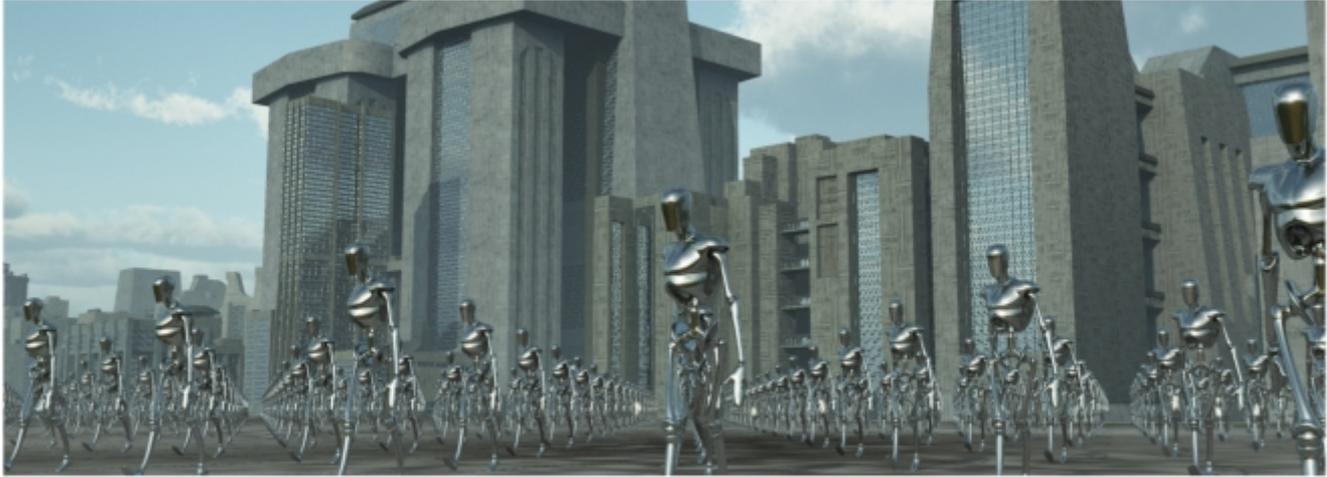
Tensions Continue

The war of words between the Dewiek and House Ravenstone of the Confederacy has continued this week, with the Duke Ravenstone apparently finding he has remarkably few friends amongst his allies, despite an offer by the GTT to pay the DEN fines, the RVN declined, resulting in a situation where Adoqhina, leader of the DEN, was quoted thus:

“You cretinous and bad-mannered creature, you blind ignoble fool, I will watch your House burn to ashes for the insults you heap upon us, time and time again.”

Which we think probably constitutes a fairly significant deterioration in diplomatic standing.

With the GTT offering to pay DEN fines, it indicates that relations between those two affiliations must have warmed significantly, as the Dewiek appear to continue aligning themselves with the Imperial-Bloc affiliations.



Special Report – The Confederate News Special

With thanks to the CIA broadcasting corporation – All Brain Control – All The Time. All Hail The Hypnotoad!

CIA Confederate Special News (CCSN)

Given that the universe is living in a time of almost universal peace, it seems some conflict has arrived back into the Peripheries:

FET Shoot IND

With the FET's move to the Confederacy complete, a ship of the FET war machine recently engaged an IND freighter and a IND outpost in the same day of combat. The fearless warship of the fearsome FET destroyed the freighter concerned in 2 rounds of combat then moved on to engage the outpost in the 2 remaining rounds. For racking up the 1 day score of 28 outpost employees, 5 complexes, some 18 light tanks and a freight ship with all hands, the True One granted the Fearsome FET's Fearless warship's naval officer one additional point of experience. The once comically inept FET war machine has finally come of age, something that can hurt others and not just their allies.

KAS shoots FET

In response to the FET warship's action, the KAS fired their system defence weapon at the FET warship as punishment for breaking the system's no-combat rule. Even though the weapon struck the warship amid-ship, the FET warship survived the punishment and has limped into port, minus 7 crew and most of the ship, to effect repairs prior to being reassigned.

The FET naval officer quipped that the KAS could shove their system weapon up their "Gammatron Quads".

HLQ don't shoot DEN

In a recent change of relations, House Liquean have declared all antagonistic intensions towards the Dewiek Nation to be over. Currently, analysts are trying to determine if this is a strategic move on the part of HLQ or is part of a general softening of relations towards HLQ's enemies.

DTR don't shoot HLQ

The DTR, once the beacon of truth and justice in the known universe, recently announced they are not to pursue HLQ in the destroying of one their freighters in the Straddle system. This event, one of the most under reported events in modern times, has sparked no outrage across the peripheries.

DTR don't shoot FET

The DTR, once the beacon of truth and justice in the known universe, have decided not to shoot the FET for their recent purchase of a INDependant company. Now that the DTR have the ex-mercenary and fallguy for this whole incident, Johnny Alpha, we await the outcome of the DTR's trial while Johnny Alpha awaits the trial safely in DTR custody.

DTR don't shoot PIRates

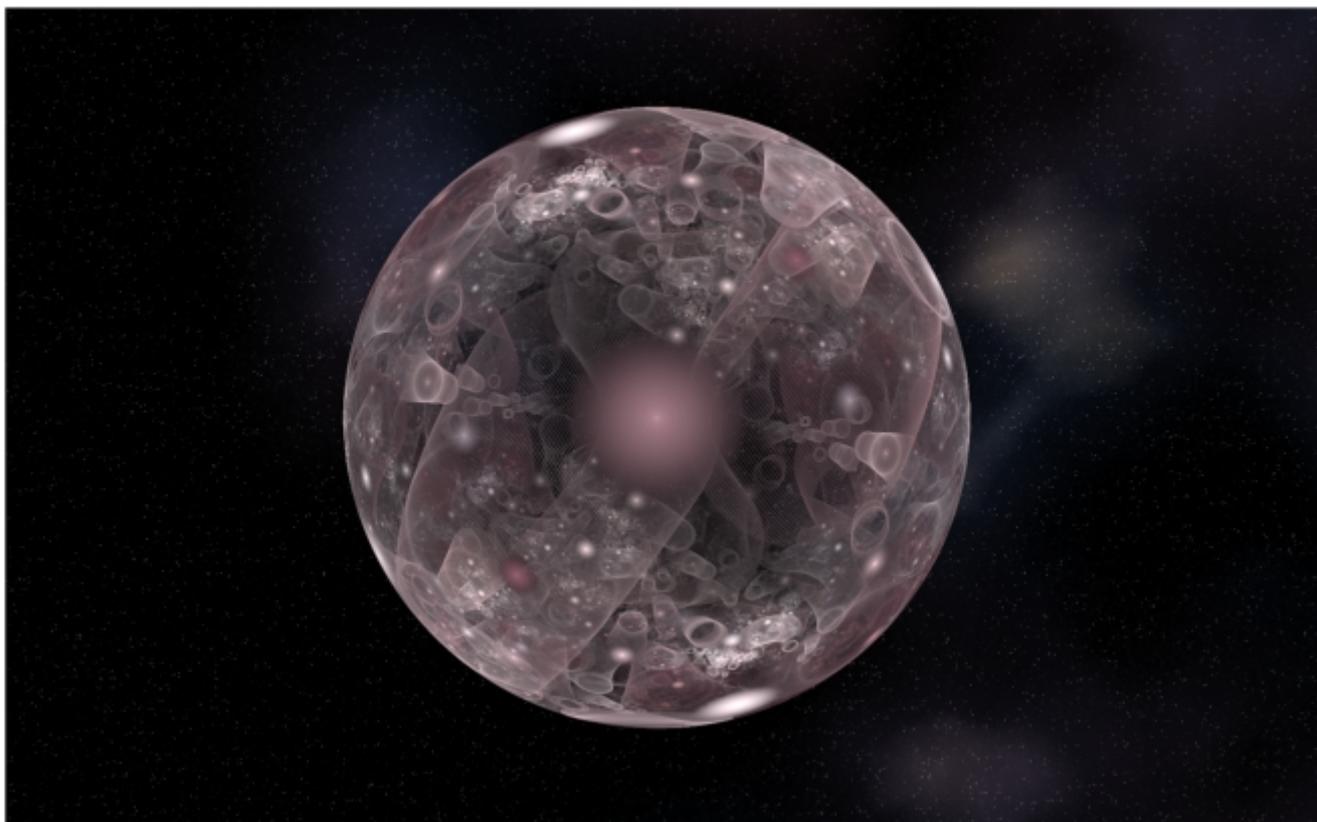
The DTR, once the beacon of truth and justice in the known universe, recently admitted not shooting at PIRates with any meaningful weaponry. The admission, coming from the archives of Senator Matrim, describes how a DTR ship captain fought off a pirate warship using the lowest powered weapons he had at his disposal. Upon hearing of this admission, Confederate human citizens spat out their

drinks and laughed, the Feline citizens laughed and spat out a moderately large ball of nondescript “fur”, Wimble citizens laughed and continued to eat whilst laughing and the few cyberized citizens beeped repeatedly and beeped “11011” then “101010”. Given that the DTR have now practically hung up their warrior spurs, in favour of more fashionable footwear, the CCSN expect many more stories of DTR non-combat.

Once more, we hope we can bring updates to these and other stories in the coming days,

This is Ainsley Moore, reporting for the CCSN, back to the studio.....

End of Transmission



Star Date 211.45.5

Duelling Dewiek

Following their continued war of words, the Dewiek Elder Nation has demanded reparations of 2 meeeeeelion stellars to be paid by the House Ravenstone for what they call the murder of 5 Dewiek crewmembers who were killed when a DEN vessel was destroyed in what the RVN call restricted space, an area of space claimed by House Ravenstone for the Empire of Humanity, in which the DEN had no right to be. Should this fine not be paid, the Dewiek have offered trial by combat:

“The Elder Council offers the House Ravenstone the right to a traditional Dewiek trial if the Charitable Judgement is refused or not accepted within the time given.

The purity of this judiciary process should be understandable without further explanation but there are only two possible outcomes: Either the House Ravenstone loses all its claws and fangs so it may never harm another sentient again or falls on its honour and pleads for mercy whereby less charitable terms will be offered.”

Long time readers may remember the last trial by combat undertaken by the Dewiek against a human, during which a Dewiek Elder was killed by the Baron LiQuan and his super mega turbo Meklan implants.

The House Ravenstone seems unwilling to accept either offer, while the DEN have, we believe, refused to pay the initial fine the RVN issued for trespassing, and as things stand currently, the two affiliations are at an impasse. Or as Bone Smash of the Krell put it: “Little guy blood is in the water, the sharks circle.....”

Skirmish In Avalon

The Felini news agencies have shared the following story:

“A small task force of FLZ Baseship raiders in the Avalon system has been intercepted by Battlegroups belonging to Prides Manus and Pride Starhunter-Karlosse.

The FEL fleet significantly outnumbers the cornered baseships.

At present 1 FLZ baseship has been destroyed and the rest are suffering from moderate to severe damage. Felini vessels are showing much lighter damage, with the loss off one organic normal hulled vessels.

It is unknown if these are simply part of a larger force that got separated or if the Flagritz navy is experimenting with new formations or strategy.”

One of our SSS/IGN reporters was able to witness the battle, and indeed can confirm a small number of FLZ baseships were ambushed and set upon by superior force. We do not however know yet how the battle turned out, but it seems likely the FEL were able to inflict significant losses on the outgunned Baseships.

More Trouble For TAG

The Trade Acquisition Group recently denied a story in the SSS regarding their attempted purchase of Pleasure Slaves, however the following data was obtained:

Pleasure Slaves (30007)

Sell Starbase Buy

Quantity Price Quantity Buy Price

0 0 TAG Casino Rlo (3123) 1000 2

Which appeared to prove that they were indeed attempting to purchase slaves. The Imperial Viceroy soon made it clear however that slavery is not tolerated within the Empire, and the TAG appear to have withdrawn their objection noting that it was all a misunderstanding, they were simply looking to recruit some employees for their casino.

In other news, yes, it's a slow news week.

Missing

Following their military action in the Halo Periphery, the AFT are still missing the two officers they sought to rescue from the IND Reapers. Worrying news has since reached our news-room that the IND Reapers were in fact a group of vile cannibals, which does not bode well for the fate of any prisoners they might have captured during their time. Further, it remains unclear as to how many of these cannibals might have joined up with the FET, and be flying FET flags, with suspicion centering around these two vessels in particular:

Date 42.4: FET OUTPOST REAPER (18552) - {1-1} 247 kMus - Attacking.

FET SHIP FIREFLY I (32311) - {50 Light Hulls}

FET SHIP FIREFLY VIII (69679) - {50 Light Hulls}

Special Report – Declassified Confederate History

Confederate Naval Forces (65)

++ History and Culture Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.44.5 ++

++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Duke West: Ah so we get to Emperor Justin now

Lt. Fredricks: Playing report, Sir

++ File: 00887\HY.105

++ Type: Historical Research Notes - Author Robert William Draper

++ Status: Under review

>Date 3.3: Special Action {...} {...}

Action:

Drapers next task is to look at the origins of the first true emperor of the stellar empire, that of Emperor Justin. It is already widely known that Emperor Justin ascended to the position of emperor in the year 106, a long

while after the initial days of the united earth government was initially formed and expansion begun. Emperor Justin is said to have come from the last of the Terran nobility. Examine Justin's lineage dating back from 106 to before the United Earth Government and how the a heredity monarchy became the head of the empire, was it simply wealth and power gained or did some other event occur that changed the more likely and natural ascent of a corporation government figurehead or democratically elected president.

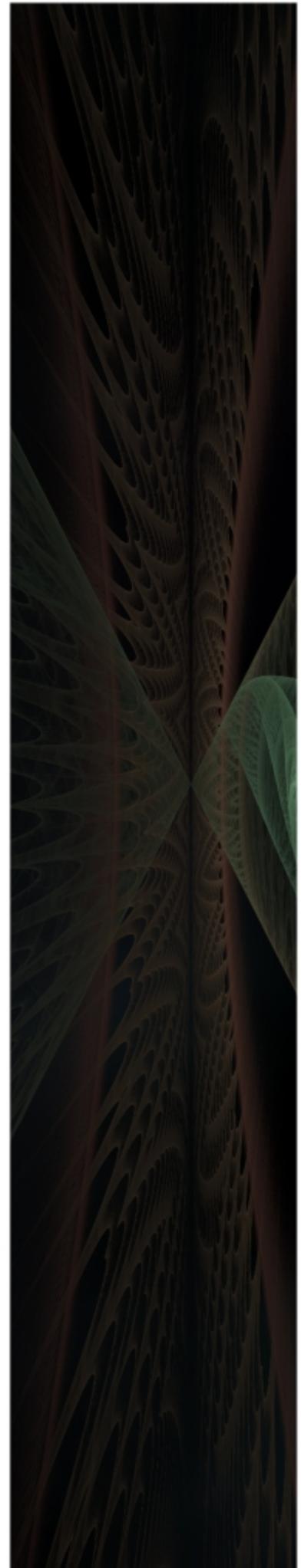
Result:

Special Action/Earth History/Justin

Colonising new worlds back at the start of the space exploration was incredibly expensive. Earth footed this bill with the view that new colonies would be established only if they could repay this investment. Justin Carmichael, born on Mars and promoted to United Earth's battle fleet commander was given the so far impossible task of collecting tax from the few dozen colonies.

At this time many of the colonies were dependent on communication and supplies from Earth. Justin took the morally questionable stance of giving priority to those colonies that were prompt payers of taxes irrespective of need. While nothing could be proved and everything was officially above board many of those on backwater planets suffered.

Earth and the Solar system finally began to get a return on their investment and Justin was given the mock title Caesar. This was later officially sanctioned as Emperor. At this time the Emperor had power to act with impunity on behalf of the government. Once instigated it was





surprising how much trouble there was with certain colonies. So began the rift between the Solar System and the outer worlds. It soon became apparent that the office was permanent and Justin was here to stay.

Duke West: Authorised for release, update status

Lt. Fredricks: Updating now, Sir

++ Status: Declassified as of Star Date 211.44.5

Star Date 211.47.5

It's War!

We all knew war was coming, but the direction from which it has arrived appears to have surprised everybody as the Dewiek Elder Nation launched simultaneous strikes against both the RIP in Sargasso and the House Ravenstone in Wastelands. The House Ravenstone are not without friends however, and issued the following call to arms:

'Today, Star Date 211.47.4, a date which will live in infamy, the Dewiek Elder Nation (DEN) suddenly and deliberately launched a

vile attack on the Human Empire. Without warning or declaration of war, they sent over a hundred warships into the Wastelands, a system claimed by a Noble House in the name of the Empire, and opened fire. As a result, several ships from the CNF, the HLQ and the RVN, all affiliations loyal to the Empire, were destroyed.

We condemn the DEN for the attack, and we want them to know that, no matter how strong their warfleets might be, the strength of justice and righteousness is on our side. We will always remember the character of the onslaught against us and we will never bow to the arrogance of our assailants.

We urge the IMP to renounce their alliance with the DEN, as there is no honest justification for those sworn "to defend the Emperor and space claimed in his name" to continue to support an alien affiliation that wages war against Imperial citizens inside Imperial space.

Finally, we want to celebrate the courage of those who died today protecting the Empire and to extend our gratitude to all that have already helped us defend Imperial Space and to all that are about to join us in this just and honorable fight.

Long Live the Empire!

Precise details of the conflict in Wastelands are currently unknown, though we have received reports from the front-lines which suggest that following the initial DEN strike against the RVN, which brought HLQ assets into the battle in defence of the RVN, a reinforced heavy fleet of GTT warships piled in, and according to one witness, 'Shot the hell out of everything in sight.' At time of press we are still not entirely clear on whose side the GTT are on in this conflict. And it is entirely possible the GTT aren't clear themselves. However, we do know that a whole bunch of stuff has been shot, and amazingly it hasn't involved the DTR. Keen observers await the direction the IMPERIAL Services might go on this, given they have only just recently signed a pact of deep friendship and alliance with the DEN...

Krell In Hot Water

A small 6 hulled Krell vessel has landed itself in trouble with the noble house Ravenstone this week, violating a no fly zone and winding up with a \$50,000 fine. It remains to be seen if the quarrelsome Krell will ever pay fines, but we await their official response.

Tranquil Times

Frightful peaceniks and 'harmless' 'farmers' the Mohache have announced the opening of their home system to all traders. In order to lure innocent unsuspecting vessels to their dread fate, the Mohache have even gone so far as to place huge quantities of trade goods on an open market! Will nothing stop these dangerous thugs! Early reports indicate that R&R and Maintenance facilities have also been opened up for visitors, and that the facilities are not only clean and tidy, but also rather comfortable. It is surely only a matter of time until the MOH unleash the 'Comfy Chair' upon the Peripheries. Those who wish to blunder into this obvious trap for the unwary will find the Tranquility system appearing on public nexus map systems from today.

Sargasso

News from the secretive system of Sargasso, long-time home to the RIP and lair of the Pirate King, is always hard to come by. Reports of early successes by DEN assault troops are mixed with further reports that suggest the RIP have initiated some sort of emergency protocol designed to be used in the event of any affiliation ever one day launching an invasion. Hopefully some of the involved parties will provide more information to the press for next weeks edition.

Hint hint.

Pirates Vs The DTR

Perhaps in revenge for recent successes by the DTR against pirate installations, pirates have launched a series of strikes against DTR shipping. Reports from the DTR homeworld indicate that the pirate ship Eclectic Shark attempted to board the freighter Flutterbye, and succeeded, despite vigorous defensive fire from an escorting patrol squadron. It is further understood that several more DTR freighters had narrow escapes.

DTR Vs The Pirates

Following their capture of the pirate base Den Of Thieves, DTR sources are reporting the liberation of a number of FGZ and MOH prisoners, who have since been repatriated.

Pirates

The pirate ship Reaper Tag Li has boarded the TAG freighter Faiga in the St. Dismas system. The result of the boarding attempt is currently unknown, though the captain of the Faiga was able to send out an emergency distress signal, prompting a military response from several patrol squadrons. However, given the ship was boarded by 1200 pirates, it seems likely to have been lost. Our crack team of investigative reporters have uncovered some evidence that this pirate attack might have been conducted by a hitherto unknown pirate organisation. Of course our crack team of investigative reporters might just be pulling stuff out of their arses on this one.

Pirate Destroyed

AFT patrol ships are reporting the destruction of the pirate ship Eyes Of Large in G10 of the Solo System. Sometimes we wonder just exactly how many ships named 'Eyes Of Large' there are in the Peripheries.

Answers on the back of a postcard please to the usual address.

You know, the address that gets all the hate mail, brain parasites, and explosive devices sent to it.

New Pirate King?

More rumours are circulating regarding the identity of a man known only as Baron Samedi, with many underworld contacts saying that Samedi has recently gained the famed lost throne of the Pirate Kings. All we know for sure is the following short communication bearing the Baron Samedi's ident code:

"One sole desire, one passion now remains To keep life's fever still within his veins, Vengeance! dire vengeance on the wretch who cast O'er him and all he lov'd that ruinous blast.

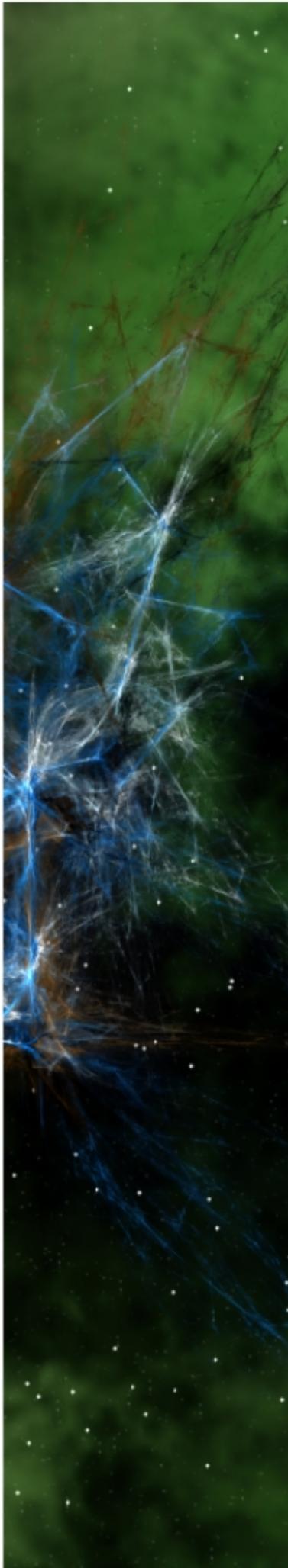
Withdraw or bear witness to bloody vengeance you canid Mephistopheles!"



Star Date 211.49.1

It's Peace!

As quickly as it began last week, the conflict between the Dewiek and assorted human affiliations seems to have ended, with bizarrely warm handshakes all around. The Dewiek for their part appear to consider their honour satisfied having given the noble house Ravenstone a slap, and the human Empire affiliations response seems... confused, at best. There has however been a united front amongst the Humans where a great display has been made of the awarding of the Kalahari Star Of Valour medal to those who fought against the DEN. The one lasting thing to have come from it appears to have been the break-up of the alliance between the GTT and the DEN, though to be honest we were slightly surprised to hear that the GTT and DEN were allied to begin with. Just goes to show the extent to which our elite investigative reporters are so not on the case eh.



Sargasso

Absolutely no news has been received in the last week regarding the Dewiek invasion of Sargasso. Is the wormhole still open? We do not know. Did the RIP strike back with nukes? Unknown. Have the DEN ground forces captured any RIP installations? Your guess is as good as ours. Is the whole thing some sort of massive black op? Could be. Are the Mohache behind it all? Cake.

... or is the cake a lie.

More news as we get it. If we get it. Which we probably won't. So I'll just keep making stuff up. Where's me Peace Whiskey gone? Damned Mohache, making all this cheap booze.

Dewiek Honour

In order to offer clarification on the recent armed conflict, the esteemed Dewiek Wolf Mother offered the following thoughts on the nature of Dewiek Honour:

“Not for the first time I have witnessed words spoken and questions raised by humans about Dewiek culture and whilst it is perhaps as futile a task as trying to teach quantum mechanics to a Krell, I will try my best to educate and entertain.

We Dewiek are by our nature a communal society where individuals aspire to make their identity felt within a collective, to rise themselves first to the status of alpha and then to the status of legend when great sagas are told of their deeds and achievements. Many Dewiek play supporting roles within the pack but each tries to find a niche in which it excels.

As cubs Dewiek are inquisitive and sharp, able to draw upon the memories and knowledge of their whole pack. But soon the hunger and changing physique puts science second place to the wanderlust of adolescence. Packs of adolescent Dewiek have long hunted in the great forests, mountains, tundra and jungles of many worlds and those raised in our mighty technological lairs gifted the honour of flying the fabled Rangers. For thousands of years our kind has travelled the stars, observed and hunted, assisted and ignored, traded and developed other sentients as the whims of each pack has demanded.

In adulthood, the fangs and claws of our species prohibit the operation of all but the most specialized equipment and our kind find themselves either employed as warriors of the hunt, miners excavating the rich seams of our territories or shield maidens of our lairs, nurses to our cubs and last line of defense.

When our packs gather there is much drinking and the melding of stories through our innate telepathy. A stray thought or a Dewiek who wishes to prove its status will almost inevitably lead to the settlement of dispute through bloody violence. In the morning, as the haze of mead lifts and spirits are refreshed through physical displays, a new harmony is established in the pack.

To the Dewiek, an honourable fight is a worthy thing like no other. There is no place in Dewiek society for brooding thoughts and grudges. How would we hide such matters from each other? Better to resolve them at once and with honour. Only in this way is unity assured and the pack strengthened.

True glory is found on many paths:

Our cubs are glorified by the knowledge they add to our collective.

Our scouts are glorified by the worlds they discover or life they catalogue.

Our pack lords are glorified by the efficiency and harmony of their lairs.

And yes, our warriors are glorified in battle.

Our society has always valued our warriors, the elder of the Nation, highest for their sacrifice is their life's blood and the prosperity of the pack assured.

An Elder that dies in his bed has not brought honour to himself. But do not mistake the warrior's path for one of foolishness or thuggery!

There is NO honour in dying too easily or needlessly at the hands of our enemies.

There is NO honour in killing the completely defenseless.

More so our sense of justice is not fulfilled by theft. When our kin is killed, we do not hunger for lands with no Dewiek or strategic interest to us. We just remind those who would murder our defenseless kin that they are not alphas of the Nation. No human will ever be our alpha.

Many human and Dewiek conflicts arise from this simple misunderstanding. Others from our steadfast loyalty to those who recognise that in our sphere and territories we are the dominant species and will kill to the last to ensure that remains so. Usurp us at your peril, defer to us and you will find no more loyal friend.

Once this lesson is learned or the prey found to be incapable of further learning and no threat, we do not press the issue. Our howl will echo and our fearlessness will not be doubted in this lifetime or the next.

The Wolf Mother”

From this we can conclude that matters of Dewiek honour are oftentimes rather lengthy and involved affairs.

Imperial Press Release

His Imperial Majesty, The Emperor Lysander, has graciously rewarded Admiral Lord Simms for his tenure as former Viceroy, promoting him to Grand Duke in recognition of more than a decade in the role and his continuing support of the Empire in the Capellan Periphery.

Our newsroom has been asked to point out that His Grace The Lord High Grand Duke Supreme Mightiness Imperial Commander Lordy McLord Admiral Lord Simms will not answer to the name 'Gracie'.

We also understand he does not answer to 'Kate', 'Mary' or 'Gertrude' either.

Black Wolf

The Black Wolf pirate group has struck in the Twinkle system, apparently destroying a Flagritz vessel, which is unusual as it marks one of the rare occasions when the Black Wolf pirates have attacked and destroyed something other than a DTR target, which suggests the pirate/mercenaries may well have been contracted to attack FLZ shipping. Time will surely tell, as if this is the case, then further FLZ vessels will surely fall prey to the Black Wolves.

Dewiek News

Despite what is often seen as a rather defensive nature regarding their home systems, the Dewiek have this week announced the rather surprising policy of opening up the Dewiek Home Periphery to guests, welcoming in those who wish to set up colonies and establish trade centres. It is our understanding that the systems of Noctollis, Leporis, Tolfallen, Hydrae and Acrux will all become public knowledge this week, and all affiliations apart from the following will be welcomed: We shall only exclude pirates and other such cowards, classed as "Unworthy Scum"[1], permanently from our systems. Those few who are deemed "Honoured Foes"[2] will be unwelcome until we have resolved any outstanding issues between us.

[1] PIR, RIP, RVN, FET

[2] CNF, HLQ, GTT

TAG For Sale

It is understood the TAG affiliation has now concluded a sale of all of their ships and assets to the Mohache. It is the Editors understanding that the TAG will now cease to exist. Rumours persist that the Mohache will be paying in cake.

... a whole lot of cake.

Big Bloody Pirate

The AFT have provided a very worrying sighting of a new pirate vessel in the outer reaches of the Teller system:

Scanned:

PIRATE SHIP REAPER LAG TI (63395) - {200 Normal Hulls} - Attacking

Troop Support Class Capital Ship {Medium Ablative Armour}

LifeForms: 1477

Class: Troop Support

Hulls: 200 Normal Hulls (70)

Armour: 195 Ablative Armour Plate mkIIs (461)

Hull Damage: None

Max Boarders: 1946

INSTALLED ITEMS

15 AI Combat Navigator mkIV (923)

1 Battle Bridge (101)

270 Bunks (98)

196 Combat Engine mkIV (167)

30 Gatling Laser mkIV (218)

22 ISR Type 2 Engines (145)

1 Jump Drive (175)

2 Jump Drive - Backup (176)

20 Scintillator mkII (126)

11 Sensor mkIV (106)

20 Shield Generators mkIII (121)

70 Shields mkIV (118)

10 Targeting Computer mkIV (110)

21 Thrust Engine mkIV (163)

20 Tractor Beam mkIII (342)

CARGO

1404 Falconian Marine (650)

50 Human Crew (505)

23 Human Prisoner (503)

Failed to pin target for combat.



The Reaper name-tag raises concerns as the pirate base recently destroyed by the DTR in the Halo Periphery was also run by a group of pirates who identified as 'reapers', a group of degenerate lowlives who were later found to be violent cannibals, as well as pirates. So the possibility that this reaper scourge may now have spread beyond Halo comes as alarming news to civilians throughout the Peripheries. Further, the ship scan makes it clear that these pirates have substantial backing behind them, with large quantities of very high mark equipment.

Special Report – More Declassified Confederate Historical Documents

Confederate Naval Forces (65)

++ History and Culture Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.48.5 ++

++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Lt. Fredricks: We move to the start of a dark chapter in history now Sir
Duke West: Grim. Play the report.

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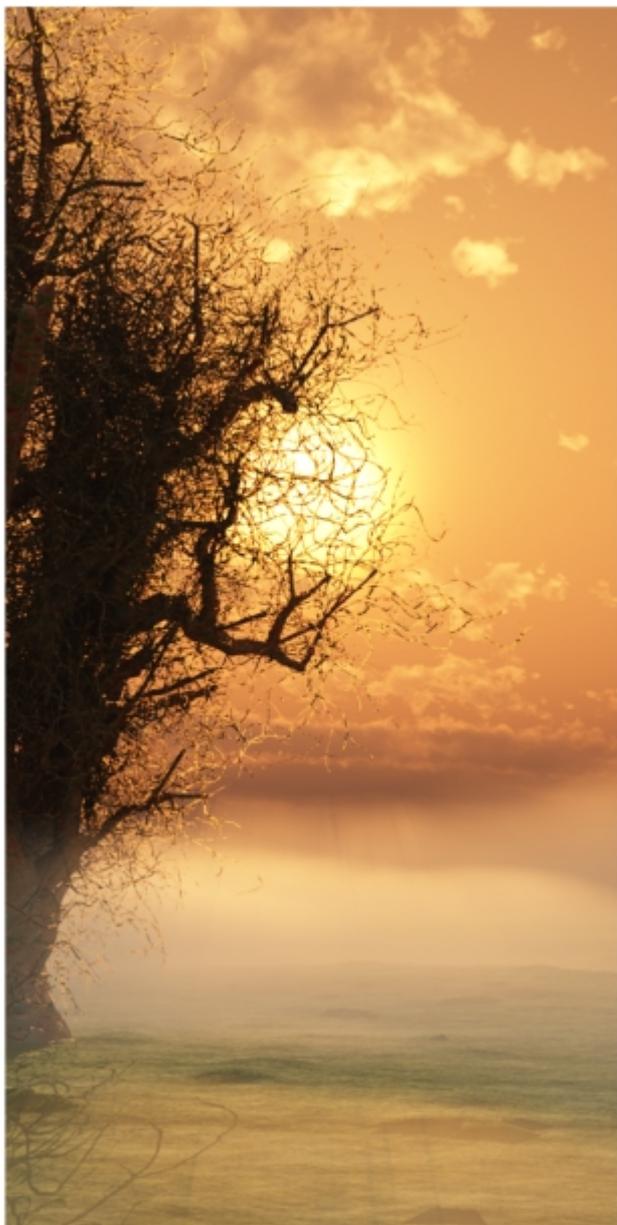
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++ Status: Under review

>Date 7.2: Special Action {...} {...}

Action:

Draper next looks at the emergence of Samuel on the political scene in 153, his recognition by Emperor Paul on his deathbed in 153 and the following outbreak of civil war between the BHD, Samuel and Nobles against other nobles, ISP and chartered companies between 153 and 155. Draper looks at the initial period of nuclear civil war between 153 and the defeat of Samuels forces in 155



Special Action/Earth History/Civil War

Emperor Paul was believed to be a religious man although this has been questioned in a number of biographies. What is certain though was that towards the latter period of his life he was closely involved with a faction of the New Harmony Church (later named the Brotherhood). Jasil was raised in fairly standard surroundings and became close to many

of the rising mega-corporations affiliation to the empire. It is certain that prior to his presumed inauguration these affiliations had invested considerable effort in to bringing Jasil around to their way of thinking.

The appearance of Samuel was something of a blow to the chartered affiliations. It is quite probable that his rise would have favoured the Brotherhood and the Noble Houses that were concerned by the every growing threat that was the mega-corporations.

The civil war was something of an inevitability once it became clear that the fears of the chartered affiliations became evident. The Noble Houses and the Brotherhood would strip the chartered affiliations of all power and autonomy. This would also swing power away from Sol towards the edges of the Empire.

Jasil, swayed by the chartered affiliations contested the senility of Paul, the birthright of Samuel and the loyalty of the Noble Houses.

Nobody takes responsibility for the first nuke used on Frolic in Dolphinus.

This pro-Samuel garden world was a soft target. The Confederates claimed it

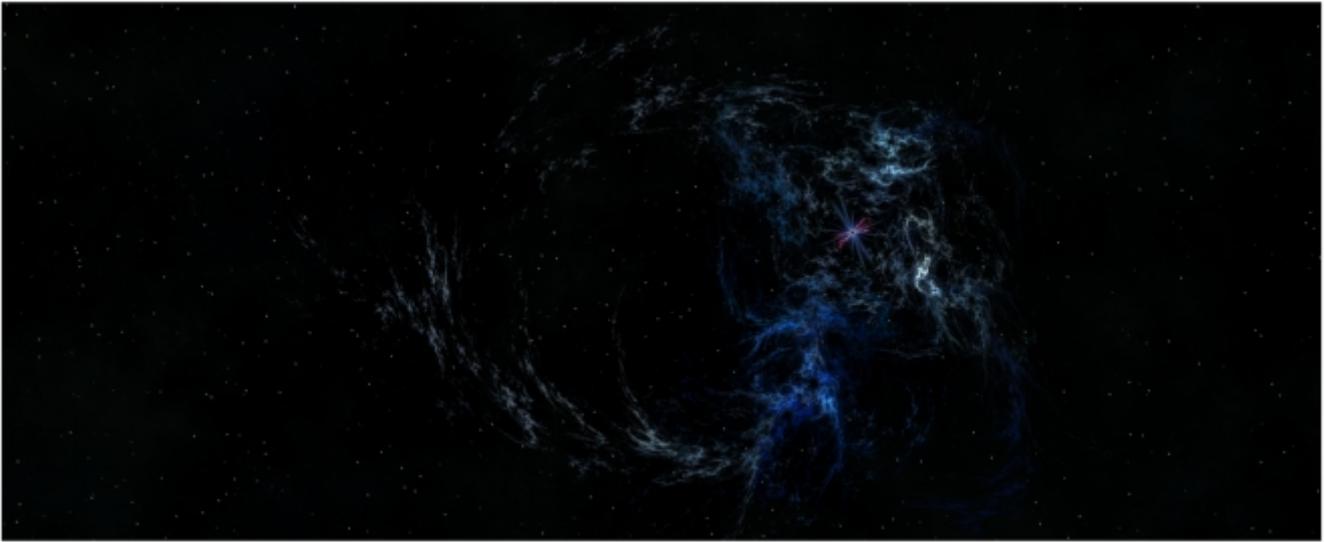
was the Empire while the Imperial faction claimed the Confederates did it

to themselves in order to crystallise their cause and seed dissension in the Imperial ranks.

There are still arguments regarding this first and critical use of nuclear weapons. If the Imperial faction did do it, they choose and excellent target. As it was not military, they could claim that they had no reason for destroying a non-military target while assuring Samuel they meant business. If it was the CNF, not only did they create a powerful political tool but they also made it clear the lengths they would go to. As it was more than seven hundred thousand people were killed instantly.

Duke West: Authorised for release, update status

Lt. Fredricks: Updating now, Sir



Star Date 211.50.1

A New Star In The Heavens

A Confederate Press Release this week has given details of an amazing new engineering project that has been unveiled in the Sol system:

+++ Incoming Transmission +++

Greetings friends,

It is not something one can claim to be able to say every day but it is my pleasure to announce the creation of a new planet in the Sol system. Eagle eyed observers from Earth would have noticed the appearance of what appeared to be a new star in the night sky as reflected light from the new world proved as bright as that of Venus.

Long ago the Mohache nation agreed to supply food to the peoples of earth to assist with the massive shortages the world faces every day. It is to this task that our friend Smokes in Mountains and the other Mohache elders turned their considerable talents. Rather than ship in food for a day, a week or month it was decided much better to grow supplies near where they are needed so as to provide part of the long term plan to help Earth's many hungry citizens.

A massive civil engineering and technological enterprise was therefore initiated to create a purpose built area with the optimal conditions needed to concentrate the growth of food. The construction of this new planet where this can occur has now been completed. This has taken many months to achieve and a lot of effort from the Mohache, House LiQuan, Confederate Naval Forces and others.

The culmination of this project has now resulted in the creation of this new planet which will someday house some of the biggest fields in the Peripheries. The final phase was witnessed and overseen by officials from the Mohache and CNF with none other than Emperor Lysander himself pushing the button to complete this part of the project.

This is a true engineering wonder of our age of which I am proud to have played a small part. The new celestial body has been named Lysander's Garden in honour of Emperor Lysander and in keeping with its eventual purpose.

The Emperor has asked me to express his thanks to our Mohache friends for all their efforts as well as all those of his subjects in the empire who have played a part in one way or another.

Jordan Roswell Jr

Senior Commander, Confederate Naval Forces

Heir Apparent, House Roswell.

Our newsroom has yet to receive any word on how this project has been greeted on Earth, or indeed how much food it will provide, but either way, it is sure to be welcomed by the hungry masses on the planet below.

Imperial Space

An audit is currently underway of all third party assets and facilities within Imperial space. The purpose of this audit is currently unknown, but speculation is mounting that a new IMP Tax may be about to be introduced.

Piracy

Dewiek forces are reporting the defeat of the pirate vessel Royal Callers that failed a boarding attempt in Tycoon system.

Dreams And Portents

Strange rumours are circulating regarding odd happenings within the Falconian Republic, there has apparently been an outbreak of unexplained deaths and suicides, with many Falconian religious leaders reporting an increase in apocalypse related cult activity.

Piracy

The HLQ freighter Newt Spawn 1 has fallen to the pirate ship Reaper Tag Li in orbit of the planet Misre.

INDs In Hot Water

The Independent ship Janice has been destroyed whilst loitering suspiciously in Dewiek space. Rumours suggest it may have been involved in some sort of black-op.

More Piracy

The DEN barge class freighter Ratchaser has fallen to pirates at the Solo Stargate. It appears the pirate ship Black Booty managed to weave its way past various affiliations patrol ships in order to launch the audacious attack. Both pirate and victim appear to have escaped unharmed.

Reports Of Their Demise Much Exaggerated

It appears our reporting last week of the demise of the TAG affiliation may have been in error, as our news-room now believes the TAG to still be in business, just a sleeker more stream-lined TAG.

More Doom Mongering

Perhaps it is just the time of year, and with the new year fast approaching, but our newsroom has received a few reports of small doomsday cults cropping up throughout DTR space. Many of the vague prophecies seem to regard 'something that is coming'.

Friends Again

The Brotherhood appear to be softening their stance towards their long-time allies the Detinus Republic this week, with their antagonistic stance shifting back towards neutral. The DTR Foreign Minister Cassius Jerusalem has spoken to reporters at length on how pleased he is that relations between the two powers are improving once again, taking time to stress the bonds of friendship that have long existed between the DTR and the CNF-Bloc. He even took the unusual step of praising the True One for the blessing of friendship.



More Pirates

Yet another pirate ground party has been destroyed whilst attempting to scout a DTR installations in the Straddle system, marking the... somethingth PIR GP to be destroyed by various bases within the system. There's been several. We didn't keep count.

Special Report – More Declassified Confederate Historical Documents

Confederate Naval Forces (65)

++ History and Culture Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.49.5 ++

++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Lt. Fredricks: Some notes on the Tau Ceti convention now, Sir.

Duke West: Lets see

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++ Type: Historical Research Notes - Author Robert William Draper

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Action:

The Tau Ceti Convention (sometime between 155 and 158?) marked the banning of many of the nuclear, chemical and biological weapons which hit the empire on both sides. Draper looks at confederate records of the signing of the treaty and the subsequent mass exodus of disgruntled peoples to the inner confederacy through the collapsing star system (unsure of name?) between 158 and 163. Presumably Samuel and the Brotherhood must have known of this area of space prior to 158 when they fled the empire in 155. Was it the case where the empire was in such a bad way that Jasil was unable to stop the flow and finish off the job against Samuel ?

Result:

Special Action/Earth History/Tau Ceti Convention

The war quickly ground to a halt. While the forces of Jasil were winning simply through the resources from Earth and Sol, they were by no means driving the Confederacy before them. The further from Sol they pursued the Confederacy the longer their supply lines were and the easier it was for the Confederacy to attack them.

Parts of Earth had been devastated and the death toll throughout the Empire was in the billions. Public support was at an all time low.

The Brotherhood had established their secret haven in New Sol beyond the RR-Lyrae star more than a decade prior to the war. It was in this system that Samuel received his indoctrination.

Once the Empire discovered that there was a region of space beyond the star, it quickly became clear that the war would drag on for many years. The Confederacy were certainly not telling them that they only know of New Sol and this only had negligible resources.

The victory was therefore a Pyrrhic one for the Empire as they did not have the backing to press on and considering the instability of the RR-Lyrae star, pursuit seemed pointless. The Confederacy agreed to peace upon condition that they were allowed to remove their supporters out of the Empire. This was allowed to continue for some years while the star becomes

ever more unstable.

The theory was that when the RR-Lyrae star eventually lost all stability, the two factions of humanity would be cut off for eternity...

Duke West: Authorised for release, update status

Lt. Fredricks: Updating now, Sir

++ Status: Declassified as of Star Date 211.49.5

Special Report – From The Blog Of DTR Senator Matrim Saric

The buzzer sounded insistently on the desk.

"Yes, Sarah?"

"The candidate is here Sir."

Senator Saric consulted his chronometer whilst his companion a subtly dressed non-descript man in his forties ran through a data slate with a pre-occupied air"

"Thank you Sarah, please send him in."

The door opened and a smartly dressed young man walked in with a confident stride. He held out his arm with a beaming smile only to have it falter as the Senator pointed with his pen at an unoccupied chair on the other side of the desk.

"Please sit", he looked at the sheet and then up, "Mister Demeter" he paused while the young man sat perched on the front edge of the seat and looked up, " Congratulations on passing your exams. This interview should be regarded as a fact finding task rather than an interview per se. We are here to decide on the validity of your assignment choices. You have made your requests?"

The Senator looked somewhat pointedly at his companion who nodded

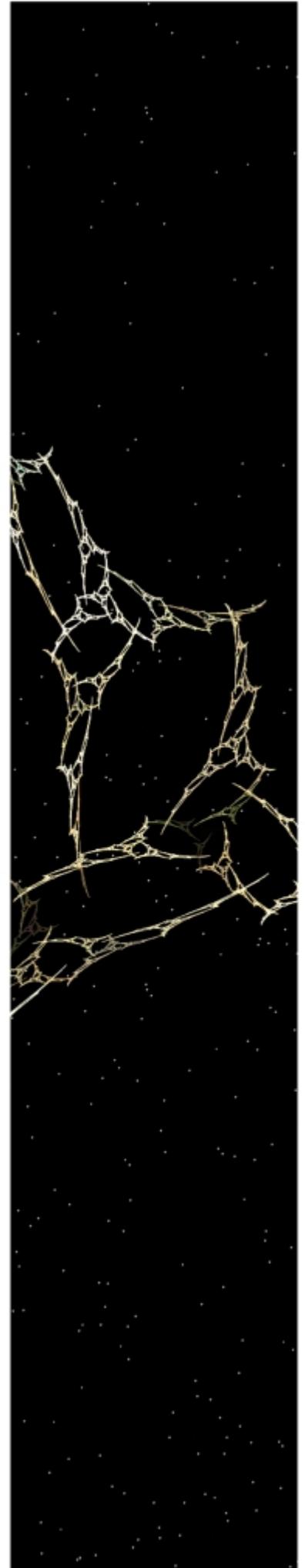
"Interdiction then Path Finders with the Stellar Armada as third choice"

The Senator's face did not twitch, " So you have picked the three most requested branches of government service that it is possible to apply for. Confident are we?" He looked back at the young man

"Yes Sir!" he barked. "I score and rate highly in all combat options and feel I could provide a lot to offer at these levels", he grinned in an apparent attempt at cheerful sincerity.

The Senator looked calmly at him rolling his stylus over his fingers. He appeared to be considering what to say next.

"I would have said ' and feel I have a lot to offer' rather than your choice especially as you



could 'chase' to do nothing of the sort, anyway I note your language scores were somewhat lower than optimal though admittedly midrange. Your choices, somewhat more controversially, are ill-judged though"

The young man froze.

The Senator appeared to think some more before continuing.

"In the Republic the jobs people want to do are the glamorous ones. The interdiction fleet gains regular recognition from pirate actions the path finders are an elite within an elite and , to quote a bad sci fi program, boldly go where no man, woman or often alien has bravely gone before and the Stellar Amada is the hammer that smashes our opponents and protects our freedom as both hammer and anvil. Hence their somewhat emotive badge symbolism. These are the potentially 'glorious' options but are therefore also the ones that people most want to do. No one imagines themselves as an administrator or a trade shop driver yet many do so as a scout ship captain or Marine Lieutenant performing heroic actions yet the very definition of heroic includes out of the ordinary and the majority of people end up doing those first mundane jobs and not the action packed ones of their dreams.

"If you apply for the Path Finders you realise that you would find yourself in competition with about thirty thousand applications for every place. They are so elite and well regarded that they need few 'new' officers. The chances of failure are therefore very extreme. The interdiction fleet need more but their popularity is increased due to the people who did not think they could get to the pathfinders. What are the stats for last year?" he turned to his companion.

"twenty thousand per place for interdiction and twelve thousand for the Stellar Amada. In times of war this drops rapidly as places become more frequently available due to both fleet expansion and death."

"Indeed. Please don't take this the wrong way but if you apply with just these three choices then your chances of failure are high and we do not want to lose a candidate who could become successful in another , less glamorous field"

"Yes Sir, but I really want to do these and I would give a hundred and ten percent"

The Senator frowned, " and the other candidates do not 'really' want to do the same? Plus how can you give a hundred and ten percent? That statement is pure hyperbole as you cannot give ever more than one hundred percent. Plus why only one hundred and ten. If you are making a number up that cannot exist at least aim higher or else all the candidates giving two thousand percent would exaggerate you into defeat."

"Sorry Sir. I would give my all"

"Better and I should hope so, but have you considered the Pathfinders reaction to finding you not only want to explore new worlds you also want to blow the crap out of them with your other choices? Forgive the language. Or the military looking at your suitability wondering why you want to make friends with alien races instead of stamping on their faces and learning how to gut them with a small felt tipped pen?"

The candidate looked sullen whilst the Senator continued,

"Even within the military there are obvious differences. The Interdictors are fast moving and quick reacting. They like enthusiastic energetic people with a hunger for activity whereas the Armada tends to want steady people under fire. If you think of it in terms of fighting then the Armada stands in line and takes and gives punishment in equal measure. The Interdictors try and avoid taking punishment and thus are far more reactive. If you fit one then you will find you are unlikely to fit the other."

"I would recommend removing the pathfinders. To be frank you are too inexperienced. If you want to get there your best choice is to join the Exploration wing and prove yourself before transferring. Scanning planetary resources is not so glamorous but is certainly risky and rewarding with a much better promotion structure due to the vastly increased numbers of both ships and Captains."

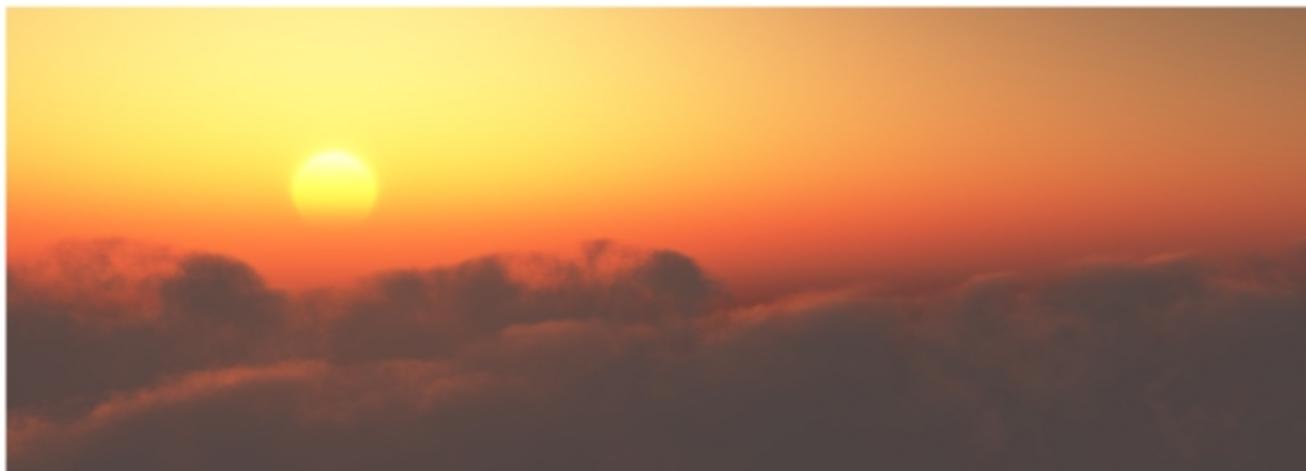
He drew breath,

"By all means leave one of the military options as your number one choice, if military is actually your thing but take at least one of the other choices as a fall back. Lets See. Colonial Administration sounds boring but is actually the most risky of all the choices. Most fleets spend time sitting around bases whereas a colonial administrator is often on an alien world in the middle of nowhere having to rely on his own intelligence and courage to get through. It matters for the future if only in such terms as getting bits of planet named after you. It is actually not for the faint hearted. The final two - trade and logistics equally possess challenges. Trade has constant pirate risk but has the advantages of making more money than any of the other options and logistics is the oil that greases the wheels of the affiliation."

He looked at the recruit." Last chance then, do you wish to change your requests?"

The recruit pondered. Of all my choices Sir exploring the universe has always been my dream. Could I apply for erm Exploration, Colonial Administration and" he paused and winced, "Logistics"

The Senator beamed, " Excellent choices. We will get back to you and I am sure now that you have every chance of success. Good bye"



He waved his hand dismissively and waited for the candidate to leave.

"That was easier than expected, an entire list switch is rare. This is why Senators like volunteering to check the requirement choices of candidates. We like ensuring every branch of the affiliation flourishes"

The small man pondered his data sheet," It certainly helps anyway Path finders appears to be his main aim and on finding he was reducing his options he took the expedient path and selected the best 'path' to the pathfinders. The Colonial Admin appears to piggy back the same desire and the logistics is obviously now functioning as a catch all. Would he get path finders?"

"I doubt it currently. When he matures then perhaps. He might make a good colonial administrator though. "

"May I suggest we place him forward for the Secret Service?, his adaptability impressed me then. We like people who think on their feet and who are willing to switch plans at very short notice plus choosing the logistics wing over the trade wing showed a lack of interest in money and that is a good thing in an agent or runner of agents"

Senator Saric raised his eyebrows, "Indeed. But equally his first choices showed a lack of judgement considering all that information is out there and his choices all indicated glory seeking. For someone prepared to give one hundred and ten percent his application looks more like a sixty. Not bad in itself and certainly not for his original choices but the Secret Service is the one service where glory is obtained but never announced. That would indicate a bad fit."

He added some data to the data slate, " No, my personal recommendation will be for his 'new' first choice. We will see about getting him in the exploration wing and then, who knows, he may prove himself good enough that either the Path Finders or Interdictors take him. He has the potential lets see if he realises it. Ready for the next?"

"Almost. Any political opinion on the murmurings of the Imperial Viceroy and taxation?"

"Not really. If I had to guess I would say that the Viceroy is planning to tax all outposts and bases in his territory. Probably as some sort of method of avoiding having to do any work to build up his own revenues and therefore to get other affiliations to support his own military ambitions. I would have thought that was more your 'area' though.

"True but I wanted a political opinion first. Would you and possibly the Senate oppose this step?"

"Personally I think it will bite him in the backside. All of a sudden with one sweep of his lightsaber shaped pen he could make other affiliations space a far more attractive proposition to set up and if the tax rate is high enough and plenty of bases close down and leave he will have to spend resources and time to build them up himself. That might be the end aim but I don't think being a shop keeper suits his personality. Plus the resultant squeeze on trading goods within his own periphery would hurt his own and favour the MOH who have the capacity to feed it. This is all conjecture though and his plans might be entirely different. We will have to see what his hoodyness actually intends. Responding or planning beforehand is a fools game."

He pressed the buzzer, " Sarah, we are ready for the next candidate but we would particularly like some tea and biscuits first".

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Flagritz On The Move

The Flagritz Empire have leapt, or should we say squelched, into action this week as they launched a strike in the Twinkle system against Felini positions. The FEL Platform Watchtower took the brunt of the conflict as about 20 FLZ heavy warships opened fire, including a 300 hulled FLZ ship that was reportedly armed with an alien weapon system, a TCA Plasma Gun:

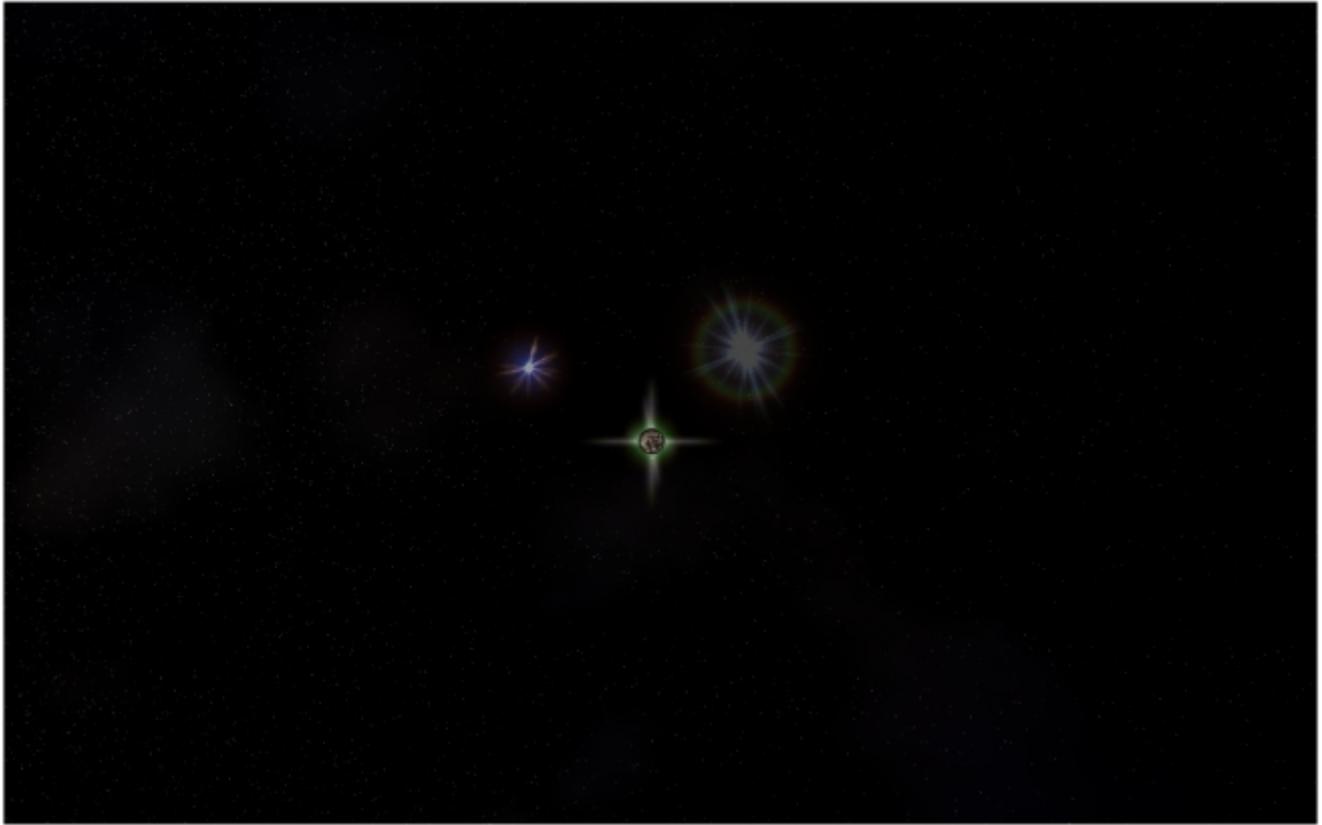
Incoming Fire from FLZ XC Shadowscream (15238)

Round 1: 3 Nova Batteries
- 3 hits - 961 (80) [1140] damage - 95%
2 Nova Cannons
- 2 hits - 6 (29) [160] damage - 95%
1 TCA Plasma
- 1 hit - 457 (31) [600] damage - 95%
Round 2: 3 Nova Batteries
- 3 hits - 991 (52) [1140] damage - 95%
2 Nova Cannons
- 2 hits - 4 (22) [160] damage - 95%

1 TCA Plasma
- 1 hit - 497 (31) [600] damage - 95%
Round 3: 3 Nova Batteries
- 3 hits - 979 (38) [1140] damage - 100%
2 Nova Cannons
- 2 hits - 20 (22) [160] damage - 95%
1 TCA Plasma
- 1 hit - 552 (25) [600] damage - 95%
Round 4: 3 Nova Batteries
- 3 hits - 993 (62) [1140] damage - 95%
2 Nova Cannons
- 2 hits - 47 (37) [160] damage - 95%
1 TCA Plasma
- 1 hit - 509 (29) [600] damage - 95%



Despite taking heavy damage the Watchtower returned fire and destroyed one of the attacking vessels, the FLZ Imperial Overforce. After the first day of battle it seems the FLZ fleet withdrew, as FEL reinforcements rushed to the location. It is at time of press unknown if this was the opening overture of a larger strike, or simply a raid in force.



New Affiliation

The TAGs new owners have revealed themselves to be what remains of the mercenary group owned and operated by the mutant Johnny Alpha, and the TAG have since been renamed the Strontium Dogs, or DOGs. It seems the pirate/mercenaries are leaving their safe-haven in the FET, and setting out on their own, in the face of a potentially hostile universe. Or at least, a potentially hostile Detinus Republic, who do not seem inclined to forgive and forget the number of their ships the Strontium Dogs managed to destroy.

Correction

The recently reported pirate attack in Twinkle in which we claimed a FLZ ship had been destroyed by Black Wolf pirates, was in fact incorrect, and it was a DEN vessel that was destroyed.

Pirates Thwarted

The pirate ship Reaper Tag Li has been spotted again this week as it attempted to board a GTT vessel, under the noses of its escorts. The pirates ran into trouble though, as the GTT had a company of marines onboard, who inflicted heavy losses on the attacking pirates before chasing them back to their ship, whereupon they made a hasty exit.

Sneaky Pirate

A sneaky pirate git has managed to sell a quantity of Gravitron to nowhere other than the GTT HQ. It is suspected the Sneaky Pirate Git cloaked into orbit, sold the ore (stolen recently from the BHD) and sneaked off again before the GTT defensive controllers could open fire. There are unconfirmed reports the Gravitron was delivered by a pirate in a santa costume.

Ooops

A number of Falconian vessels have been attacked by House LiQuan vessels in the Solo system this week, resulting in one load of dumped cargo, some light damage, and two fatalities. The HLQ authorities have confirmed the incident was as the result of out-dated targeting information being incorrectly carried by a warships onboard computer systems, and that it was a complete accident. They offered an apology and reparations, which appear to have been graciously accepted by the Falconians.

Pirate Go Boom

The pirate ship Brigantine, a well known pirate boarder, has been intercepted and destroyed in the Blowton system by a GTT patrol squadron.

Tensions

It appears as if tensions are rising between the Felini and Dewiek this week, as the DEN announced their anger at the apparent militarisation of a wormhole connecting FEL and DEN space in the Beglian system. The DEN gave 24 hours for the FEL to explain themselves, before they would take the remarkable step of declaring the FEL prey. While the DEN appeared to accept the FEL explanation that they have every right to defend their borders, the exchange with the Wolf Mother ended on what can only be called a cold and hostile note, which promises further conflict between these two races of proud warriors.

Pirate Destroyed

The pirate vessel Eyes of Persian has been destroyed by the HLQ in, unsurprisingly, the Persian system.

Confederate Press Release

For the attention of all affiliations:

All systems claimed for the CNF now have system charters which detail who has access to the system, laws to be obeyed whilst there, and any exclusion zones that may be in place. All affiliations are instructed to consult the system charters in order to determine what systems they have access to, instead of using any ARP documents issued in the past. Affiliations that have current ARP's may continue to refer to them for the purposes of colonisation and exploration rights, but all access rights are to be taken from the charters, effective immediately. Obviously, if your affiliation appears on the system enemy list, you do not have access to that system

Some affiliations may find that their access may have changed slightly. This is intentional, and is part of an effort to make the system simpler. There are now 4 levels of systems, and your affiliation will have access up to a certain level. Certain exceptions and additions apply.

Any queries regarding this matter may be directed towards my office or that of the Supreme Commander.

Special Report – Interview With The Flagritz

A rare occasion occurred this week when the normally quite reclusive Flagritz Empire agreed to speak to one of our reporters about their ongoing conflict with the Felini.

1. Why are the FLZ at war with the FEL and how long has the conflict been going on?

The war started when Felini Pirates started targeting Flagritz civilian ships in order to steal the ISR technology. The started on the system that is now called Battlefield. You can imagine why that name. As the Flagritz Imperium never really invested in establishing a strong military outpost there for half of the wormhole cycle the Feline pirates would strike at the Flagritz civilians. The war is but about 2 decades old, but from the limited Felini perspective, usual for such underdeveloped semi-sentient species, the Flagritz have already been turned into age old enemies that eat their cubs.

2. From your point of view, who is winning the war?

We have driven the Felini invaders out so recent events favor us. But wars ebb and flow - this one still has a long way to go.

3. For the FLZ, what would be acceptable conditions for this war to end?

The Felini are an aggressive, expansionist race who use every opportunity to invade and enlarge their "Tyranny". They publicly advocate genocide and are responsible for atrocities such as those committed by them in Crusade. Can feral animals be reasoned with?



Special Report – Declassified Confederate Historical Records

Confederate Naval Forces (65)

++ History and Culture Subcommittee Meeting Minutes: Star Date 211.50.5 ++

++ Location: Somewhere in a bunker in the Darkfold system ++

Lt. Fredricks: After the exodus of the Confederacy we reach the reign of Jasil
Duke West: Hmm, proceed

++ File: 00887\HY.110

++ Type: Historical Research Notes - Author Robert William Draper

++ Status: Under review

>Date 7.5: Special Action {...} {...}

Action:

Following the last flights of the great exodus in 163 and the RR-Lyrae system blocking off the link between New Sol and Empire it left Lord Jasil as the de facto emperor in the Inner Empire up until 201 when Lord Jasil abdicated as emperor. Using the few known facts and more credible detailed knowledge from Emperor Lysander Draper examines the reign of Lord Jasil in the inner empire over the 38 years he was in power. For much of this time the empire was sealed off from the peripheries due to aliens and such, look at the events of this period.

Result:

Special Action/Earth History/Post Rebellion

Following the exodus of the Confederacy, strict limits were placed on religious organisations. These generally covered their personal control of assets. They were no longer allowed to control starbases within the boundaries of the Empire but had to maintain civilian holdings only. This lack of shipping and starbases effectively cut their power and over time the New Harmony Church lost much of the influence it had prior to the schism with the Brotherhood.

The end of the war also meant that the Emperor became increasingly introspective and the Empire became insular.

It is fairly certain that if it were not for the pressure placed on the throne by the chartered affiliations, the Empire would never have made it to the Peripheries. As it was, the discovery of the Detinus Republic in Capellan came as a terrible shock to Jasil. Immediately Jasil feared yet another civil war further draining resources from the Empire.

This is cited as the primary reason for the gradual closing of the borders

between the Periphery and the Inner Empire.

The final lynchpin however, even more so than the Flagritz was the discovery of the Darkfold Periphery. Suddenly it became clear that while space was big, it just was not big enough.

As the Imperial Services battled the Confederacy and the Detinus Republic, Jasil looked to his own defences. Pollux was bolstered and Tau Ceti, became largely a naval system centred on the moon of Cassiopeia, Ceti 3i.

Desperate to ensure that should the old enemies of the Empire return, higher taxes were applied to shipping and while they paid grumblings regarding and distant and unseen enemy were muttered.

During the period, Jasil left the Inner Empire only twice, the first time to tour the Peripheries and secondly to witness the interment of his father.

Jasil hoped that the latter would spell the end of hostilities between the Empire and the Confederacy. This though proved to be his undoing in a most unforeseen way.

Duke West: Authorised for release, update status

Lt. Fredricks: Updating now, Sir

++ Status: Declassified as of Star Date 211.50.5



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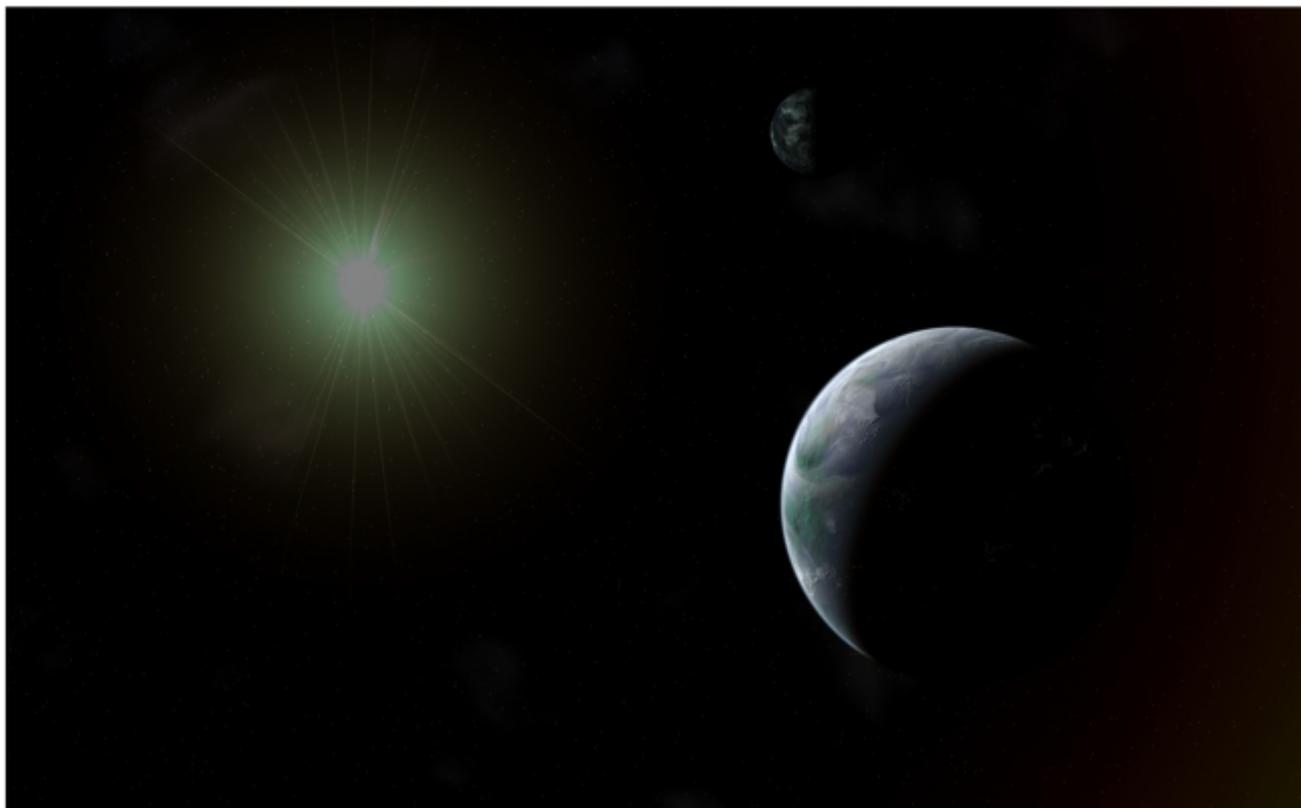
Falconians No More

The big news this week is the merger of the FCN republic with the Dewiek Eldar Nation, Consul Armand, leader of the FCN, made the following statement to the press:

“It is my destiny as head of House Magpie and Consul of the Falconian Republic to announce that it is my decision for House Magpie to join the Dewiek Elder Nation. Other houses have also seen that the best interests of the Falconian people have been well served by the close cooperation we have had with the Dewiek elder Nation. It follows that all Falconian assets will be transferring in the very near future to a DEN flag. I will represent the interests of the Falconian people within that as head of the Magpie Collective and claim my place on the Dewiek Council. A new way forward with One Nation, Two species.”

This marks the end as an independent power of one of the Peripheries oldest alien races, though the peaceful amalgamation will surely increase the power and influence of both alien races in the face of what many feel is an increasingly hostile human dominated universe. It is understood that FCN positions are already reflagged as DEN. Though quite what this means for the Falconians ongoing conflict with the Flagritz remains to be seen, are the DEN now allied to the FEL, will the DEN enter the war against the FLZ? It seems not, as the Dewiek leader Adoqhina responded to this line of questioning by stating: “The Nation considers the Flagritz Empire friends.”

While we have yet to receive confirmation then, it seems as if the Felini may now stand alone against the Flagritz, having lost all of their Consortium allies.



Flagritz Raid

The Flagritz raid on the Twinkle system has progressed following last weeks report. After their attack on the Stargate platform, the FLZ vessels set course for the planet Steel where, after an initial orbital bombardment, they ground assaulted a small Felini outpost with what FEL sources are describing as little success. It seems the FLZ may have been operating under incorrect intel, as the defenders of the FEL outpost were well equipped with arms and troops and well dug in, proving to be more than sufficient to throw back the attacking FLZ troops after several days of fierce combat which saw heavy (though unsubstantiated) losses amongst the attacking force. At time of press we understand the orbital bombardment is continuing, and that Felini space forces have not yet intervened. We can confirm the loss of a Flagritz baseship during their withdrawal from combat with the platform.

Independants In Trouble

Our newsroom has received a report of the destruction of two IND flagged transport vessels in the Twinkle system by the SMS. This is however all we know, the location of the battle, and the reasons, are a mystery.

Twilight

Rumours are circulating that the Twilight periphery link has re-opened after more than two years closed. The fate of the combined SMS/FCN/FEL battlefleet that entered that long time ago remains unknown, though it seems unlikely they could have survived so long, cut off from all bases of operation, deep inside enemy space.

Pirate Destroyed

AFT sources are reporting the destruction of the pirate ship ‘Eyes Of Large’ in the Solo system.

The pirate ship Ghost Of Tau has been destroyed by HLQ platforms in the Tau Ceti system.

The Detinus Republic has destroyed multiple pirate scouting assets in locations too numerous to mention this week, sparking rumours that Diaz has run out of shoes. Though in fairness whenever anything happens in the DTR, there are rumours that Diaz has run out of shoes.

Christmas Edition

Holy Planets Batman

The bells of Varanasi have rung out this week in rapturous celebration, a clarion call to the faithful across Aquae Fortis. The data networks carrying magnificent news across the world and through interstellar space to the furthest reaches of the dominion of mankind: After deep consultation between the mystics of the Brotherhood, official recognition of this world's spiritual status is granted. The Brotherhood have designated Aquae Fortis official status as a shrine world, one of the three holiest worlds to the followers of the True Faith and the first to receive such official recognition.

Krell Concerns

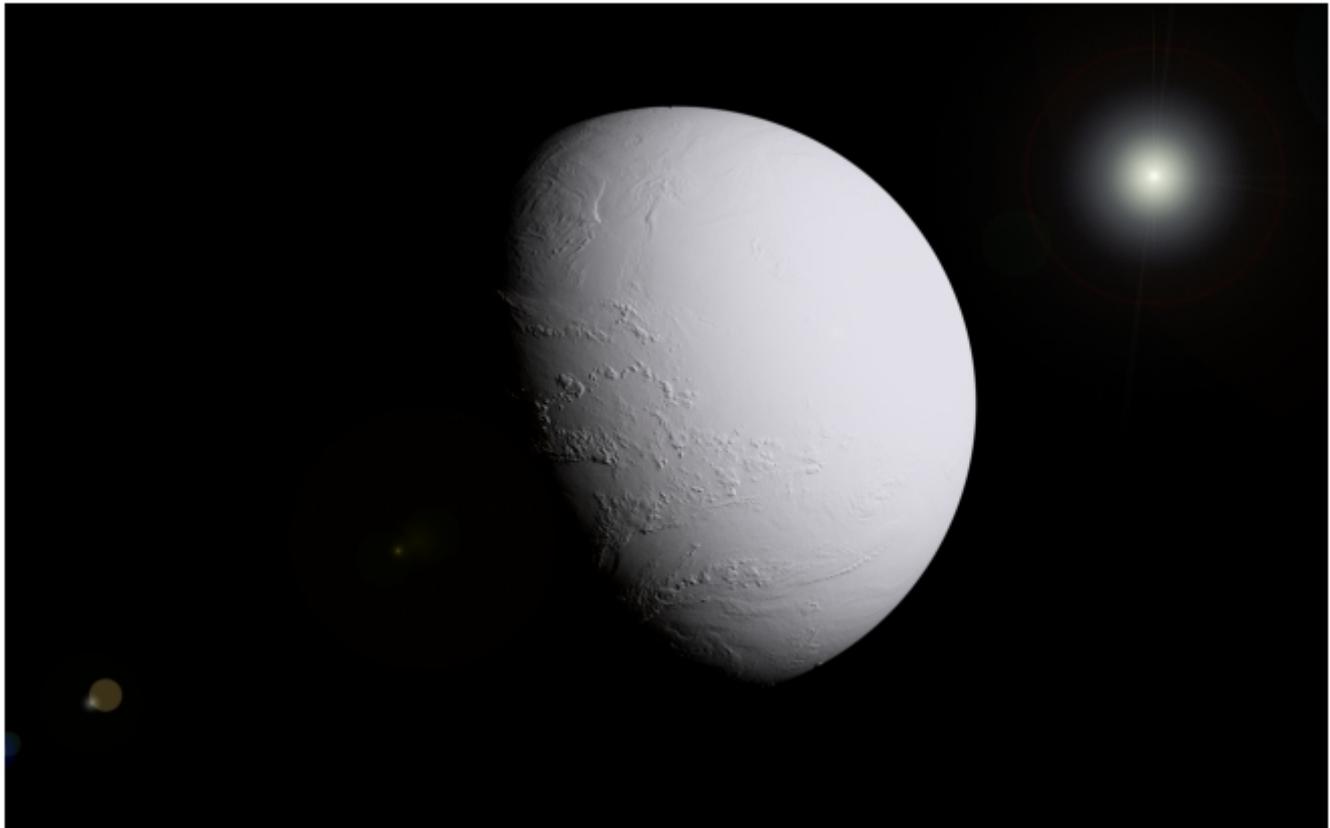
The happy go lucky Krell have raised concerns following the Falconian merger with the DEN this week, wondering if agreements made with the FCN are now still in place considering the FCN effectively have new leadership. This suggests the FCN/DEN merger took a number of affiliations with pre-existing agreements with the FCN somewhat by surprise, and people are now scrambling to see if these agreements are compatible with the DEN too.

Twinkle

More pirate reports are surfacing from the Twinkle system, where a Flagritz vessel has reportedly been unsuccessfully attacked. The Flagritz have been quick to criticise the Felini-administered system for having poor security, though given the FLZ were involved in a hit and run raid against FEL positions in the last few weeks, they are unlikely to find much help and support against pirates.

New Sol

We have received reports that the New Sol system, located somewhere inside Confederate space, has declared itself for the Brotherhood, swapping from the CNF, making this a very good news week for the Brotherhood. We here at the IGN newsroom can only speculate, but it seems possible the aforementioned planet Aquae Fortis may well be located within New Sol. Though we happily await correction from those more knowledgeable.



Christmas In Faery

Detinus Republic news agencies are carrying reports of a number of improvements made to the infrastructure of planets in the Faery system. Local inhabitants of the system have declared planet-wide holidays in celebration, and the DTR are welcoming applications from third party affiliations who might wish to set up bases within the Faery system, at least from affiliations not called 'DOG' anyway.

Special Report – Christmas Rescue

The Mohache Myrmica class survey vessel Ingenuous Observer drifted gently in space, the greyed metal hulls gleaming faintly in the

light of the distant star. The numerous antenna of the ship's sensor arrays were angled in a pattern that, to an observer trained in the art of stellar survey, showed the ship was performing a routine scan of the quadrant.

Telescopic camera arrays taking images in various wavelengths and radio spectral arrays analysing for any signals, the crew were performing a survey of an asteroid belt in the next quadrant over. Ute Jeerem Heepwoor, reporting to Smokes in Mountains, had been assigned the task as a shakedown journey for the vessel.

Jeerem and his crew, analysing the hunks of rock, noticed an anomaly floating in the belt. The density of the object indicated heavy metals, but spectral analysis also suggested the presence of faint EM fields. Gaseous venting from several points on the object indicated the anomaly was, in fact, an inert ship.

Thrusters firing intermittently, the ship rotated through space to angle the densest cluster of sensors on the vessel. Cameras telescoped and focused on the dead ship, resolving into the shape of a Dewiek 10 hulled Ranger-N class sensor ship. Carved into the widest point on the hull were three letters in the Dewiek alphabet. Loosely translated into Mohache via the EEM Earthish dictionary database, the acronym SOS jumped out of the display at Jeerem.

"Hmmm," he mused. "SOS..." The Dewiek were known to value their own hides quite highly. "Save Our Skins?"

The comms crewman had been broadcasting messages to the stationary hulk since it had been established as a ship, with no response.

"I think we need to take a closer look. Might be worth taking lunch over too." mused the Ute.

The Ingenuous Observer mated docking ports with the much smaller Ranger-N, and vented atmosphere into the chamber. Mohache braves clustered around the port, carrying medical equipment, small arms and their lunch amongst other items. Gawping as three Dewiek peered back with muzzles slathering at the thought of their rescuers' food. Or their rescuers being food, difficult to tell with the pack.

The three Dewiek, once pacified with some raw steaks, detailed their story. They had been assigned a wandering remit aboard the Ranger-N vessel, and had accidentally jumped into the asteroid belt - unfortunately, the ship's AI Navigators had been right on top of a micrometeorite when the ISR field resolved in the system. Unable to man all of the systems themselves, they had entered into minimum operation mode in the hope of rescue from other Dewiek ships when they failed to report in. They were, however, a long long way from Dewiek space, and no rescue had been forthcoming for several weeks.

The cargo bay doors of the I.O opened and, thrusters firing gently once more, the Myrmica manoeuvred slowly to swallow the Ranger-N. Once locked down, the Myrmica's ISR Engines fired up, and the ship blinked out of existence.



From Morgan's Blog - They as tooks 211

211.53

DEN SHIP APF1 EYES WIDE OPEN (14629) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Broadsword Class Sensor Ship {Heavy Armour}

211.51

DEN SHIP JYCKU (41578) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

FLZ SHIP GR TW VEII 1 (4292) - {100 Heavy Hulls}
Battleship Class Capital Ship {Heavy Armour}

CIA SHIP FRANTIC ESCAPE (49936) - {100 Heavy Hulls}
Cia Battleship Class Capital Ship {Heavy Armour}

211.50

CIA SHIP STRASHNI (92621) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Scout Runner Class Scout {No Armour}

211.49

CIA SHIP IJORA (15124) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Scout Runner Class Scout {No Armour}

GTT SHIP TRADE APPETITE (19783) - {50 Light Hulls}
Light Hauler Class Freighter {No Armour}

DEN SHIP RATCHASER I (12330) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.48

IMP SHIP KCF- SMOOTH PORCUPINE (13610) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.47

RIP SHIP FURB (22011) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Solo Class Destroyer {Medium Armour}

DTR SHIP FLUTTTTERBY (89401) - {50 XLight Hulls}
Butterfly Class Freighter {Light Ablative Armour}

211.46

CIA SHIP ORGANIC 3 (56806) - {150 Light Hulls}
Ark Mk2 Class Freighter {No Armour}

FLZ SHIP YS GS-2 FF (58072) - {125 Normal Hulls}
Garbage Scow Class Fast Freighter {Light Armour}

DEN SHIP JYCKE (41168) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Fast Freighter {No Armour}

211.43

GTT SHIP TARDIS IV (54230) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Survey Cruiser Class Explorer {Light Armour}

211.42

FCN SHIP TK SWAT (76814) - {100 XLight Hulls}
Condor Class Freighter {Light Armour}

211.41

CIA SHIP ISKRA (74229) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Scout Runner Class Scout {No Armour}

IMP SHIP GROUND SUPPORT SHIP CARGO (31659) - {40 Light Hulls}
Carrack Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.40

BHD SHIP RVF TEMPEST BARGE 04 (64970) - {100 Light Hulls}
Tempest Hauler Class Passenger Liner {No Armour}

211.39

MOH SHIP SERIOUS CALLERS ONLY (24301) - {100 Heavy Hulls}
Nemesis Class Capital Ship {Advanced Heavy Armour}

HVB SHIP HORNISSE (76170) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Solo Class Fast Freighter {Light Armour}

211.38

HVB SHIP WESPE (66813) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Solo Class Fast Freighter {Light Armour}

MOH SHIP NAH BEHAZLAHA (93006) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Survey Cruiser Class Explorer {Light Armour}

211.37

MOH SHIP MELBA YNN WUUMIR (95640) - {50 Light Hulls}
Peech Class Freighter {No Armour}

GTT SHIP LITTLE STAR 3 (33362) - {200 Light Hulls}
Super Clipper Class Freighter {No Armour}

FEL SHIP MS SHIELD OF TYRE (97773) - {150 Heavy Hulls}
Sabre Tooth Leap Class Carrier {Heavy Armour}

GTT SHIP CUNNARIC - 01 (99735) - {150 XLight Hulls}
Gigant Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.36

FEL SHIP PRIDE FOUNDER (95078) - {75 Normal Hulls}
Templar Scholar Class Interceptor {No Armour}

FEL SHIP NEW HOPE (16446) - {50 XLight Hulls}
Lynx Clusterer Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.35

FEL SHIP CATAclysm OF SUFFERING (83175) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Beholder Class Heavy Cruiser {No Armour}

CIA SHIP THORLIUM SUNRISE (49241) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Khopesh Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Ablative Armour}

CIA SHIP GALACTICA (80814) - {100 Heavy Hulls}
Rogue Fighter Class Carrier {Heavy Armour}

RVN SHIP XS NEBBIOLO 01 (62652) - {10 Heavy Hulls}
Yacht Class Explorer {No Armour}

FEL SHIP SHARD OF ANGUISH (26968) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Lynx Jester Class Carrier {Medium Ablative Armour}

211.32

CIA SHIP STATELY PLANE (7508) - {50 XLight Hulls}
Hlq X-Light Trader Class Freighter {No Armour}

GTT SHIP KRIEGER TRADER (41541) - {50 Light Hulls}
Krieganic Class Freighter {No Armour}

CIA SHIP STATELY CROWN (49937) - {50 XLight Hulls}
Hlq X-Light Trader Class Freighter {No Armour}

CIA SHIP SFA BROADHAVEN (64662) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Solo Class Fast Freighter {Light Armour}

FLZ SHIP GR HALO HC (19427) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Broadsword Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

211.31

FCN SHIP TK MIXED TRANSPORT (99563) - {100 XLight Hulls}
Condor Class Freighter {Light Armour}

IMP SHIP SEEKER 4 (81677) - {10 Normal Hulls}
St Clair Class Explorer {No Armour}

IMP SHIP CARA MIA (42653) - {75 Light Hulls}
Caravel Class Fast Freighter {No Armour}

211.29

IMP SHIP PROSPECTOR SIX (6726) - {75 Light Hulls}
Caravel Class Fast Freighter {No Armour}

FEL SHIP KITTENS GAMBIT V (11868) - {25 Light Hulls}
Cheetah Hauler - 25lh Class Freighter {No Armour}

CIA SHIP TURON (52304) - {25 Heavy Hulls}
Patrol li Class Explorer {Heavy Ablative Armour}

CIA SHIP BEZPOKOINI (48370) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Scout Runner Class Scout {No Armour}

211.28

FEL SHIP HDR ALPHA 6 (50815) - {25 Normal Hulls}
Cheetah Rasp Class Destroyer {Medium Armour}

HVB SHIP BARONS BARGE 1 (96956) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.27

OPS SHIP BS#11 (80562) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Broadsword Class Fast Freighter {Heavy Armour}

211.26

CIA SHIP NEW SHIP (29077) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Solo Class Fast Freighter {Light Armour}

FEL SHIP KITTENS GAMBIT III (47612) - {25 Light Hulls}
Cheetah Hauler - 25lh Class Freighter {No Armour}

COH SHIP J2A HALORUNS (76113) - {75 Light Hulls}
Hlq Freighter Class Freighter {No Armour}

HVB SHIP HUSZAR (96032) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Broadsword Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

211.25

COH SHIP #26A (97347) - {75 Light Hulls}
Maple Class Freighter {No Armour}

BHD SHIP UNUS VERUS DEUS (64781) - {100 Light Hulls}
Tempest Hauler Class Freighter {No Armour}

BHD SHIP UNUS VERUS DEUS (57042) - {100 Light Hulls}
Tempest Hauler Class Freighter {No Armour}

IMP SHIP SAINT MARY (34418) - {100 Light Hulls}
Oak Class Freighter {Light Ablative Armour}

IND SHIP DRYFUS (21701) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Broadsword Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

OPS SHIP BGWS#1 (23505) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Broadsword Class Fast Freighter {Heavy Armour}

MOH SHIP PERSII OREAO (48803) - {50 Light Hulls}
Peech Class Ore Freighter {No Armour}

MOH SHIP PERSII OREEO (69083) - {50 Light Hulls}
Peech Class Ore Freighter {No Armour}

211.24

MOH SHIP PERSII NAH JIIE 10 (96653) - {50 Light Hulls}
Peech Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.22

MOH SHIP ALBAA SAALON SIVV (56252) - {25 Light Hulls}
Ash Class Ore Freighter {No Armour}

FET SHIP GRANNYS MANGO CHUTNEY TR9 (28785) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.21

FEL SHIP HAULAGE KITTEN II (95250) - {25 Light Hulls}
Cheetah Hauler - 25lh Class Freighter {No Armour}

GTT SHIP KRIEGANT (82927) - {150 XLight Hulls}
Gigant Class Freighter {No Armour}

FEL SHIP LIONS FEET XII (H) (61109) - {50 XLight Hulls}
Ginger Tom Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.20

CIA SHIP SFET BANTHA (49750) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Solo Class Fast Freighter {Light Armour}

IND SHIP YLL (82889) - {75 Normal Hulls}
Deep Explorer Class Sensor Ship {Medium Armour}

DTR SHIP BEAGLE (788) - {10 Normal Hulls}
War Galley Class Sensor Ship {No Armour}

DTR SHIP SWEEPER 124 R12 (20842) - {20 Heavy Hulls}
Sweeper Class Sensor Ship {Light Ablative Armour}

211.19

IMP SHIP Z901 TITAN CARRIER (8370) - {100 XLight Hulls}

Behemoth Class Freighter {Light Ablative Armour}

DTR SHIP SWEEPER 124 R15 (9564) - {20 Heavy Hulls}
Sweeper Class Sensor Ship {Light Ablative Armour}

EEM SHIP GM TEST SHIP -DO NOT ATTACK! (59125) - {25 Heavy Hulls}
Sprint Class Scout {No Armour}

211.17

FET SHIP FRG LEGIO DRACONIS IV (39735) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.16

AFT SHIP CUTTY SARK (72146) - {75 Light Hulls}
Caravel Class Interceptor {No Armour}

DTR SHIP CVL GALLERY PIECE (90152) - {75 Light Hulls}
Caravel Class Fast Freighter {No Armour}

211.15

CIA SHIP SADDLE HEAD (71914) - {25 Heavy Hulls}
Patrol Ii (444) Class Explorer

GTT SHIP FREIGHT 10 (79792) - {100 Light Hulls}
Tempest Class Freighter {No Armour}

211.14

IMP SHIP LBG OSHTUR (77754) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Javelin Class Sensor Ship {Heavy Ablative Armour}

FCN SHIP HS SNAIL (74854) - {150 XLight Hulls}
Albatross Hauler Class Freighter {Light Ablative Armour}

AFT SHIP PEGGY LEE (81010) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Free Trader Gx Class Troop Transport {No Armour}

211.13

BHD SHIP UNUS VERUS DEUS (4340) - {100 Light Hulls}
Tempest Class Freighter {No Armour}

FET SHIP GREEN (76259) - {75 Light Hulls}
Caravel Class Fast Freighter {No Armour}

CNF SHIP RVNZ BETTE DAVIS EYES (8608) - {75 Heavy Hulls}
Broadsword Class Sensor Ship {Heavy Armour}

IMP SHIP ECLECTIC SHARK (92967) - {100 Heavy Hulls}
Photonic Ship Class Capital Ship {Advanced Heavy Armour}

211.12

FEL SHIP NEW SHORES (6820) - {40 Normal Hulls}
Tiel-rani Class Troop Transport {Medium Armour}

IMP SHIP PROWLER (84595) - {10 Normal Hulls}
St Clair Class Explorer {No Armour}

211.11

PIR SHIP EYES OF LARGE (48471) - {10 Normal Hulls}
Carny Class Explorer {No Armour}

HLQ SHIP H WORKER 15 (78245) - {50 Light Hulls}

Worker Class Freighter {No Armour}

IMP SHIP PATROL MASTERS (42684) - {2 Normal Hulls}

Soiux Class Sensor Ship {Light Ablative Armour}

HLQ SHIP BS 112 (82554) - {100 Heavy Hulls}

Hlq Battleship Class Capital Ship {Heavy Armour}

IMP SHIP DRAGONS DESTINY (73882) - {75 Light Hulls}

Caravel Class Ore Freighter {No Armour}

211.10

FLZ SHIP GR TRANSPORT 2 (50639) - {75 Light Hulls}

Caravel Class Fast Freighter {No Armour}

HLQ SHIP XTS 05 (43591) - {50 XLight Hulls}

Hlq X-Light Trader Class Freighter {No Armour}

HLQ SHIP XTS 07 (76652) - {50 XLight Hulls}

Hlq X-Light Trader Class Freighter {No Armour}

FLZ SHIP GT FREIGHTER 1 (50431) - {40 Light Hulls}

Carrack Class Freighter {No Armour}

FET SHIP TRADER-001 (25516) - {100 Light Hulls}

Pioneer Class Freighter {Light Ablative Armour}

211.09

HLQ SHIP LIFE GIVER (84686) - {150 Light Hulls}

Countess Class Passenger Liner {No Armour}

GTT SHIP DUDLEY POUNDER 3 (66619) - {100 Heavy Hulls}

Warspite Class Capital Ship {Heavy Armour}

211.08

DTR SHIP SWEEPER 124 R14 (12397) - {20 Heavy Hulls}

Sweeper Class Sensor Ship {Light Ablative Armour}

211.07

CNF SHIP RVNZ RAGE OF GLORFINDEL (52195) - {100 Heavy Hulls}

Hatchet Class Capital Ship {Heavy Armour}

FEL SHIP MS GENOCIDES REWARD (74020) - {200 Heavy Hulls}

Overlord Class Capital Ship {Heavy Armour}

CIA SHIP BAGGY POINT (53006) - {25 Heavy Hulls}

Patrol li Class Explorer {Heavy Ablative Armour}

GTT SHIP BRUTE (91938) - {50 Heavy Hulls}

Pig Sticker Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Ablative Armour}

GTT SHIP BRUTE (4631) - {50 Heavy Hulls}

Pig Sticker Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Ablative Armour}

211.06

CNF SHIP RVNT SMILING GREKKEN 10 (84509) - {50 Light Hulls}

Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

GTT SHIP BRUTE (85257) - {50 Heavy Hulls}

Strike Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Ablative Armour}

IMP SHIP LORD ZACCARIAH (80255) - {20 Normal Hulls}

Courier Class Sensor Ship {No Armour}

GTT SHIP FREIGHTER 24-21 (31238) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

CNF SHIP RVNT KALAHARI HAULER 03 (47189) - {50 XLight Hulls}
Lynx Interhauler Class Freighter {No Armour}

IMP SHIP RVNT MALTESE FALCON 06 (43248) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

CNF SHIP RVNT SPITTING TOAD 10 (48262) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

FEL SHIP MS SHIELD OF SAMARIA (40901) - {150 Heavy Hulls}
Manx Max Class Carrier {Heavy Ablative Armour}

IMP SHIP BOOMER (74120) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Javelin Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Ablative Armour}

211.05

IMP SHIP STEPTOE & SON 46 (7526) - {40 Light Hulls}
Carrack Class Freighter {No Armour}

DTR SHIP PATHFINDER I (62898) - {20 Heavy Hulls}
Surveyor Class Explorer {No Armour}

GTT SHIP BLACK WOLF XI (67095) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Gothic Destroyer Class Heavy Cruiser {Medium Ablative Armour}

211.04

IMP SHIP FREIGHT IV (88012) - {100 XLight Hulls}
Behemoth Class Freighter {Light Ablative Armour}

211.03

IMP SHIP RVNT MALTESE FALCON 08 (84988) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

CNF SHIP RVNT DANCING MOLKER 03 (31763) - {50 Light Hulls}
Barge Class Freighter {No Armour}

CNF SHIP RVNT ZUKERTORT (32016) - {100 XLight Hulls}
Condor Class Freighter {Light Armour}

FEL SHIP CTE PRIDE OF DAKYANUS (42398) - {100 Light Hulls}
Oak Class Ore Freighter {Light Ablative Armour}

IMP SHIP ORES OUT (3772) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Solo Class Ore Freighter {Medium Armour}

211.02

GTT SHIP HARRIER 3 (62053) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Asteroid Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

GTT SHIP HARRIER 4 (69363) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Asteroid Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

GTT SHIP HARRIER 2 (28438) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Asteroid Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

GTT SHIP HARRIER 5 (75858) - {50 Heavy Hulls}
Asteroid Class Heavy Cruiser {Heavy Armour}

GTT SHIP MINUTE MAN SA-11 (96559) - {40 Normal Hulls}
Ravager O Class Sensor Ship {Medium Ablative Armour}

GTT SHIP Minute Man SA-10 (92845) - {40 Normal Hulls}
Ravager O Class Explorer {Medium Ablative Armour}

DTR SHIP SWEEPER 124 R11 (38382) - {20 Heavy Hulls}
Sweeper Class Sensor Ship {Light Ablative Armour}

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GTT SHIP HI-G EXPLORER I (33279) - {50 Normal Hulls}
Minute Man Class Explorer {Medium Ablative Armour}

GTT SHIP BULLENS (27319) - {20 Normal Hulls}
Courier Class Freighter {No Armour}

