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The first day of BonaMUN 2013

It's the morning of BonaMUN and while I'm writing this, all staff-members are preparing the school for BonaMUN, tables and chairs are being dragged through the building. Sweaty armpits, perspiring eyebrows and soaked backs, yes they were working very hard. Flags had to be hung in the auditorium, the lights had to be installed and the folders had to be sorted with the first edition of the BonaMUN Times in it. Now, five hours later, the press room is in chaos. I'm pretty sure I can hear a baby crying, one of the computers is on fire, the deputy head of press is glued to the wall and I am losing hair. In short, a perfectly normal start to BonaMUN 2013!



The auditorium is ready for The Opening Ceremonies

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The Scrolls of Time

As I was sick for most of yesterday, I cannot confirm the truth of this story.

It is an epic tale of dragons and trolls, of magic and myth, the very fabric of legends long forgotten. The sort of tale one would hear from his younger sibling's wet nurse or their grandparents.

When the skies and the grounds were one, the legends, with their twelve forces, protected The Scrolls of Time. An eye of red force created the evil that coveted The Scrolls of Time created a rift to pull The Scrolls through to the dark side. The Elders fought to save the Scrolls, but only succeeded to transport them to a hiding place somewhere in the Lands of Bonaeventuri, a place unknown even to the Elders themselves. Without the Scrolls, the Realm would be at risk of falling into the darkness.

But our heroes' quest begins in the High Lords' armoury. A place no mere mortal should ever enter, as that would mean a certain, painful death. However our brave knights, Ser Fabio and Ser Tjoeri did not fear and were determined to find what they sought: The Scrolls of Time. Even after days of searching the treacherous halls, they did not find them. Undeterred, Ser Fabio and Ser Tjoeri scaled the walls of the High Lords' Citadel, though battered from fighting direwolves and bandits along the way. The High Lords, though cruel in punishment, were just of heart and allowed them to search the castle for The Scrolls. Their search proved to be unsuccessful.

Thereafter, the gallant knights journeyed to the Elven Library, where they were joined by a delegation of Elves, Wylyma and Merlara, who were well versed in the magic of the wood. The elves went on to use this magic to delve deep into the athenaeum, hoping to find The Scrolls of Time. Alas, they failed once more. They ventured on through the Lands of Bonaeventuri, crossing The Bridge of The Fallen and galloping across The Singing Plains atop their mounts. Aye, although the quest was long, the knights and elves pushed forward.

Not too far from The Troll's Den, the newly-formed guild sent a raven for High Lord Cluos, in hopes that he, the Keeper of Secrets of the Realm, may know where their prize was.

Though the dark, dank home of the trolls did not seem to be a likely place for the Scrolls to be, the travellers deemed it worthy of their quest. The chieftain troll, Marsuyl, told the knights to make haste for the oracle, in the guttural tones of the troll language – decipherable only to the fair elves.

The Oracle, revered for his vast amount of knowledge, failed to inform the travellers of the location of The Scrolls. He did suggest they journey to the one place no one dare seek: The Lair of the Bone Dragon.

And so, our heroes went to battle the fearsome Bone Dragon, named for his tendency to grind the bones of his enemies to dust. With elegant swordsmanship and Elven magic, they managed to subdue the beast long enough to search the musty cave – again, to their disappointment, The Scrolls were nowhere to be found.

The guild wept – even stern Ser Tjoeri. They had travelled long and far, wishing only to rest their weary bones. After they had supped on a meagre meal of bread and water, they decided to make bed. All the while they hoped that dawn would bring good will.

They were roused from sleep by the head of the king's guard himself: Ser Caspiar. He, in his naturally jovial way, informed the group that The Scrolls of Time had been found.

Deep in the Citadel's innermost dungeons, a chest had been found.

From within, a faint glow of white and bronze escaped. This alarmed the wardens, who then reported to the high lords themselves what they had found.

In high spirits, our heroes rejoiced. They need not worry about the fate of the Lands of Bonaeventuri.

Long story short: the newspapers were in the teacher's room. In a cupboard. Yes, I missed a lot of things yesterday. (If you got the reference at the beginning please come to the press room ASAP, thank you.)

Quake creates new island in Pakistan

A major earthquake hit a remote part of western Pakistan on Tuesday, September 24th. The earthquake was even felt in India and has killed at least 45 people. The quake was so powerful, that it even caused the seabed to rise and create a new, small island. It's about 600 meters off the Pakistan's coastline. The island was created in the Arabian Sea and it can be seen from the coastline. It's about nine meters high, and a hundred meters wide.

A lot of houses were destroyed by aftershocks in the mountainous areas. Abdul Qadoos, deputy speaker of the Baluchistan assembly said that at least 30 percent of houses in the impoverished Awaran district had caved in.

The island will of course, be part of Pakistan. The island consists of mud, sand and rocks and it's littered with algae and yellow stones.

Local television reported that helicopters carrying relief supplies had been dispatched to the affected area. The army said it had deployed 200 troops to help deal with the disaster.



The island created by the earthquake

Area 51 exists!

On Friday, the 15th of August, the CIA confirmed the actual existence of the famous Area 51. Area 51 is a military base in the middle of the Nevada desert and it is famous for all the mystery around the area. Area 51 was built in 1955. It was used as a place for testing new surveillance aircraft called U-2. In the same year one of the aircraft crashed nearby. At this point the Americans realized that information about the aircraft could leak and as it were aircraft meant for spying this was not a good thing. So they realized Area 51 had to be expanded and protected from the outside world. From that moment on Area 51 was used for Black Projects, projects that test new military aircraft, and drones. Area 51 got more and more protected by the government and it became harder to find information about the place, so people started making up stories about aliens and UFOs. People knew there was a huge military basis in the Nevada desert but yet the government refused to acknowledge the existence of the area. Also, when people look at the satellite images of the Area, there is a grey spot on where the area should be. This caused confusion among American citizens and also with the rest

of the world. That was the point where people started to think of Area 51 as some alien military camp. People started to believe it more and more because of weird sightings at night, such as strange lights in the air and aircraft with incredible speed.



A satellite photo of Area 51

On the 15th of August 2013, the CIA finally officially confirmed the existence of Area 51. Although the base was a public secret, the CIA finally did it. They released documents with some content of the things taking place at the area. They confirmed that they were testing planes with new technology. Also they pointed out that those were the strange lights at night. Science-fiction fans were really disappointed because there was not a single thing about alien life forms. To some people, the mystery is over.

Still, the mystery carries on for most of people. They still think there is alien technology and maybe even extraterrestrial life in the area. Of course, it is possible that the CIA did not tell everything about Area 51. So if you are a believer, do not worry because there are enough reasons to keep believing.

“What is the most embarrassing or regrettable thing you have ever experienced on an MUN?”

Head of the Administrative Assistants: “Last BonaMUN, I broke my arm and I wore high heels so I could not find my balance and I fell all the time. People saw me.”

Germany, G-20: “At the IMUNA 2012 party, I tried to set up a friend to someone in my committee. I knew she liked nice lips, so I asked him “can I see your lips?” and then walked away. The day after, I realized how weird that must have looked.”

Press Officer 1: “I had to go to the bathroom, so I sent a note to my friend to ask if she knew where I could find a gender-neutral toilet, because I am transgender and I did not want it to be weird. The admin looked at it and gave it to the chair and he gave me a weird look. I was so embarrassed I had to cry.”

Press Officer 2: “In my committee at LEMUN 2012, there was this British guy. He came to me and asked some general stuff about the conference. Then, he asked about the party, what I would be wearing and with who I went, so I said I was going with my housing and some friends of her. He walked away and I heard him saying: ‘No, she is going with someone else’ really sad. I realized a week later he was trying to flirt with me. I turned down a cute British guy. I have never felt so much regret.”

Mexico, G-20: “I kissed my houser at BonaMUN 2012. It got really awkward the morning after.”

Administrative Manager: “The moment Kevin Chen tried to strip in his speech at BonaMUN 2012.”

Essays on issues

Nine people were asked to write an essay about an issue in a committee on BonaMUN 2013, each one chose a topic from a different committee. They were given no instruction on how to make this essay, which meant each essay was going to be different. The essays will all be published in The BonaMUN Times this year, but they won't be published all at once which means that you can read new essays in every edition.

Today:

An essay by Antonio Kamerling, reporter for the BonaMUN Times, on an issue in the EC and an essay by Casper Kerkhove, also a reporter for the BonaMUN Times, on an issue in the SC.

Deep Sea Mining

Deep sea mining is a method of getting minerals from the sea instead of mining in quarries. It is a relatively new method to get minerals and there are already many complaints about the environmental issues of the method. Just as the name itself says, deep sea mining takes place underwater. Usually at depths from 1400 to 3700 meters below the surface. So the people working with this method go to the ocean floor and drill a hole into the ground. This raises questions with the people protecting the environment such as Greenpeace and other environmental advocacy NGOs. They already said that it should be prohibited.



Deep sea mining

Just as other sorts of mining, deep sea mining is not a good thing for the environment. Let's just face it, almost every issue that has anything to do with the environment is caused by the most dangerous species on earth, us humans. People just do not pay enough attention to the environment. The reason for that is, not only the technological progress we have made in the past century, but also because people just do not care about the environment. Deep sea mining was not invented to be damaging to the environment, however it still is. There is a whole process behind it.

First remotely controlled vehicles, called ROVs, collect samples from minerals. When the ROVs actually have got a lot of good samples, the people behind it decide whether it is a good place for deep sea mining or not. When they have found a location there are two methods that are used for the extraction of the minerals: the continuous-line bucket system (CLB) and the hydraulic suction system.

The CLB is used more often than the hydraulic suction system. It works just like a conveyor-belt, it runs over the ocean floor, extracts the minerals, and transports them to the ship. The hydraulic

suction system works with a pipe. It is lowered to the ocean floor and from there it sucks the minerals up to the ship.

This method has a big impact on the environment. The sea is something we should treasure for it is something we do not completely understand. One thing we do know about the sea is that people have to treat it gently because it is easily "broken". So if people dig into the ocean floor, a lot of things could happen. For instance, it can produce sounds that will distract whales and other sea animals, the sediment leaves plumes that can overwhelm sea animals and also the ship can leave waste that may have an impact on the sea.

Above all, it damages the sea and that is what needs to stop. We should not mess with environment so much because one day we might discover that we really have destroyed the earth with our greed for money. So in my opinion we should stop deep sea mining because it damages the earth and therefore ourselves.

Syrian civil war

It has been all over the news lately, the civil war of Syria, the conflict between the rebels (mostly the NSA) and the government of the Syrian Arab Republic. The amount of casualties is a hundred thousand and still rising and the rumors about a chemical attack seemed to be true though it is still unsure which of both parties should be held responsible for this.

Anyhow, the republic agreed with the Russian Federation to disable theirs which is a good thing for way to many innocent lives are lost already and weapons of this kind will not help anyone at all – or any weapons at all. In a certain way, you could say that Russia and the UN played a game of good cop – bad cop with the republic.

Though the threat of another chemical attack might have faded, the conflict is not over yet. If an international military intervention might cause both parties to cease fire I would support it but aiding either the NSA or the republic with ammunition and manpower does not seem like an ethical or even wise idea to me.

Taliban presence in Waziristan

Waziristan, a region between Pakistan and Afghanistan, has been and currently is troubled by the presence of the TTP (Pakistani Taliban). When the search for Al-Qaeda fighters was initiated in Waziristan and the War on Terror began, the TTP (having had closer ties with al-Qaeda than the Taliban) has begun fighting this movement.

It just might be a great move to get the tribes all over Waziristan to evict Taliban presence and stop their recruitment since they already want this to happen for themselves. Lack of international support is part of the problem here.

Al-Shabaab in Somalia

The situation in Somalia needs to be improved; plainly, Al-Shabaab (an Al-Qaeda associated Islamist group) needs to get out, and the UN and UNISOM are currently working on it. Al-shabaab militants

are kidnapping aid workers and targeting international organizations while following and practicing sharia law, all the while committing terrorist-attacks and violating human rights. To me they obviously seem to be the 'bad guy'.

When UNISOM II failed to rebuild infrastructure and disarming militant groups, the Somali people turned side with the militants. This is undesirable for the efforts to establish political and humane stability to say the least. The UN has to be more organized to avoid any more occurrences like this because we cannot blame the civilians for their probably understandable reaction; They are all just humans at the moment not quite the enforcing group of the issue so any problems or failure should be blamed on the military approach of the UN.

Though the UN tries its best, there are other (neighbouring) countries that can, and currently are contributing to the security of Somalia but as long as things aren't organized properly, as in actually most international or regional conflicts all over the world, solutions will not come as easy.



People killed by the gas-attack in Syria



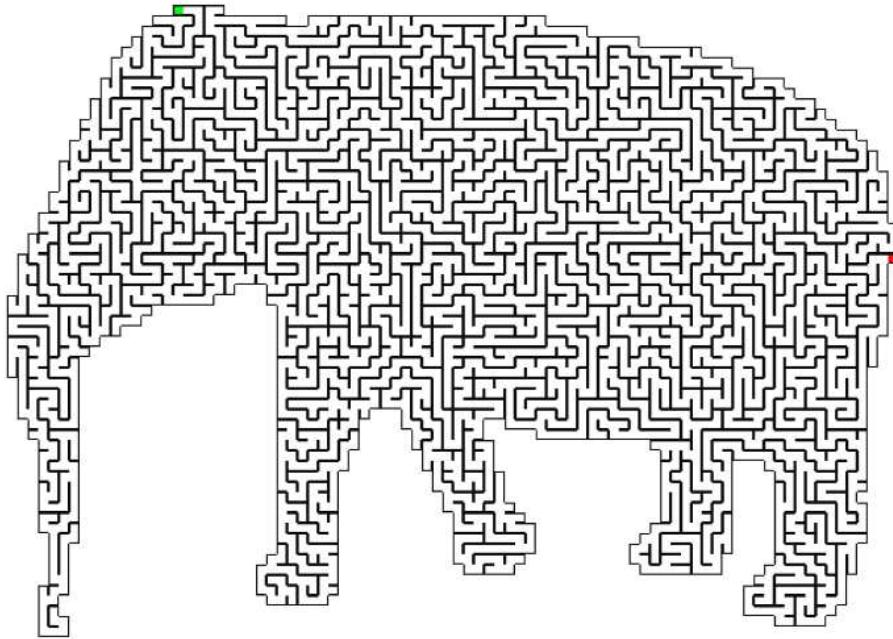
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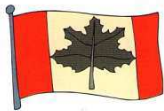


A word search

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Word Search

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Word search grid containing letters for finding country names. The grid is as follows:

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