

## **Winter IBGA Outcomes**

*The following was announced during a night market.*

During the first half of winter this is what was accomplished. Thanks to the efforts of the Nugnogs, Pro, and Quinnley during the Autumn and beginnings of winter the Growing Vault was successfully built. They planted potatoes, carrots and turnips in it. The Nugnogs also learned from the Mind Eaters what could be foraged from the lands around them. They were able to collect edible grubs, tubers, mushrooms, and mosses that they were able to store and use throughout the winter. They also cultivated the Magical Oranges over the winter months. Because of their efforts food was available to everyone in the settlement on a rationed basis. The Gords, oranges, strawberries and apples that were found helped as well. Seeds from the strawberries, gourds and apples were saved to plant in the spring time as no one knew if they could be planted in the winter. Professor Malory worked with a Havenite, named Maya, in the late fall to set up an indoor enclosure for her Turtle-Duck, Squeakers. Professor Mallory's Turtle-Duck matured over the winter and during the coldest part fresh eggs started to become something everyone looked forward to. It was only once a week but it was one of the few foods that wasn't a vegetable. Aicacoron was able to trap animals through the winter but many times he found his snare to have been plundered by a scavenger. He was able to at least offer meat once or twice a week. Many times it was served in a stew form with vegetables making up the majority of it. No one went hungry but it was never quite enough for you to feel fully sated. In addition to the trapping he did, Aicacoron also left the settlement in the late fall and early winter to set traps throughout the mountain pass. He worked with the Mind Eaters to set many deadly traps and others that were meant to slow The Protectorate's advancement. Dr. D worked through the last part of summer and early fall to create something he said everyone would enjoy. In the early part of winter he handed out a stack of vouchers to everyone in the settlement. The vouchers were for alcoholic drinks at his Night Market area. He began to serve alcoholic cider to people with vouchers. The vouchers eventually became a type of currency. People would use them as betting pieces at his gambling table. Because of the gambling area and the alcohol vouchers, morale didn't fall quite as low as had been expected. Octavious, Darcy, Killian, and Happy worked to start the building of the future town hall. Even though they were only able to get the foundation set and the basement built, it allowed for a place to store most of the food over the winter months. Octavious was seen on multiple occasions clearing the future floor for the ground level of snow. When asked why he did it he explained that he didn't want to risk it collapsing and ruining all the food that was stored there. Zyrim and Ellie worked with some of the townspeople to build a house for the Scale Team 6 group. They were able to get a large portion done because they repurposed an old foundation that was still stable. Dimitri left during the fall and early winter to scout out the surrounding area. Jackdaw, Johann and

Judah also left to scout but did not go in the same direction of Dimitri. Both were able to add to the map that was slowly being created.

Some of you were in attendance of a meeting with Haven. For those not in attendance this is what transpired. Members of the town were invited for a summit to discuss a possible alliance with "Haven" by the ritualist and craftsman known as Cassius. While there they encountered the being called the Host and the members of town struck a deal with it to delay the progress of The Protectorate forces. Other magical items were gained at the end due to Aic and Bridget, mainly, the representatives from Haven have decided to present their council with an agreement and have sent a Cephalopod kin back with the group. He is to be trusted.

Once the snows began to lessen there was much preparation for the inevitable attacks from The Protectorate. No one was certain of when they would appear, only that it would be some time in the spring after the mountain pass cleared of snow. Killian and Happy both began working on fortifying the fortress near the settlement. They were able to obtain help from some Havenite builders that specialised in fortifications. Though it is not perfect, the fortress will be an effective safe place for the villagers to retreat to if necessary. Octavious began a sort of combat school with the aide of the Good Boy Squad. Many of the civilians took to the training eagerly. By the time the final snows had melted the civilians that were being trained have a basic understanding of how to defend themselves and the others that didn't train. There were also several escape drills were done over the last couple of months. Octavious wanted to make sure that all of the settlement was able to retreat to the fortress in a timely fashion. Darcy and Ellie were seen working together in the clinic. At one point during the winter many people became quite ill. It was found out by Darcy and Ellie that one of the types of berries that were stored turned poisonous during the winter month due to an odd fermentation. They prepared an antidote and all that had been effected were cured. Johann escorted the Bloodspiller captain that was captured to the Mind Eaters for judgement. He explained that no one in the settlement had the right to pass judgement on her because she was the enemy of the Mind Eaters first. Pro left once the snows all melted to assist the Havenites with setting up ambush sites between the settlement and the mountain pass. Aicacoron also had left to assist in activating all of the traps that he had helped get ready in the first part of winter. Professor Mallory was seen quite often with Owlbert in deep conversations. It seemed like they were together almost everyday. Once the snows melted Mallory was seen with the same Havenite, Maya, from the fall setting up an area for Squeakers the Turtle-Duck to live. It seems like Maya also brought three more Turtle-Ducks to add to the flock. It was noticed that Maya had a horse sized Turtle-Duck pulling her cart. When asked she would explain that Turtle-Ducks needed a very special diet to become this size. Because of the additional Turtle-Ducks eggs were available three times a week! Quinnely announced that he has created laws for the settlement. He has made sure that they were hung up in all areas and handed out to

anyone who asked. A new person arrived at the settlement shortly after many took part in the negotiations with the Havenites. His name is Saryel. He gets along with all that live at the settlement. Though his appearance is strange he is quite nice and wants to assist in any way he can. It would seem that Cascious sent him to act as an intermediary of sorts with Haven. There is also a new Dryad named Calypso in town that has black "Ink" coming from her body. It was clear quite quickly that she is not infected with The Rot that has been seen in others. She has been mostly quiet so far but it seems that she is not a threat to the settlement. She arrived in town around the same time Saryel did. One night Zyrim seemed to have disappeared. No one knows where he had gone. Tracking him led to a dead end. The council meet with everyone in the Night Market and announced that a spy from the Collegium had been found. Yaga told those who were around that it was a girl named Eliza who came up with the last of the supplies for winter. She headed in the direction of the mountain pass and they were worried that she may disarm or set off the traps in the mountain pass. A few nights after this announcement Aicacoron, Yagahad, Dag and Krag left in an attempt to try to find Eliza and make sure that the traps in the mountain pass were still intact.

((This next part is a set up for the event and takes place 2 weeks prior to the event happening.)) One day a huge explosion is heard from the direction of the mountain pass. While everyone speculates what it is, a Mind Eater comes to town roughly an hour after the explosion. He states that that explosion was the big-boom trap that was placed at the base of the mountain. It was made at the request of the Havenites. Everyone knows that this can only mean the main force of The Protectorate has made it through the mountain pass.

### **Tidbits and Rumors**

Rumors have been circulating from tradesmen that towards the mountains behind what are now Protectorate held lines a ship made of colored stone tore through a ripple in the sky and crashed. It was alight and massive. Maybe thought the sounds and flashes were from battle but some claim they saw it being chased through the rip in the sky by a massive tentacle made of smoke and water.

Just after the last gathering and around the time of tonight's meeting the area feels tense. The Forge father has been leading raids against the Protectorate encampment seeking justice against them. Many forces available have joined him and tho weakening the powerful elemental these raids have the effect of keeping the Protectorate advance at bay. At first there were many tales of the Vreech beginning to swarm again. However now, their cries when heard are often met by an otherworldly roar and their pulled bodies are found the day after. The cause for this is unknown. The relative calm in the eye of the war is welcome however.