



HYPERBOREAN TIMES



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Cost: 1 goat or a barbarian slave

A strange proclamation for peace

In recent days, we have seen the following proclamation appear across the Continent.

"Hail, all people of Hyperborea! The time of peace is near! The comet of Ra-Amon-Thotep has appeared again! The Council of Hyperborea will bring peace to the continent! Do not tolerate military dictators! Peace to all! Signed - Phil-Ankh-Amon."



Breaking news: demonstrations and riots are breaking out across the continent in favour of the Kemetian boy Pharaoh. How will the leaders of Hyperborea react to this unprecedented phenomenon?

Raids on Finbroin territory

The peaceful and song loving Finbroins have suffered attacks from Barbarians and Libentians.

Barbarians have raided the coast and rumour has it that they have settled in Eastern Araxes. It is difficult to know how many enemy there are, but eye witnesses suggest about 3000 warriors.

A huge Libentian fleet has carried out pillage and slaving raids on Finbroin settlements along the coast. They have caused some damage and terror among the population, who are fleeing south. However, the tiny Finbroin fleet gave the invaders a bloody nose in a brilliant ambush (from one of the many secluded bays) and succeeded in sinking half a dozen or more enemy triremes for no loss of their own.

Zabatus ~ civil war?

With the untimely disappearance of King Andius, the unhappy citizens of Zabatus find themselves torn between different warring factions. The Kemetians, supporting the God boy Pharaoh Phil-Ank Amon are strong in the East and North. But the 'Restore Assuria' faction has gained strength and taken over the southern town of Amytis. Rumour has it that the Lamassu are behind this latter move. In the north, Niryan armies have been seen crossing the border, but there are no reports of aggression from them.

Ai ~ besieged and captured by Lamassu

Our reporter in the fair city of Ai has sent us news of a medium sized army sent by the aggressive Lamassu to subjugate the free people of Ai. In May, a herald arrived from the desert barbarians with the following message: "Submit to Tudiya, leader of the Lamassu! Only Lamassu can protect an independent city from the mighty Kemet. Avoid bloodshed, give tribute, and Ai will become a protected and prosperous part of Lamassu. We will have your answer by the end of the day." Wisely perhaps, wishing to avoid bloodshed, the Aiians decided to submit and allowed the triumphant conquerors to enter the city the following day. Rumour has it that the Kemetians had sent a diplomatic envoy to the city, but we have heard nothing of this.



The Lamassu army triumphant

see: <http://homepages.paradise.net.nz/peter.dunn/index.htm>

Sciron – falls to the Ichthyophagus fleet

The neutral Scirons have fallen victim to a daring and brilliant attack by the powerful Ichthyophagus navy.

Reporters on the spot suggest that following weeks of diplomatic activity, the Ichthys finally lost patience and sent their northern fleet to capture the port. It seems that when an Ichthyophagusian messenger was captured and returned to sender chopped into a hundred pieces (an ancient Sciron tradition) the patience of the Ichthys ran out. They captured the port in a night raid and then infiltrated the city, burning and killing everything they could find.

This is a warning to all – do not take these ruthless Ichthyophagusians, the finest sailors in the world, lightly.

Intense diplomatic activity

Lamassu and Ichthyophagus have established embassies in Sarissia.

Good relations and trade established between Consus and Lamassu.

Sarissia sends out ambassadors far and wide, finding some success with the Finbroins, Yuhanites and unhappy Zabatus. Oddly their overtures are rebuffed elsewhere. Does this indicate hostility towards the wine men of the desert?

Finbroins set up embassy in Kemet, but their diplomat sent to Libentina disappears.

Libentina establishes embassy in Nirya

Nirya and Yuhan exchange diplomats and establish embassies in each other's territory

News in brief

Sarissian Claret finds new markets and brings in the money for the desert people.

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Brunhilde, the charming niece of Niryan leader Gumbah Skullcrusher, is engaged to be married to the Steward of Ishtar (a Yuhan city).

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Ishtar declares itself a Free Trade City under the joint protection of Nirya and Yuhan.

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Yuhanite monks visit the capital for the first time in decades. Rumour has it that they have called for a crusade against non-believers.

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Araxes has arrested Ichthyophagusian sailors, accusing them of spying.

Strange but true

The Lamassu Chief Scientist is reported to have made an amazing breakthrough. One day, his King was disturbed from his tormenting of prisoners, "Lord, we have made a fabulous new invention" your Chief scientist announces one day, "Look, salt! If we boil sea water, lo, it gets hot and warms the cockles of the Gods. In reward, he gives us sat, so delicious on fried Kemetian flesh".

The Sarissians have established a College of Star Signs, an amazing science that predicts future events.

Ichthyophagus is feting the return of their expedition to the fabled isle of Atlantis, far away to the west. The glorious Admiral of the Fleet, one Waleter Ralegos, has brought back wonderful products and plenty of gold.

Next Turn

Players are encouraged to email each other, exchange plans and plots! The game will become much better for that!

Phil is organising the Great Council of Kemet – this will be an interesting and unique gaming experience, so please take part. It should be fun. Details will follow soon.

Orders for the Summer turn by end May please, BUT watch out for instructions on the Council.