# Marches

Friday 6:30

Word comes to the Civil Service from Rosie Little of a perilous situation out in the expanses of the North Fens. Keeping watch on the enemy from her nimble punt, the beater reports that a warrior warband has besieged the settlement of Jeer's Hay, preventing Imperial citizens from escaping to their boats or fleeing by road. Obdurate and single-minded as only Marchers can be, the inhabitants have made it clear that they intend to dig in, don jerkins, raise their bills, and fight until their last breath.

NEED TO PUSH

* A chance to save citizens from The Choice - thralldom, fighting as Yegarra, or death.
* As egregore this could be an act to help sway minds in support of the Empire - if the Empire fail then maybe the offer of Mathilda Fisher could be seen as the way to turn...

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ImpOrc TO PUSH - chance to save orc soldiers lives and let them return to the Summer Storm, it will also save Marcher lives too. A good show of faith about how the IO are different to the Jotun and are willing to support the Marcher citizenry.

Marchers TO PUSH - another chance for us to save the lives of our people and show to them the strength of the Empire is on their side. We can strengthen the bond with the Imperial Orcs at the same time and help them recover their lost soldiers.

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# Brass Coast

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The Jotun's threat to the Empire spans its entire western border, down through lost Sermersuaq, the hotly contested Bregasland, the desolation of Liathaven and into the open expanses of Freeborn lands. In Segura, once ancestral home to the Lasambrians, the orcs are on the retreat, forced back before the swift-moving forces of the Red Wind Corsairs and Black Thorns, backed up by the reavers of the Winter Sun. A season, perhaps two, and the invaders are likely to be driven back over the hills into Reinos, freeing Yellow Chase and the entire territory for the second time this decade.

However, it seems the Lasambrian orcs are not so keen to see their recent conquests lost to them once more. Reinforcements have been sighted moving into the territory out of the west. A conjunction to Ocaso Pines in the Yellow Sands offers the Empire a chance to eliminate these reinforcements before they can reach the Escuta army. War Scouts report that the elite Jotun warriors settle to camp at sunset each evening, a surprise assault would disorientate the enemy, prevent them from mounting a solid defence and allow their number to be quickly overrun. Successfully defeating the orcs here would stop what amounts to an emergency resupply of the Escuta preventing the equivalent of one hundred additional strength from reaching the army.

TO PUSH - a chance to strike against the Lasambrians, catching them off guard and denying their forces in Segura reinforcements.

# Navarr

Saturday 15:00

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TO PUSH

* Chance to take out the Fellorich Striding, a key group of the Heirs in Hercynia
* Combat the threat posed by the Vallorn

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TO PUSH:

* A Druj attack in Semmerholm puts the yeofolk of Dawn at risk
* We cannot risk them going unopposed as our armies fight in the Forest of Ulnak beyond Ossium and need supply routes to be maintained
* The tortured souls are former citizens from Dawnguard, corrupted by the Druj, they must be avenged and allowed to pass the Labirynth

# Urizen

Saturday 19:30

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# Varushka

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Likewise, there are similar reports from the recently conquered territory of Ossium in Varushka, where Druj fighters continue to reave the wild frontier lands. Despite the massive movement of Imperial troops through the area into the Forest of Ulnak this season, there are plenty of dark holes in which the barbarians can lurk. It is from these dark places that the Druj have emerged once more to plague the brave pioneers and prey upon the recently settled vales close to **Marshstand Rise**. Like the force threatening Dawn, this band do not appear set upon a specific goal, but their very presence threatens the supply trains to the armies fighting just over the border.

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