

# LIONS PACK UP JULY 2013: OOC SECTION

## Editorial

Hello all!

It's hard to believe it's been two months since the GEF, but here we are again getting ready to go play dress up and make believe! Keen levels are almost as high as "oh crap I can't believe the Moot is next weekend" levels, and scheming, plotting, crafting, sewing, baking, packing and other preparatory activities are now on a deadline, people!

Thanks to everyone who sent in submissions! The contents of this pack up include but are not limited to news updates, alerts, advertisements, party invitations, and the literary endeavours of Morbo and Cú Faoil, which have to be seen to be believed.

Hope you enjoy it all, and it fuels your keen until you hit the field!

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## Character and Group Backgrounds

Have you ever wondered what would happen if the past came back to haunt your character? If the fate of your character's brother was not what you thought? If a group of angry-looking Orcs came knocking on the gate, asking for you? Or a letter is found, stained in blood, with your name on the cover?

Well, submit your background to Plot Team, or you'll never know!

Here at Plot Team, we can't get enough of your submissions, and love each and every time we receive one. Please send them (and group backgrounds) to [plot@lionsfaction.co.uk](mailto:plot@lionsfaction.co.uk) it's the right decision ;)

Note: By doing so, you are giving Plot Team the power to mess around with you in all manners and forms! Don't worry, we love you all!

Mike  
Head of Plot

## Research requests

If you submit a research request to the LT please follow this up with an email to [plot@lionsfaction.co.uk](mailto:plot@lionsfaction.co.uk) with the details of the research so that we can ensure that you receive a timely and accurate response.

Thanks,

Mike  
Head of plot

## A LIONS OF LANTIA PRODUCTION

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**Tip of the Season:**

DRINK, DON'T DIE.

# Lions Faction Dispatches

## July 1113



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## *People of the Lions*

*We have faced hard times before, many on our own doorstep, but rarely has a threat been faced that will not show its face properly. We are to confront a demon who calls himself Tatasus who opposes us for some unknown slight, scores of people preying on refugees, a "crime" family and thieves. Sadly Tatasus is not the only threat in our sights, the Jackals people have had their ancestors directly assaulted, the Wolves were being threatened by Hel, but perhaps worst of all, the Harts have lost their home. These are trying times, but we also have much to be thankful for. The islands have sent us an envoy, and many of you have met Gaius. He brings word of the land, a land which is home to us all now, both old faces and new.*

*Soon we will go to Selby, in the Duchy of Winchester and we will stand alongside the Harts as they try to claim their lands back. The history our of great nations may be long, they may be filled with strife, but we, as your Crown Prince and your Queen implore you to not think of them as old enemies, but instead think of us as friends as we have been for years now. They stood by us when we needed assistance, and many of you have already aided them, either with food or with a roof over their heads, but the help cannot end here. Our memories are long, and some of us recall the fall from grace we had when we left Albion, and then we lost Avalon, but as long as our memories may be, we are a good people who do what is right in the world. We have scores of refugees on our lands, all looking for some end to this strife, and we must stand as a people and aid the Harts.*

*We as the people of the Lions will not abide such cruelty happening in Edreja.*

*Not now; not ever.*



*Queen Lenia Navaare  
Crown Prince Cailleb Neuerwinter*

*The Lions would like to officially welcome the Harts who are now guesting with us.*

*Whilst the Lions have a large number of positions which deal with the different aspects of running the Faction, the following are the main positions, and the people in them will be happy to help you settle in and get to know the Faction, or to send you to those who may be able to help better. It is our hope to meet you all in person over the coming months, but in case we don't manage it as soon as we would like, these are the people you may wish to seek out if you have questions.*

*The faction is of course led by our Crowns, Queen Lenia, and Crown Prince Caileb. After them, the running of the faction is split into three main areas.*

**The High Council** is composed of the following positions:

*Head of Council - Lady Shiva of the Ghostwalkers*

*Knight Marshall (in charge of all military forces) - Kell of the Ghostwalkers*

*Knight Defender (in charge of camp security and bodyguards)*

*- Araic of the Children of Malar*

*High Bard (keeper of music and knowledge) - Althea of House Demetus*

*High Sherriff (in charge of sheriffs and the laws of Lantia)*

*- Beron of the Ghostwalkers*

*High Scout (in charge of scouts and information) - Gible of the Old Erin Boys*

*High Ambassador (in charge of diplomatic relations)*

*- Clara Irontree of the Company of the Brave and Foolish*

*Quartermaster (in charge of Faction stores and funds) Plyerz of Squad D*

*Arcane Primus (represents the Arcane Council on the High Council)*

*- Karen Aldain-Darkendale, Order of Celestial*

**The Arcane Council** handles magical matters.

*Arcane Primus (Head of the Arcane Council, and sits on the High Council)*

*- Karen Aldain-Darkendale of the Order of Celestial*

*High Incantor (in charge of matters of faith and the ancestors) - Elspeth of the One*

*High Mage (in charge of magic within the faction)*

*- Hodari of the Company of the Brave and Foolish*

*High Healer (in charge of healing within the faction)*

*- Caerie Shadefellow of the Chosen*

*High Ritualist (in charge of rituals) - Karnak Justice of the Prince Bishops Men*

*High Alchemist (in charge of potions / poisons) - Zackari Neverwinter*

*The High Bard also sits on the Arcane Council - Althea of House Demetus*

**The Military** are led by the Knight Marshall - Kell of the Ghostwalkers

*However, any member of the military can be identified by the yellow sashes they wear, and will be happy to answer questions. Rank is indicated by the number of red stripes. Should someone in a yellow sash give an order in a military situation, it is expected that any member of the faction will follow it.*

Also of note - **The Sirene**

*Lantia is composed of magically balanced islands formed from the minds and bodies of ancestral Drakken. Each island has a priestess for that Drakken, called a Sirene, who communicates with the Drakken and balances the flows of power that keep Lantia stable. Each island also has a magical circle Guardian. The High Sirene is Caerie Shadefellow of the Chosen.*

*From the Office of the Arcane Primus,  
Camelot  
Seventh month, 1113*

*Lions,*

*For those who were not present at the Moot or Great Erdrejan Fayre, I write to provide you with a brief overview of events.*

***Regarding the Arcane Council:***

- Hodari of the Company of the Brave and Foolish has been appointed as High Mage; his deputy is Kay of the Monks of Asteria.*
- Zackari Neverwinter is confirmed as High Alchemist.*
- Elspeth of the One is confirmed as High Incantor, and I have appointed her my deputy for the Arcane Council.*

***Transport Circles:***

*After the cataclysm, the Orstian realms merged with the Lantian islands. Lantia has expanded from covering approximately 600 square miles per island to approximately 40 000 square miles per island. Our existing transport network is now woefully inadequate, particularly since many population centres have now shifted to be far from the circles where they originally were built.*

*Each Ritual Circle can support a number of transport circles - either eight, four or two dependant on what scale of circle it is - wellsprings excluded. There are currently no more than three transport circles spurred off any of our Ritual circles, and there is a lot of spare capacity in the transport network which can make the life of many people a great deal easier.*

*I have asked Daolyth of the Order of Mithras, now Voice of the People on the High Council, to speak to the peoples of the faction and determine where each transport / ritual circle is in relation to the major population centres, with the intent of installing new circles wherever possible and utilising the full capacity of the network. Although we cannot guarantee a new circle, we will be doing our best to serve as many people of Lantia as possible. If you feel that you have been affected by the shifts in the land, please make sure a representative of your group has spoken to Daolyth.*

*I would like to stress that the Watchers are fully aware, and nothing will be done without the consent of the Crowns.*

***Regarding the Wonders:***

- The Hammer of Destruction has been repaired by the Ritzpah and returned to us.*

*On behalf of the Lions, I thank the Ritzpah for their assistance - I am pleased beyond words by this demonstration of the benefits of working together with the new races we have met since Orst and Lantia merged, and I hope we continue to grow and prosper together as peoples of Lantia.*

- *I extend my thanks to the Lions who went and retrieved the Scales of Justice, which were under Sheriffsholme. Although further testing is needed, it appears to give visions of the negative consequences of crimes which have been committed.*

*Again, if you have any ideas for ways in which the Wonders could be reshaped to help the people of Lantia, please do come to me with them. I hope to continue to reforge them to help this Faction over the coming months.*

### ***The Ancestor known as Paragon***

*In a ritual at the Spring Parliament this year, a temple / tomb was accidentally pulled through the Void and landed in the centre of the desert of Tamarus. We investigated the structure and retrieved a box containing an ancestor called Paragon, apparently locked away against his will. The lock was degrading, so it was decided to release him in a controlled manner.*

*Paragon is now known to be the ancestor of being the best you can be. His primary centre of worship is currently on Pardulon, although his followers have been seen throughout the Jewelled Isles. In gratitude for our assistance in freeing him, Paragon sent his followers with many fine items for the faction stores, as well as blessings for those who directly assisted in releasing him, and a contributor to assist in a ritual. These items and assistance were most gratefully received, and we thank him. If you would like any further information about him, please speak to Elspeth, the High Incantor, or visit Pardulon, where many people will be happy to tell you more.*

*In light and faith*

*Karen Aldain-Darkendale  
Arcane Primus and Sirene of Tamarus*

## *From the High Bard*

### *Auditions for the Wavesinger*

*We will be holding auditions for the position of Wavesinger at the Gathering. The Wavesinger fulfills two important functions in Lantia. Firstly, they are responsible for bonding with and leading the Kraken in defense of Lantia when needed. The Kraken is a living being and an important part of the safety and wellbeing of the Isles. It is also respected and worshiped as an ancestor by various groups and this has caused issues in the past. As the Wavesinger you may also be required to act as a point of contact with these groups that revere the Kraken.*

*Secondly we are searching for someone to keep music and song alive within the faction. This can be done through encouraging and leading the faction in song when we gather together but also hopefully through helping chronicle the history of the faction by creating new songs and stories.*

*Therefore, on Saturday night of Gathering I will be asking anyone interested in the position of Wavesinger to perform a piece round the campfire at the end of People's Day. If possible this should be something new you have created yourself but this is not absolutely required. Then the council / crowns will decide who should be given the position. I would also ask any members of the faction who are available at the time to please come and watch the performances and provide an audience.*

*If you are interested the Wavesinger position or have any questions please contact me.*

*Althea*

*High Bard*

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## **Diplomatic Update**

We remain on good terms with the Gryphons, the Harts, Jackals, the Unicorns, the Wolves and the Dragons.

The Gryphons thanked us for their support at the last battle. They gave us scrolls to use in the fight. We need more invocers!!

Tarantulas are not our friends. A Matron Mother turned up to our camp and called our Queen Lenia something unspeakable and unrepeatable due to us putting in hundreds of thaums of power into their ancestor. Apparently it was the wrong kind of power.

The Harts are struggling to save their land at the moment, but we have sent fleets out to help them. We currently have some Albion refugees with us who are proving their worth. We must continue to help our fellow Albion family.

We don't really have anything much to do with the Vipers, although they want to be our close friends.

The Bears have sent a message to us to declare our friendship null and void due to us leaving a female Bear outside of our camp to bleed out when we were being attacked. This will be rectified at the Summer meeting.

## **Ambassadors**

Deputy Ambassador - Estragon of House Aryanwyn

Deputy Ambassador - Delerg, Free Kalisto men

*Ambassador to the Guilds - Frax*

*Ambassador to the Wolves - Selanthus, Order of Mithras*

*Ambassador to the Unicorns - Dusk, Squad-D*

*Ambassador to the Vipers - Mayhem, Squad-D*

*If you wish to become an ambassador to a particular faction or Guild, then please come up to me and we can have a conversation about what is expected*

*Bright blessings,*

*Clara Irontree*

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GRAVEYARD WORKERS!  
STAY ALERT!

It has recently come to light that many graveyards across Lantia have been targeted by grave robbers. The reasons for the robberies is as yet unknown to us, although what we know is that everything from the graves targeted has been taken, including grave goods, bodies and in some cases even soil from the graves.

If you have any more information on this please contact your local sheriff's office, or pass a message to a representative of the Crowns and Council.

Thank you,  
The Grave Workers Association of Lantia.

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BOAT PEOPLE!

SAILORS!

FISHERFOLK!

THE SHERIFFS NEED YOUR HELP!

REPORTS OF PIRATICAL ACTIVITY ON THE SEAS!

SHIPS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED AND BOARDED ON THE OUTER RING  
OF LANTIA.

ALL SHIPS CAPTAINS ARE WARNED TO TAKE EXTREME CARE AND  
NOT TO MAKE UNNECESSARY VOYAGES, AS THE ATTACKERS HAVE  
BEEN DESCRIBED AS SAILING LIGHT, FAST SHIPS.

ANY PERSON WITH RELEVANT INFORMATION SHOULD CONTACT  
THE SHERIFFS OF NEW GALFRESE OR THE WATCH GUARD.

REWARDS OFFERED\*!

VIGILANCE SAVES LIVES!

\*REWARDS WILL BE OFFERED FOR INFORMATION THAT LEADS TO CAPTURE  
AND/OR CONVICTION. TIME WASTERS WILL FACE SANCTION.

HAVE A MESSAGE?  
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SENSITIVE INFORMATION THAT  
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## *Sartorial Snippets*

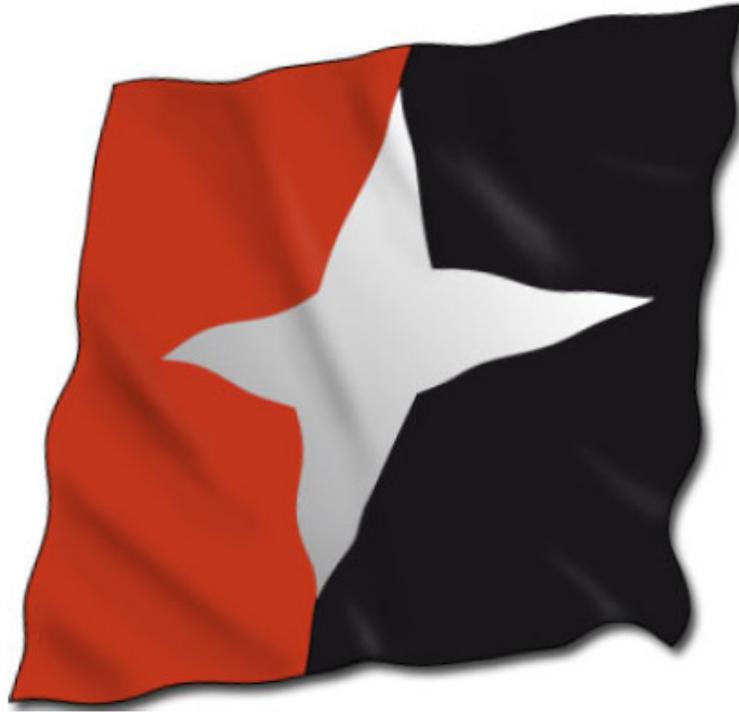
*The Free Blades have caused the colour sensation of the season! Orange is the new green! One of the most visible groups to grace our isles, the Free Blades cut quite the dash in their sunny colours. Of course, the best way to wear vivid colours if they are new to you is with a subtle dash, or a partly concealed trim, such as a lining or a ribbon.*

*Tip of the season - dress for the weather. Big, heavy garments may look impressive, but can be detrimental if one succumbs to the heat. For the summer gatherings, if this fine weather continues, the smart dresser will remember their layers. Light and soft, cotton and linen are best, as they will wick the perspiration from the skin, and stay comfortable. A hat is essential in the sun, as its rays can be as unforgiving as they are beautiful. Having some light layers for the evening, and a heavier garment for the night, will keep you comfortable at all hours. The smart dresser will also have the sense to drink enough water, eat regularly, and apply those marvellous preparations that protect from both the sun and biting insects - some of which can even be found combined into one useful substance! Such steps are a minor inconvenience, but will aid the comfort and happiness, thereby ensuring that one looks one's best at all times.*

*And remember - you're not overdressed, they're jealous!*

*Miss Marguerite Havelock-Smythe*

## *Squires of Celestial*



*Squireship in the Order of Celestial is the first step on the road to becoming a Knight of the Order.*

*The Order strives ceaselessly in the name of good to act with honour, to put right what once went wrong, to protect those who cannot protect themselves and to leave Erdreja in a better state than they found it in. Based in a Chapterhouse on Tamarus, the Isle of Duty, most of the Order serve within the Lions faction, but members can be found wherever their ideals hold true.*

*If you believe that you have the courage, will and honour to step up to the role of Squire and eventually become a Knight, please consult with Grandmaster Sir Irinaye Huntington, Knight Regulator, or find any member of the Order on campaign or at the Chapterhouse on Tamarus.*

CAKE!!!!

Cake

Cake cake cake cake.

It's someone's birthday (whatever that is.) and I've been told there  
will be cake.

If you are about on Saturday at 7 PM, come have cake with the  
Freeblades. There will be drinking too.

Ooo, how cool would it be to have liquid cake drink ...

Cake, skittles, cake, drink.

Love and skittles,

Abby

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The Adjutant General's Office would like to advise readers that the following creative endeavours contain  
some swear words.

*And now it's time for Morbo's Poetry Corner (joined by special guest, Cú  
Faicil / Beast)*

Science Haiku

*Cannibal chickens,  
are now ruining my dinner,  
Stop Experiments*

Regretful Haiku

*Seriously stop,  
Whoever is making them,  
Stop, I am hungry*

Shopping Haiku

*Now I want Chicken,  
Market has no Chicken, Why?  
... Cannibal Chickens*

Joyous Haiku

*Never mind, found cow,  
Morbo all full of cow beef,  
Don't care bout chickens*

*And now our very special guest, Cú Faicil / Beast, who Morbo has asked to  
write a Haiku just for us!*

Pissed off Haiku

*For Fucks sake, enough,  
We don't damn well write poems,  
You useless bastard*

## The Ballad of the Angry Farmer

*And now tis time to hear the tale of the very angry Farmer,  
Who stopped young Pup in adventures wild, while shouting ever louder,  
Young Pup had found a field of Sheep, and found himself quite hungry,  
He ate but nine and found in time his bowels were getting angry,  
He snuck then into house on hill to find a place discreet,  
But found instead the Farmers bed and bowels then had to excrete,  
What makes it sad is Farmer had, in foolishness slept in there,  
So when he awoke to fountain of poop, he drew his bow from corner,  
The Pup then ran and Farmer (quite fumed) and much destruction thusly,  
The house it fell down, the Farmer then frowned and grabbed the Pup's neck roughly,  
Pups Cellar fell off and then turned to wrath and Cú Facil explained thusly:*

**OKAY, HERE'S THE DEAL. IF YOU EVER TOUCH ME AGAIN I WILL BREAK OFF  
YOUR HANDS AND USE THEM TO SCRATCH MY NUTS.  
WHAT'S THE FUCKING PROBLEM? YOU GET ONE CHANCE, PUT THE BOW  
DOWN OR I'LL FLOSS YOU WITH IT. HE DID WHAT? NOT MY ISSUE.  
RECOMPENSE? TELL YOU WHAT, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WE HAVE ON US  
RIGHT NOW, AND YOU CAN TAKE ANYTHING YOU WANT, DEAL? RIGHT...  
ONE OLD STICK. A PARTIALLY CHEWED SNAIL. WHAT APPEARS TO BE A  
SERIES OF PICTURES OF A DOG PUNCHING A BUTTERFLY. A RIDICULOUS  
AMOUNT OF SOIL. NINE DAFFODILS, TWO PIECES OF CHARCOAL AND 1  
SILVER PIECE.**

*Farmer then asked for Silver Piece which Cú Facil answered "FUCK NO",  
Farmer demanded and Cú Facil explained "IT MEANS MORE TO US THAN YOU'LL  
KNOW",  
Farmer got pissed, and Cú Facil then missed, the fact he was a giant engineered killing  
machine, and didn't have to take this crap and left.  
For those wondering, the Farmer took one pot-shot with the bow as Cú Facil was walking  
away.  
Cú Facil went back, punched him so hard that 4 of Farmers teeth needed obituaries, then  
went home.*