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Spring 383YE



Report of Agent Couros

Plenum angry with Empire over sanctions. Report of more than two dozen Imperial captains trading with rebels - primarily Maragladia - increasing concern that the Empire going to start financing minor nations a la Sumaah in their wars against the Archipelago. The Way still seen as making trouble. Heraclien and Ragnabe families seen to be hosting Grendel diplomats.

Advice to only ordain certain priests within Asavea raises suspicion and supports belief that Synod is enemy of Asavea regardless of Senate stance. Coupled with Sumaah openly attempting to spread Way in rebellious satrapies, Plenum families being worried that Imperial Synod is recruiting a secretive cult.

Liberty Pact has, of course, undone much of good work done. Some talk in Plenum of funding "Broken Shore Confederacy" (Grendel) if relations worsen. Confirmed reports that Grendel mercenaries serving in Marracoss against rebels.

War to quell Emphedor and Marracoss started poorly - Plenum underestimated readiness of opponents. Rebellious satrapies, plainly supported by Sumaah funds and troops, now on defensive. Imperial troops supporting Plenum forces going a long way toward mitigating calls for supporting Grendel.

Rebels are explicitly not taking steps to guarantee liberty to their citizens. No suggestion of outlawing slavery as per Liberty Pact. This is not a slave uprising, but a civil war or war of independence by Maracossan and Emphedoran nobles. Other satrapies watching - Plenum needs quick victory or dissent may begin to spread. Focus on rebels meaning some other satrapies quietly strengthening their positions with regard to trade, political freedoms.

Report compiled by Agent Couros, Nemoria, 383YE



Report of Agent Umshalla

Everything is going well. More Imperial ships trading at the Delves would improve relations between the two nations – as might more concessions to Sarcophan. I would suggest that Senate consider implementing preferential trade tariffs for Sarcophan traders, or supporting Sarcophan enclaves.

Grendel still have an embassy, but are still not widely regarded. No reason to worry, they are still considered to be another minor nation. Sarcophan values trade with Empire much more than trade with Broken Shore.

Diepenbeek and Vandersar hopeful regarding Isemer and Alivetti guild estates. If Senate agrees it will result in definite boon to trade.

If the Empire simply keeps on doing what it is doing then everyone will be able to prosper. Bedelaar Huisbaas Annike in particular remains a good friend to the Empire.

Report compiled by Agent Umshalla, Sarcophan, 383YE



Report of Agent Vassa

Zemeh, being reopened to Imperials following the end of the state of war, is bustling. More so than before. We are actively working to recruit new informants and those vigilant former Imperials who wish to earn some more coin.

Timor is magnificent, but House of Vigilance actively working to make information gathering difficult. Initial attempts at setting up group there met with near immediate response. Praster requested that my friend keep their business to themselves, with explicit threat of deportation if they did not. Gathering information possible, but only from Zemeh end.

House of the Way supports attempts to seek compromise with Empire, but no doubt that the Sumaah priests have had enough of Imperial Synod treating them as second class. Houses of Pride and Ambition in particular keen to return to missionary work in Empire.

Republic cautiously pleased with Empire having organised Liberty Pact. Suggestions that Empire brought Axos solely to show what "good work" Ambassador Tarquinius had been doing. Still dissatisfaction that Imperial Synod supported "dangerous lunatic" rather than fellow priests – the "trade with slavers until they change their ways" philosophy considered borderline heresy. Some talk that it was not ships that brought Axos to Liberty Pact, but large amounts of weirwood, white granite, and mithril.

Initial trade with Zemeh returned to previous amounts. Noted increase in Commonwealth traders compared to when we previously had access. Republic has embargo against slaving nations rather than sanctions at instruction of House of the People.

Report compiled by Agent Vassa, Zemeh, 383YE



Report of Agent Scorrero

For most of year, House of Princes veered between good and neutral regarding Senate. Liberty Pact swung a good third away. Lord-Magister Anton Trescher advises the princes and, whilst seems broadly pro-Empire, advises caution. Some talk that Empire could make it up to Principalities, that they were strong-armed by Sumaah and Commonwealth, but also calls for Principalities to simply cut ties with Empire and focus trade and diplomatic efforts elsewhere.

Main point of concern is growing friendship between Empire and Commonwealth. A few Princes support idea of backing Grendel in their war against Empire as a way to distract Empire from giving material support to Commonwealth. Little support in House at the moment.

Border nation of Lantir is close to open war. Commonwealth pushing to join Pact, which is pushing magicians within nation closer to Jarm. Rumours of material support from bordering Princes including gifts of warlike ritual texts. Reports of higher up magicians meeting with some of the Southern Magician-Princes. Liberty Pact exacerbating situation – Commonwealth diplomats pushing Lantiri to apply sanctions against slaving nations (Jarm).

Fleet numbers visibly picking back up. Kavor saw nearly double numbers in Winter. Expectation is that the Pact will see those numbers fall again. Some unhappiness about Axou joining Liberty Pact – previously been welcomed to Principalities ports.

Pragmatism of North and South means both still interested in trade despite sanctions. Disinterested in the slavery question – not just Princes. Population would react poorly to emancipation just as they did when Barbara Radz attempted it.

Rigia in Eastern Principalities fully restored months ago, but the Magician-Prince is not interested in trade with Empire. Some talk that this is part of compromise to get Eastern Alliance recognition from North and South. Weirwood in high demand in East – some weirwood from Pärnau abeing readied for sale to Grendel, amount could rise if situation continues to deteriorate.

Report compiled by Agent Scorrero, Vezak, 383YE



Report of Agent Gancio

Previous Commonwealth attitudes to the Empire cool, given Imperial/Principalities of Jarm relations. However Liberty Pact has gone long way toward allaying suspicions.

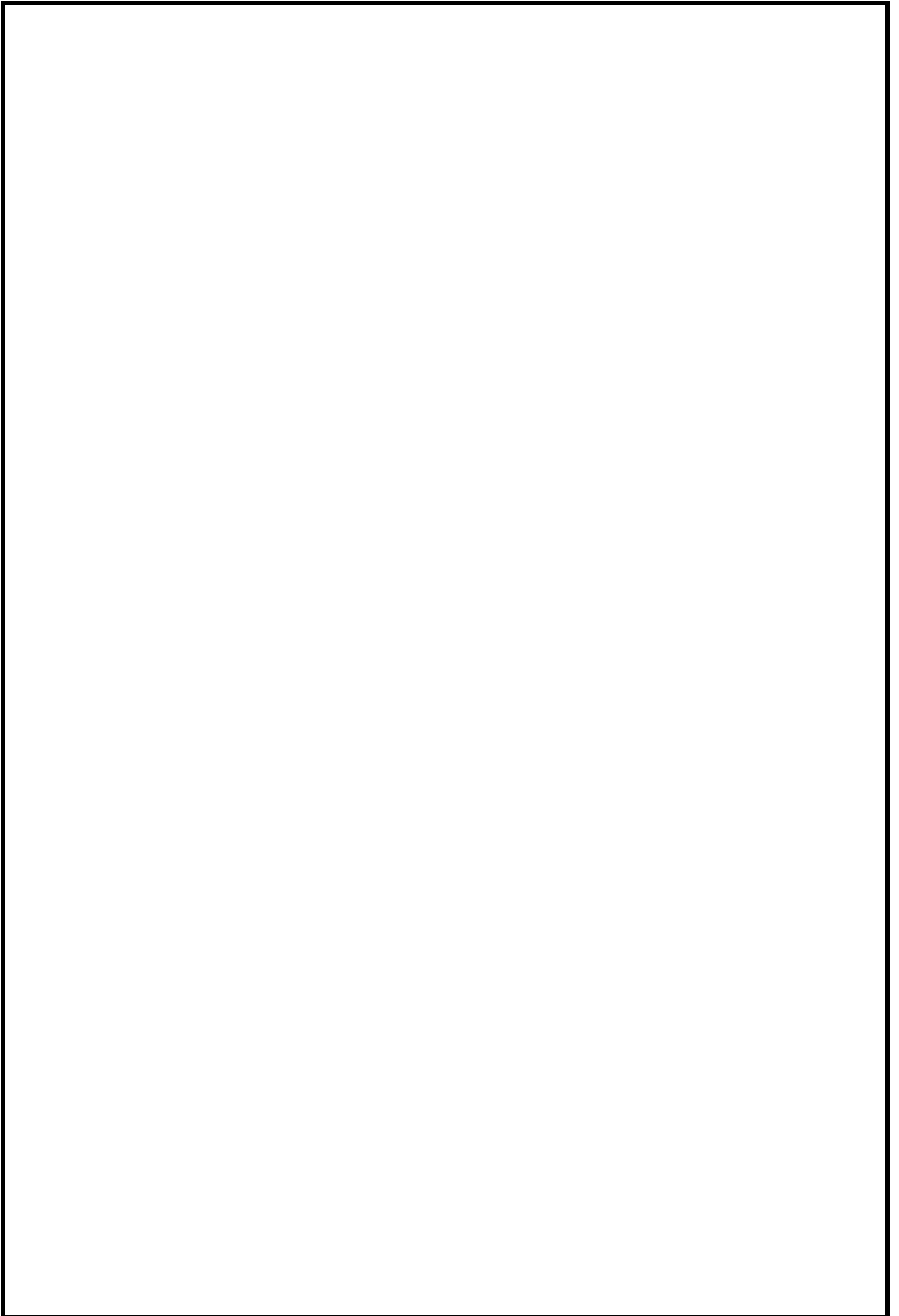
Border nation of Lantir major crisis point, likely to cause open war with Principalities of Jarm. Commonwealth are pushing for them to join Liberty Pact. Upper echelons of government reported to be being advised by a collection paladins. Noticable movement of troops toward north-east.

Sightings of Sumaash traders on the increase in both Volkavaar and Leerdam, along with increased Sarcophan presence. Numbers of Imperial fleets dropped to almost nothing in both ports.

Signing of Liberty Pact has led to belief across Commonwealth that the signatory nations are on the path to ending slavery, by destroying slaving nations. Enthusiasm for widescale military action growing, but universities urging caution given untested nature of Pact.

Report compiled by Agent Gancio, Volkavaar, 383YE





Report of Agent Nepenthe

Axos as a whole is benefiting from the good relations with the Empire. The Towers of Kantor continues to prosper from Imperial trade, but numbers very variable especially given Imperial ambitions in Bay of Catazar. Some worry in Kantor, that the sheer number of ships trading there dropped so sharply because Empire only interested in getting Axos to denounce slavery – but Sarcophan enthusiastically taking up shortfall. Difficulties of trading with Empire via sea much discussed – particularly given developments with Grendel since Liberty Pact signing.

Major upheavals in The Chambers of Issyk. A violent coup has seen a new Grand Illarch take control of the of the citadel, who is actively critical of the citadel's former trade with the Grendel and saying all right things to mollify other Grand Illarchs. Newly established Grendel embassy destroyed, although significant concerns about retaliation.

Orcs throughout nation are struggling. It is now illegal for them to be slaves but they are, undeniably, second class citizens. They are prevented from partaking in anything which the Axou think of as befitting a citizen. Their lack of fundamental rights, pertaining to magic, to the military, and to property leaves them at a distinct disadvantage. Great deal of fear among Axou that orcs will seek revenge on humans for slavery, but it appears new policies practically garauntee that will happen.

Relations between Axos and Skoura unexpectedly shaky. Illarch Maxatious of Kantor apparently accused Skourans of “secret alliance” with the Mountains of Silence based on information from Imperial ambassador.

*Report compiled by Agent Nepenthe, Towers of Kantor,
383YE*



Report of Agent Serpes

The situation in the Iron Confederacy has worsened for us over the last year. The port of Robec opening made it easier for us – we were able to operate openly and though we had to keep on the lookout for templars of Arav the Judge we had an easy enough time of it. With the sanctions, border incident (more on that later), and “general disrespect” shown by the Empire, it has worsened significantly.

Stories rife of Imperial attack on Confederacy – facts low on ground but general consensus is that cowardly Imperial drug-addicts launched surprise ambush on Templars in northern Arbonne. Templars, who were pursuing a dangerous Suranni criminal, all murdered. Priesthood furious, Dukes angry.

Sanctions mean the port of Robec closed to Imperials. This means it is now effectively impossible for us to remain in Iron Confederacy. If the wish of the holder of the Dossier is that the agent, and their informants, should be able to perform their duties then the absolute priority should be ensuring the port is reopened.

Finally, what started as a rumour has since been all but confirmed. The Dukes of the Iron Confederacy have signed some kind of treaty with the Grendel. Not clear if it is entire nation or only eastern Dukes, and details of agreement not publicly known.

The Iron Confederacy have, as far as I have been able to ascertain, no remaining open fronts.

Report compiled by Agent Serpes, Robec, 383YE



Report of Agent Alephan

There is a certain amount of conflict in the Court of Five Winds, there is always some, but there has been an increase. The families Ogudai (angry about treatment of scion) and Tsaagan (religious differences and suspicion about death of adopted members) see themselves supported by a number of other families who have had their livelihoods impacted by sanctions.

Counter to this are the larger faction, supporting Lady Saretta's hopes that the Ambassador will be able to explain the reasoning behind the actions of the Empire, otherwise "Justice" may be seen. Risk that it will be embargo rather than sanctions if priests of "eye and eye for an eye" have their way.

The Faraden continue to see a blight on their iridescent butterflies. There are some rumours going around that suggest that the Empire could end this blight; others that they are ultimately responsible for it to force Faraden to buy Imperial gloaming. There is a small amount of respect gained from some of the savvier merchants who see this as a shrewd manoeuvre on behalf of the Imperials.

Also causing dissatisfaction - belief that those Imperials who attend the public auction in Anvil committed a great slight against Faraden merchants. Talk of fixing auction to ensure Faraden take huge losses. Many questions around future of Imperial/Faraden relations.

Report compiled by Agent Alephan, Court of Five Winds, 383YE



Trading Summary

All numbers represent significant fleets trading with the named port following the Equinox or Solstice in question

Asavean Archipelago

Port of Nemoria

Spring Equinox 382YE - 35 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 57 fleets

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 7 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 8 fleets

Port of Maragladia

Winter Solstice 382YE - 20+ fleets (?)

Port of Timor

Winter Solstice 382YE - 1 fleet (?)

Sarcophan Delves

Port of Sarcophan

Spring Equinox 382YE - 7 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 7 fleets

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 2 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 5 fleets

Citadels of Axos

Port of Towers of Kantor

Spring Equinox 382YE - 81 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 89 fleets

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 10 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 18 fleets

Iron Confederacy

Port of Robec (Closed)

Spring Equinox 382YE - 12 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 7 fleets

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 5 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 3 fleets

Principalities of Jarm

Port of Vezak

Spring Equinox 382YE - 6 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 8 fleets

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 3 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 5 fleets

Port of Kavor

Spring Equinox 382YE - 3 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 1 fleet

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 0 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 9 fleets

Port of Rigia (closed)

Spring Equinox 382YE - 3 fleets

Commonwealth

Port of Leerdam

Spring Equinox 382YE - 7 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 7 fleets

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 2 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 3 fleets

Port of Volkavaar

Spring Equinox 382YE - 7 fleets

Summer Solstice 382YE - 5 fleets

Autumn Equinox 382YE - 0 fleets

Winter Solstice 382YE - 0 fleets

Sumaah Republic

Port of Zemeh

Winter Solstice 383YE - 6 fleets