



Lissë bites the dust

Aurë Osto – After ravaging the south of Noreyanar for well over a month, the threat of Lissë and her cult has finally been eliminated. This weekend, the renegade priestess of Aurora led her cultists in a surprise attack on Elenmë's manor house, aiming to unseat the recently disgraced council member and take her place. However, Elenmë proved that her resolve to guide the sun elves through this time of disaster has not been diminished at all by her recent fall-out with the council. With the help of her assistants and volunteers, she managed to repel the attack. In the counter strike that followed Lissë and most of her cultists were killed.

Elenmë refused to celebrate the defeat, though, calling Lissë "yet another victim of these horrid mana rains that continue to plague us." Lissë, once a promising priestess, reputedly was driven mad by mana addiction – the unquenching thirst for more mana stones that affects magic users who have had a 'few stones too much', to cite an Aurora acolyte who preferred to remain anonymous.

Sources around the council have suggested that Lissë's attack might have been inspired by political motives. With Elenmë publicly humiliated and temporarily out of the council, it was the perfect time for the Conservatives to press their advantage. A defeat by Lissë would have weakened the progressive sun elf's position further, possibly prompting the clergy of Aurora to elect a new high priestess – one with a more traditional view on what is proper and not.

Councilman Ocato, however, publicly denied any involvement in the affair. "The idea is preposterous. Even though I disapprove – strongly disapprove, I must add – of Elenmë's viewpoints, I would never resort to an Anata-inspired ploy like that. Everybody knows that no decent elf would follow Anata or employ her tactics."

Elenmë herself also didn't suspect any ulterior motive from the side of the Conservatives. "No, I think that in the end, Lissë listened to no other authority than herself. Not even Aurora. Although I regret her death, I am glad that we can now look forward again and focus on finding a solution for the problem at hand: the sun elves blinking and the mana storms." The high priestess, who has repeatedly been qualified by her opponents as "naive", refused to comment further on the subject.

With Lissë gone, all that remains for the sun elves of Noreyanar is to pick up the pieces of their ravaged southern provinces and move on. The cult has caused an incredible amount of damage to a public infrastructure already heavily battered by pirate attacks and the weather. "The gardens alone will take years, no decades, to regrow", according to a sobbing civil representative. "All caused by these vile mana stones. I cannot believe why the Queen allows this to happen. Why is there no solution yet?"

Reward: 25 gold



The Dolphin Regiment has issued a reward of 25 gold for the tip that leads to the rediscovery of the Regiment schooner 'Nendili'.

The Nendili was lost during a storm two weeks ago in the seas between Aranya Hopa and Angohisië. Anyone who has seen the vessel since, or discovers pieces of its wreckage, is kindly requested to contact:

Ensign Calimehtar Merengil
The Dolphin Regiment
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Mana rains continue unabated; solution still far off

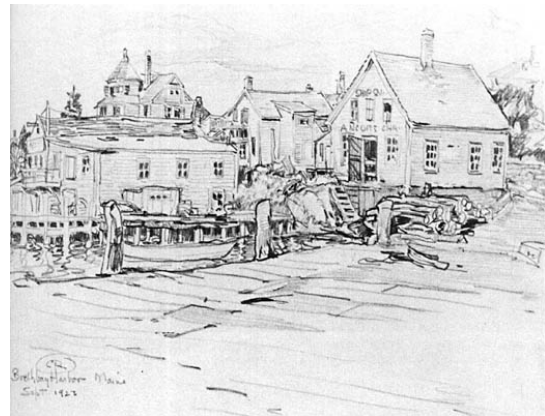
Malhama - The unnatural weather phenomena that have been harrasing the known world still show no signs of weakening. Even though spring should have been upon us by now, reports keep coming from throughout the country of sudden hailstorms, draughts, snow and of course the dreaded mana rains.

Although the government hasn't released any official figures yet, it is estimated that the mana rains have claimed between four hundred and five hundred lethal victims by now in the Elven Kingdom alone. Another hundred of magic-users are reported to be so addicted to wild mana that they have to be restrained at all times in order to keep them from killing themselves via an overdose.

Meanwhile, there is no hope yet for a short-term solution. With the council still in lockdown, decision-making has grounded to a halt. Queen Melissandra and the Regiments are working hard to keep the country together, but this is getting more difficult by the day. Said Lord Commander Nolmo of the Wolf Regiment: "The damage that the weather is causing is enormous. We are doing everything we can, but there is simply not enough time and manpower. Right now, the world is breaking down faster than we can rebuild it."

However, councilwoman Erressëa, one of the five moon elves in the Conservative faction, has found some solace in a couple of very old documents that she has unearthed in Mindor Nolwë. "These documents refer to an age long gone, when the world was suffering from similar weather problems as today. Although they don't say anything about the source, they do mention that the weather eventually became normal again – all by itself. This reaffirms my belief that there is no need to call upon the aid of outsiders. We simply have to endure until it's over."

How long the storms would continue, or whether the mana-addicted magic-users and the sun elves would survive it, Erressëa couldn't say. "That is in the hands of the Gods."



Carp Harbor unreachable; harbor destroyed

From our foreign correspondent – In a disastrous turn of events, the main harbor of Carp Harbor was destroyed when a cargo ship loaded with spirits crashed into the docks during a heavy mana storm. The ship subsequently caught fire, igniting two other ships that were already docked. Due to the mana rain, the fire fighters could not reach the crash site safely, and they were forced to watch helplessly as the three main piers of the harbor burned down.

According to a local official, it will take at least a month before ships can dock safely again in Carp Harbor, possibly longer because the weather makes it difficult to get supplies. Until that time, overseas travel to and from Ando Martë has become all but impossible. For Turingen, the harbor fire means another severe blow to the public infrastructure – and another entry in on victims list of the storms. Of the sixteen heads manning the cargo vessel, only three managed to escape with their lives.



‘Return to the old ways’, says Ocato

Malhama - Ocato has filed a motion to re-establish a series of old traditions on schools and other public institutions. Daily hymns to the Gods of the Day at noon, obligatory ceremonial clothing for public officials, and severe punishments for transgressions against good morals and taste are but a few of the measures that windelven councilman seeks to take.

The motion is widely believed to be yet another attempt by the conservative foreman to break through the impasse that has all but paralysed the council for well over three months now. By playing upon fears that the mana storms could be a punishment of the gods for a decline in morals, Ocato hopes to sway some of the neutral 33 into his camp.

Whether this attempt will suffer a different fate than his previous motions remains to be seen. For now, all camps are still firmly stuck in their respective trenches. “It is an interesting thought”, Councilman Urundil of the neutral 33 commented, “but I don’t think dressing up the town crier in the haute couture of a previous age will be enough to resolve this standoff.”

One thing is certain: should Ocato’s plan be accepted, it will cause a lot of dissent among the so-called nightstalkers, rebellious youngsters who openly flirt with the Gods of the Night. Nightstalking has been steadily gaining popularity in recent years, particularly among upper-class students, and the community is gradually becoming more outspoken. As one anonymous nightstalker explained, “I don’t know man, but you know, Ocato is like, totally uncool.”

Call for Assistance



The Helena Hospital in Aséa Osto hereby kindly requests the assistance of willing and able elves that have experience with magical **healing** and traditional **healthcare**.

The Hospital staff is having great difficulties coping with the sudden influx of patients as a result of the disastrous weather.

In addition, the Hospital is looking for experienced **builders** and **logistics** specialist to erect more emergency facilities, as well as **supporting staff** for duties such as preparing meals for the wounded.

Those interested are encouraged to contact:

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