

Master Ori

(is It Ori ku, or Ori San? By the way, the correct suffix currently escapes me)

I'm sorry for the lateness of my report, I've been trying to track down exactly what's going on in the jackals, and it's all a little confusing at present..

(Since there's that little matter of not knowing EXACTLY who the command currently are)

BUT, As far as I know, the faction is currently in command of Estoban, the high priest of Amon Ra', and Nekret, who was previously one of the empress's advisors. The Empress is still missing, and has been since the Tarantula Attack on the faction. (It is believed that she transported out, and found a large rock to hide under.)

The current situation in the faction as far as the general feeling goes, I believe deserves a little background, though you probably know all of this, I feel more comfortable setting it all out.

The Jackals nation is an amalgamation of several Sovereign states, which have pulled together, willingly in the form of the Empire. The Empress, (Princess Nefermet, daughter of Pharaoh overlord of Egyptus) was chosen to head the Empire, and it's my belief she was in fact chosen because she's ineffectual, and not a threat to any of the Sovereign states. Those states being Arabia, Muarabia, Egyptus, Sudgen, and Grecia.

The mood after the moots, is a little, tense, there is some conversation about what will happen if the empress appears, and a few voice's calling for handing her over to the Tarantula's. What has become most clear about that situation, is that the majority of the faction had no idea what was going to happen, and it was the empress, and her command who handed the Bears to the Tarantula's. (Effectively, by placing some degree of blame etc). And some people are mighty angry about the whole situation.

In terms of Faction strength, the Jackals, are I believe most significantly weakened by the loss of Sephim, the Chancellor, because he was the most effective member of the command group. Though they appear to be rallying somewhat in the face of the massacre, which can only be a good thing. We may even all come out facing in the same direction.

I think the matter of the command staff is going to be discussed at the Gathering of Nations, and hence there is little information until then, the faction is in Chaos, I'm sure uncle Mordred approves.

There have been offer's to the Empire, of becoming a province of the Empire of Tebron, and these offers are being considered, though the discussion is in place's intense, because of the friendship of several in the faction to the dragons, and the fact that while in the short term this may be a good idea, in the long term, it is not. (ie, if the Empire troops etc were to disappear, I'll cover this a little later)

We are still under attack by the Wasir, (a group of Mage's. The council of the Wasir has for centuries advised the ruling monarchs of the 9 kingdoms of Arabia. But they have since shown they're duplicity.) Where there were once 9 kingdoms of Arabia, (Because the council of the Wasir said there are 9 kingdoms, there will always BE 9 kingdoms etc) there is now only one, because Johannes Wolfe, Freefighter Captain, Beth Horon (I live in his house, my brothers his Lieutenant), Has declared it thus, out

of bloody mindedness, I'm certain. I'm not sure what the magic ramifications of this will be yet, But I shall inquire it of Akbar al Asheesh.

The great Southern Forest, continues full of Conclave, (though I think Nym is sorting this one out, Since it's his Forest). And most of the transport/ritual circle's down there are falling to bits, and being held together by Demons.

I think that's about it for the faction matters, though if anything else come's to my attention I shall of course inform you of it. Now, onto slightly more, irritating things. (ie what I've picked up on the grapevine)

There's a prophecy I've heard, that the Empire's only point to existing, is to oppose the conclave. (This is of course why the Empire of Tebron began after the Race wars), and that if the conclave cease to exist, then the Empire of Tebron should disappear as well. (I am looking for a full and complete written version of the prophecy, though it's difficult as I cannot exactly announce what I'm looking for!!)

The Empire's Conditioning is interesting, as it appears to weaken the closer to the top you get, some of the emperor's advisors are capable of lying to him, for the good of the Empire etc.

The Conclave's conditioning is ridiculously difficult to break, basically, unless, you're a pattern, guardian, or champion you can't get rid of the thing. (To those with the ability it manifests as a glyph, meaning obedience in Elvish, in the mind)

I've heard rumours that there's a strong Conclave presence in the guilds, and that they are dragging people off thought the transport circle. I think it may be a good idea to institute random sweeps of the guild from one of those capable of detecting the conditioning, because it's hard to tell who is and who isn't. And neither of us want's the guild overrun with spies, (well, spies who are reporting to other people, anyway). I would have mentioned this at the moots, but I'm never exactly sure who I can trust.

The balance appears to be doing well though, apart from the minor/major family feud at the first moot. (Floris and creation are getting along again.) And on the subject of immortal patterns, I believe we nearly have the full set incarnate now!!

WE are missing, Existence, Fate, and Fortune. (And Good, but it's only a matter of time, before we persuade Big Sis' Bethany to put the hat on. ie the helm of good)

I think that may be about it, though if I stumble across anything else of interest, I shall of course let you know.

Your's
Alia Decaddely,
Temporary key to the Jackals,
Sworn to the Spiral,
Champion of Illusion,
Beth Horon,
She who has to many titles, and is sure she's missing some out!!