

# Lions Faction Despatches

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*- No Lion Stands Alone -*

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## EDITORIAL

### - LIONS PACK-UP MARCH 2009 -

*Friends, LRPers, Lions; lend me your eyes.*

*This is your recently appointed happy camper Gav here; having recently taken over for the fabulous Amanda whose time with us has been amazing. Her work has been brilliant, and there are many more things I could say about her, but I can't because you aren't ready to read that sort of information... In short, her smile lights my soul like a Summer breeze in November.*

*Thank you so much Amanda, from all of us here.*

*So, there it is. You're all stuck with me. I, Deacon of the Church of the Void Cake, and Master of Gary Oldman and his Mighty Battle Whale; indeed, tis I, Gav. I'll start apologising now for the length of this following material; sorry.*

*Wohoo! New LRP Year! With a lovely taste of things to come with 'Skal!', we are now storming on with our first of the Lions Parliaments.*

*We've got a great year for the Lions ahead of us. We've toiled tirelessly over our work, and all your submissions, both in and out of character, and now moving ahead with adventures that will hopefully please everyone's LRPing appetite.*

*With the departure of our beloved Head of Plot Steve Spencer (I love him in a forbidden way), whose work has been nothing short of exemplary, as well as plot members Iain, Amanda and Mr. Daniel who've been incredible and given so many of you tales you loved and engaged with, it would be easy to see this as a sad day for the Lions. And it is, in many ways. Who won't look back on those plots, with every moment, every defeat, every victory, every sadness, and every joy, as something that has shaped their character? Every time we see players enjoy plot, be it happiness or sadness, we are overjoyed to see you all love the stories, intrigue, and the all out bloody wars that have been played out by the Lions; your enjoyment and thanks mean everything in the world to us.*

*We'll miss every single one of you, and I hope we can bring the same passion and all out fun that you all did with your work. From my heart, thank you so much for everything. But, don't think we're finished with the Lions yet; not by a long shot.*

*Let me welcome the new members of our plot team, Hayden and Jess, and of course our new Head of Plot, Barry. He's a tireless taskmaster, demanding our full attention and many, many innuendos. I'm very excited to be working with them, and guarantee they will surprise and thrill us all. We're more than happy to have them on board. Welcome to the family, guys.*

*Now, without further ado, I give you the pack up. It's chock full of puzzles, games and all your current goings on of the Lions. Also, if you fill out the crossword at the end, enter to win the "Lions Super Happy Fun Wish Award". This task provides several magically amazing prizes, which you can redeem from me through the simple act of mortal combat. I warn you though; never give an Irishman cause for revenge.*

*To you all, thank you for making every minute of every event special,*

*Gav*

## A LIONS OF LANTIA PRODUCTION

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DANIEL NEILL, AND EMMA CUNLIFFE.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BRUCE MYERS FOR PERMISSION TO USE THE LIONS LOGO. TIS WIN. AND TO  
AMANDA HILL FOR HER HELP IN GETTING ME UP TO SPEED.

REMEMBER, YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY ITEMS FROM THE LIONS FACTION SHOP AND CLOTHING  
RANGE. THEY LOOK GREAT, AND YOU CAN WALK RIGHT INTO ENEMY CAMPS AND THEY'LL BE AFRAID OF  
YOU, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A BIG LION ON YOUR CHEST.

## REPORTS FROM THE MILITARY

### **Army:**

*Veterans Legion* - Rebuilding strength following demon attack on Gallathrix.

*Legio Borealis* - On standby on Fort Borealis to regain strength. Training interrupted to deal with refugee and to assist ships taking part in blockade of Andelus.

*Legio Orientale* - Remain on Amnor, assisting the local population and defending against incoming attack.

*Watchguard* - Patrolling each habitable island. Unliving and construct incursions on Rhysarius successfully held off at present.

*Marines* - On Royal fleet blockading Andelus. Taking heavy and unsustainable casualties.

*Expeditionary Force* - Successfully evacuated the majority of the population of Andelus. Under heavy attack they held the circle for as long as possible to allow for evacuation before retreating to the beach and having to be evacuated by the Royal Fleet. Heavy casualties taken and Sheriffsholme was not able to be reached to evacuate. However, the protection placed on the circle still holds and as spread to the other circles of Andelus, protecting all from wraith taint. Andelus now cut off and entirely controlled by Akari.

### **Navy:**

Royal Fleet - Report major engagements with large Man-o-War sized vessels belonging to the Akari, not aided by unusually bad weather and changeable tidal conditions. Losses reported.

Fleet Primus - Patrolling Du Pre island and Arrakesh. Du Pre island reports no Akari attack and area remains safe. Akari fleet around Arrakesh is quadruple the size of Fleet Primus, though as their ships are larger and considerably slower Fleet Primus has managed to escape damage. Arrakesh now cut off and entirely controlled by Akari.

Shadow Fleet - Report the Akari are attempting to send reinforcements into Lantia through the seas between Tamerus and Cerephys, and Tamerus and Rhysarius. Minor skirmishes reported and the Fleet cannot guarantee that no ship has managed to get past their patrol.

Kraken - Thank the ancestors for a skilled and dedicated Wavesinger. The kraken is ensuring the unliving cannot walk below the sea blockade and without it losses to the Royal Fleet, Marines and Expeditionary Forces would have been far greater. Eyewitness reports speak of the seas rising up and dragging unliving ships to the depths accompanied by vast tentacles dragging any survivors to their doom.

As you will see from the above report the Akari have us outnumbered, though not outclassed. It is thanks to the the sterling efforts of all of us, both as individuals and en masse, that the situation is not worse.

*Captain Isolathe Swan*

First Knight Captain

## FROM THE MASTER INCANTOR

Dear Friends,

As some of you may know I am currently the Lions Liason to the Incantors Guild, otherwise known as Master Incantor. It has occurred to me during Caranthir's search for a Deputy High Incantor, that it may be wise for me to also appoint a second. It is for this reason that I am asking that if anyone would be interested in the job they contact me at Fort Hatfield, or come and talk to me at any campaign we are both able to attend. I am mainly looking for someone who will happily deal with the Guild when I am not able, and clean up any diplomatic incidents I may cause. Also, be aware that you will probably have to talk with Caranthir.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those that came to our Grand Opening, and helping make it such a memorable occasion.

Love and Kisses,

*Alphildre Dreamstruck*  
Master Incantor

## FROM THE ARCANES COUNCIL

### **The Arcane Council Needs You!**

Are you a Mage/Incantor/Healer/Ritualist/Contributor? Want to know how to get the best out of your abilities? Want to help your faction? Want your faction to help you?

Come and see us!

From this year, all members of the Arcane Council will be running ‘101’ sessions in their discipline, for new casters and anyone more experienced who wants to brush up on their skills. Look out on Faction noticeboards and at Musters for further details. We can also offer advice on any Arcane matter, and welcome volunteers for any Arcane duties, but we need you to get in touch and let us know how we can help you. Come and see us at any event, or contact us by Ley: [lionsarcanecouncil@yahoo-groups.co.uk](mailto:lionsarcanecouncil@yahoo-groups.co.uk)

We are:

Lithowey D’El (High Alchemist)

Adara Darkendale (Arcane Primus/High Mage)

Elrood Brond (High Healer)

Sir Caranthir Talarom (High Incantor)

Rhapsody Talthor (High Ritualist)

Althea (High Bard)

# Open Letter from the Margrave of Gallathrix

From the desk of the Margrave of the Palatinate of Gallathrix

I hereby request that all citizens of the Palatinate of Gallathrix who travel with the Lions upon campaign make themselves known to the Margrave's offices.

The following are defined as Palatinate citizens:

- 1) Any member of the Prince Bishop's Men, either active or retired, unless cast from the ranks and exiled from the Palatinate by the will of any Prince Bishop, past or present.
- 2) Any free person who holds a either permanent residence or spends more than 9 months of every given year upon the isle of Gallathrix.
- 3) Anyone granted the title of honorary palatinate citizen by the grace of any Prince Bishop, past or present.

I will be present at all major gatherings of the faction this year, ancestors willing, or you can send a message to my offices at Fort Hatfield or the city of Varn (OOC daniel\_neill@hotmail.com).

Yours, in the name of the Palatinate and the Prince Bishop,

*Nathaniel Essex*  
Margrave  
Prince Bishop's Man

## FROM THE LIONS' RITUAL CONCLAVE

Dear Lions,

This year as usual the Lions Ritual Conclave will be performing rituals at the main gatherings of the nations, to produce and empower items and people and produce other effects for the service of the faction. We would very much welcome any suggestions from members of the faction on rituals that they think might benefit the faction. We would also be keen to hear from anyone who is themselves equipped with any ritual ability; and, of course, we once more thank all those who offer us their time each year by contributing to Lions rituals.

There will be members of the LRC available at every gathering of the faction to discuss with you any ritual ideas; or you can pass them on to us by contacting the high ritualist, Rhapsody, via his ley imp [paul.wardman@gmail.com]. We look forward to hearing your suggestions and working with you in the coming year.

Yours,

*Talinuriel of the Beltano*

On behalf of the Lions Ritual Conclave: Rhapsody, Monachos, Pericles, Talan and Talinuriel

## Songs FROM the HEARTH

For poems of greatness, songs of despair, and all the chords in between.

“Would Like To Meet...”

*by Helena Shepherd*

Once upon another time in golden days of yore,  
Before the waves of history did crash upon our shore,  
A Royal Prince strode through the land, his armour bright did gleam.  
The most eligible bachelor that Erdreja had ever seen.

*Chorus*

Ladies to the left of him, ladies to the right.  
See our noble clergyman try to duck away in fright.  
But the one who runs the fastest is the one who's doomed to fall.  
For the snare that's right in front of you is the one you never see at all.

The Dragon lords of Erin played the diplomatic game.  
An alliance with the royal house clearly was their aim.  
A matchmaker came visiting with arrangements to discuss.  
But an empty throne was all she found, with a Crown-Prince-shaped cloud of dust.

*Chorus*

I heard a rumour once when the mages were in town,  
That they tried their arcane skills to pin our beefcake down.  
But when they came to test results they got a huge surprise  
As the fastest Crown-Prince in the west simply vanished before their eyes.

*Chorus*

It's a universal truth acknowledged far and wide  
That a King-in-waiting needs a Queen by his side.

A noble woman, highly born, gentle, wise and sweet.  
Could this be the description of the lady that he'd like to meet?

*Chorus*

With proposals on all sides our Prince was overwhelmed.  
It seemed that this romantic misery would never end.  
But Celestial salvation came most unexpectedly.  
Could it be that our elusive prince may finally bend his knee?

*Chorus x 2*

## Campfire Nights

*by Karen Aldain*

All is lost into the night  
Dark has swallowed all the stars  
We'll light a fire, let them know we're not afraid  
We'll still be singing when the morning rises from the fading dark.

*So raise your voices loud.  
Sing, and let them know you're still alive  
Singing tales of heroes, sharing tales of friends,  
A history still remembered is a tale that never ends.  
As long as we're still singing we'll survive.*

You can't break us though you'll try,  
And the fight is hard and long.  
Another struggle, another desperate fight,  
It's one more tale we'll tell, another chapter written down in song.

*So raise your voices loud.  
Sing, and let them know you're still alive  
Singing tales of heroes, sharing tales of friends,  
A history still remembered is a tale that never ends.  
As long as we're still singing we'll survive.*

You're not here any more,  
And I miss you by my side.  
All I can do is sing alone, but I'll remember you  
'Cos fate just rolled her dice and said today you'd die and I'd be left alive.

*So raise your voices loud.  
Sing, and let them know you're still alive  
Singing tales of heroes, sharing tales of friends,  
A history still remembered is a tale that never ends.  
As long as we're still singing we'll survive.*

Now the night is fading fast,  
Dawn is lighting up the sky.  
Faces round the fire, friends made and still to make,  
As long as we're together then the dawn will come and night goes flying by.

*So raise your voices loud.  
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## The Snowdrops in the Spring

*(Anonymous)*

The autumn winds are blowing  
And the leaves fall like my heart  
I'll be lonely as the trees, my love,  
Now we must be apart.  
I knew not how I'd miss you,  
Until you said goodbye  
So I'll hold your letters close, my love,  
Whilst winter snows still lie.

*But the snowdrops in the spring, my love,  
The snowdrops in the spring,  
They ring the end of winter  
When I'll be with you again.*

We parted in the summer,  
Unaware of what had grown  
To find in summer's wake, my love,  
I yearned for you alone.  
And then I got your letters  
And I knew you felt the same  
But winter's coming in, my love,  
I yearn for you in vain.

*But the snowdrops in the spring, my love,  
The snowdrops in the spring,  
They ring the end of winter  
When I'll be with you again.*

The snow is falling thickly  
And it's blanketing the ground.  
These winter months are long, my love,  
Now you are not around.  
The winter keeps us parted,  
And the wait I can't abide,  
So let the springtime come, my love,  
Then you'll be by my side.

*For the snowdrops in the spring, my love,  
The snowdrops in the spring,  
They ring the end of winter  
When I'll be with you again.*

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When I'll be with you again.*

## Character/Group Backgrounds

*Ever thought it would be cool if the monsters turned up looking for you?*

*Ever wondered what would happen if that drow that killed your village arrived wielding your father's sword?*

*Ever contemplated how people would react if it turned out you in neck deep in trouble?*

*Well now's your chance! Send the plot team your character/group background, or any details about your character/group and we may include them in future plot lines! Send all information to [plot@lionsfaction.co.uk](mailto:plot@lionsfaction.co.uk), preferably in a word document.*

*Thanks,*

*Barry – Head of plot*

*PS Bear in mind by sending us the information you agree to us using it without consultation (we can't go asking people if they mind the monsters turning up, that would just ruin it!). Please also note that sending in any information does not guarantee we'll use it – or that we'll use it in the manner you expect. The only guarantee is that we will read it and if we think we can use it ... well, you'll see!*