THUNDER FROM ABOVE
by Joe D. Fugate, Sr.
9/20/89

Because we (DSG and GDW) are starting the clock running once again on January 1, 1990 at 001-1120, all prior HIMG documentation must end at 365-1119. From 001-1120, WE are going to direct the flow of the rebellion with our adventures, etc. We actively solicit HIMG input into our determination process, but any HIMG document to be published that discusses any rebellion history after 365-1119 is unofficial (however, see below).

ED and MIKE: I suggest that you refer all post 1119 HIMG documents to me (Joe Fugate at DSG) and I will take up the task of discussing them with Marc Miller. That having been done, if Marc and I agree that the material fits into the DSG/GDW direction of the Rebellion, then we will authorize you to add “Officially Approved Rebellion History” to the document.

—Joe, DSG

WHAT IN THE STARS
by Mike Mikesh

Tiffany Star is one sheet, but is now a monthly and will include Traveller news and information. This is an efficiency move.

Joe Fugate at Digest Group Publications is giving HIMG a LOT of attention. (Some HIMGers were worried we are being ignored. Be assured this is not so.) However, Joe expressed some annoyance at our ability to manage the flow of information up to him.

This stems largely from the influx of new members.

The organization was set up for about 20. It now has approximately 6 times that. Changes to handle the growth were sadly overdue. I’ve asked Joe to remove our ad in Digest, at least until we have better control over things.

The key change is the total emphasis on HIMG Pubs to get fan essays and ideas to the designers. This is Joe’s reference library. If Joe (or any writer) needs supporting material for a publication, he can go to Ed’s listing of HIMG Pubs, scan for the things he might need, and pull them. (Writers that don’t have a set of HIMG

respective groups.

Tiffany Star is available to History of the Imperium Working Group members at the single issue price of $1.00. Members automatically receive subscriptions upon the payment of dues. Annual dues for HIMG membership are $12.00 and are payable to Ed Edwards, HIMG, 1410 E. Boyd, Norman OK 73071. Stamps accepted.

Articles in specific format and illustrations are welcome. Send mail to Mike Mikesh, TIFFANY STAR, 3124 75th Ave #3, Landover MD 20785.
Dear Fellow TRAVELLER:

9/20/89

I thank each HIMGer for their continued patience with this lowly Chairsophont. During the last four months the number of HIMGer's has more than doubled. At the same time, my available time to service HIMG has dropped to less than half. Those mathematically inclined will note that these facts make my time to communicate with each HIMGer drop to less than 1/4 of what it used to be. Bottom line: I have quit writing my trademark chatty letters in which I rumble on about fourteen different TRAVELLER subjects and even move into personal details like what I had for lunch.

I want you to know this is not because any former friend is no longer desirable, but due to the press of important HIMG matters. Well, that is an overstatement. I've been burdened with HIMGian details like the distribution of HIMG Documents (it just takes an hour or two to pull a $33.00 order of HIMG Docs from the some 700 pages of available HIMG Documents, run to the copy shop, run home, restore the sequence of HIMG Doc originals, package up the mail, etc.). I enjoy doing this, but it doesn't get the mail written. Besides, I might like to write a HIMG Doc or two myself.

There I go again chatting away endlessly. What I wanted to say is that I can no longer communicate with individual HIMGers at the degree to which I would like. I have made several attempts to assign some of my duties to other HIMGers, with success some places and failure others.

Instead of griping, let me discuss two HIMGian developments which are good. I didn't plan them, but I wish I had.

The first nifty development in HIMG is that it is now a family of fanzines. There are series of HIMG Docs being developed which, if standing by themselves could only be called fanzines.

7/29/89

TRAVELLER Fanzines
The HIMG Connection

I was sitting about worrying because all the exclusively TRAVELLER fanzines were either gone or have included other game systems in their coverage. Then it dawns on me: there are a full half-dozen exclusively TRAVELLER fanzines - and I, the HIMG Documents Guru, am sitting on them. Yes, HIMG Docs is a family of exclusively TRAVELLER fanzines. Guide to the entries:

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TIFFANY STAR
Editor: Mike Mikeh
Subject: Flagship document of HIMG. HIMG membership includes copies of TS.

Issues available:

1 20 1/16/88
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# new old Author Title
1303  B 16 Bush Concise History of the Vilani Period (-100,000 to -2400)
1701  I 3 Bush First Thoughts on Ship Design in MT
4103  I 2 Fountain Power Delineations in the Ilelish Sector
4201  4 14 Videll Initial Analysis Zarushaghar Sector
4203  2 5 Videll Corporate Zarushaghar Rev 0
A001  1 4 Kimball War of Antarlian Liberation 1116-1122
A901  1 2 Hopkins Yeryyuwok Character Profile
L001  5 14 Affeldt Lucan's Lieutenants (LL)
040.01 I 2 Affeldt Dirty Deeds of the Rebellion

The 111 old pages cost $11.40 at the old price of 10 cents a page. The 46 new pages cost $5.52 at 12 cents a page, $6.90 at 15 cents a page. Even at the higher prices, this is a 38% reduction in overall cost. Bryan did this!

Bryan has also reformatted the following documents which were never available in a long version.

# pages Author Title
3103 1 Riddell Vargr Attacks on Corridor
3104 1 Riddell Duke Rehman in the Rebellion
3105 2 Riddell Four Personalities of Corridor
3106 1 Riddell What is Corridor Sector All About?
3107 1 Riddell The Corridor Chronicles
3108 1 Riddell Mid-Rift Stations

Duke Rehman is the Sector Duke of Corridor who is displaced by invading Vargr.

The "Four Personalities" is actually five personalities (Ed didn't count very good when he made up the title to the document). These characters are minor nobles and functionaries.

"The Corridor Chronicles" are a vehicle Riddell has created to carry information about the fall of Corridor. The Chronicles are described in this document.

"What is Corridor Sector All About?" is a discussion of Riddell's current thoughts on how to further develop the sector as Corridor Sector Analyst.

"Mid-Rift Stations" speculates on the development of aids to crossing the Great Rift. The Rift separates the two parts of Corridor Sector.

New HUWG Docs for August:

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Recent HUWG appointments:

(nego.) means the position is under negotiation and may be filled.

- 64xx Bill Carey Delphi Sector Analyst
- 74xx Jim Ujicik Alpha Crucis Sector Analyst
- 73xx (Nego.) Ley Sector Analyst
- 74xx (Nego.) Glimmerdrift Reaches Analyst
- 96xx Patrick Hoye Empty Quarter Sector Analyst
- 93xx Herb Petro Foreven Sector Analyst
- A5xx Allen Hopkins Aslan Faction Analyst
- Zxx Pete Perneta Zhodani Faction Analyst
- xxx Bryan Borich HUWG Data Coordinator

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All HIMG Documents mentioned here are available for US 12 cents (until 1 Jan 90) per page or page equivalent from Ed Edwards; 1410 E. Boyd; Norman, OK 73071 or for 8 pence per page in England from: David Lai; 9 Fieldhead Close; Market Harborough; Leics. LE16 9DZ.

TIFFANY STAR back issues 1 to 9 are still available for US$2.00 each from Ed or 1 Pound 60 pence from David Lai.

And now on to the changes in HIMG since the last issue of TS:

CHANGED TIFFANY STAR

You probably noticed the change in TS. TS will henceforth contain only HIMG coordination material, HIMG Document summaries, and HIMG Document lists. It will not contain Rebellion articles. Because TS is shorter, it's cost is less per issue. The cost of TS is US$2.00 each, for TS 10 + is US$1.00. There will be twice as many issues of the new/improved TS as of the old TS during the year. So the cost per year runs the same. New policy is: H IMG membership is NEWS MEMBERSHIP. This includes at least 12 issues of TS (about monthly - but this may be twice a month some months, nothing some months).

To get there, it will be necessary for me to scrub the HIMG membership list. Every issue of TS due after #9 will be doubled. I really do not have time to do this prior to the circulate time of TS10. You should notice this on your mailing label of TS11.

Many forces lead to this change in TS. Rather than defend this action, I will list some of the forces:

1. need to enhance communication with the professional world of TRAVELLER
2. rising copy costs and postage costs
3. increasing interest in HIMG goals and activities
4. redefined priorities of HIMGian leaders
5. the War on Drugs, lunar cycles, and the Terra Greenhouse Effect
6. increasing HIMG membership
7. increasing HIMG participation in Rebellion developments
8. copyright and law suit laws
9. massive growing volume of Rebellion facts
10. ———other——— (please specify).

CHANGED HIMG Document price

As of 8/25/89 the price of a HIMG Document page (or page equivalent) is US$12 cents. I have not had time to correspond with the UK Outlet or HIMG Docs - but in the dollar cost rises, so does the Pound prices. The cost for back issues of TS remains at US$2.00 per issue (issues 1 to 9). The Copy shop I use went up, I go up.

On 1 Jan 90 the price of a page of HIMG Docs rises to US15 cents. The postage is going up, so the cost goes up.

Sector Data Progress

Sector Data to accompany the ATLAS sectors is continually being uploaded to GEnie. If you are the Sector Analyst of one of the following sectors and do not have a copy of the data, I will provide it to you upon your request. People who are not sector analysts for a particular sector need not apply. The sectors are: Antares, Core, Corridor, Dagudashaag, DaiBei, Delphi, Diaspora, The Empty Quarter, Fornast, Glimmerdrift, Gushemege, Hinterworlds, Lishun, Old Expanses, Reaver's Deep, Reft, Riftspan Reaches, Trojan Reach, and Vland.

HIMG and TTT

After issue 25 of TTT, HIMG will no longer be sending all HIMGers prepaid copies of TTT. If you enjoy receiving TTT, you will have to pay your own subscription. Details on subscribing to TTT are in each issue of TTT. TTT is a good fanzine and I encourage you to subscribe to it.

Resign Now and Avoid the Rush

There are a lot more HIMGers now than there were three or four months ago. If you have more than one HIMG analyst job, you need to resign from all but one of them. If you have been a HIMG analyst over a year and have not written a HIMG Pub yet, you need to resign. There are HIMGers waiting for a HIMG analyst job.

HOW TO HIMG update

Efforts are underway to produce a document called "How to HIMG '90" Target date for completion is early 1990. If you have any data you think should go into it, send it to Ed.

FUTURE HCL TOPICS

The following topics need to be discussed in future HCLs in TS:

1. Who owns the copyright of HIMG Docs?
2. Who in this world is controlling the course of the Rebellion?
3. Can one HIMG without GEnie membership?
5. What position does the HIMG Doc?
6. Paperless HIMGing
7. HIMGing in Japan

--- Ed ---

BLACK KNIGHTS

by Mike Mikesh

Informal name for the Knightly Order of Vashair, founded in 1296 to directly serve the archduke. It was named after an Ilelish hero who, according to legend, died three separate times in the service of the planetary emperor. Martin III dissolved the Vashairians in 435 at the conclusion of the Ilelish Revolt.

Emperor Strenthor restored the Order of Vashair in 1107 at the request of Archduke Dulinor. Initially, the news media pictured them as special honor guards until 1110 when they captured the naval base at Khirar (Ilelish 22081). Sector Admiral Letna was preparing to defect to the Solomani Confederation with extremely sensitive documents. Operating under a ducal warrant, the knights fought their way into the base, captured Letna, and executed him. Although some still insist the admiral was not a traitor, the Letna Incident clearly demonstrated the Black Knights as an elite fighting arm.

As honor guards, the Knights of Vashair wear special armor with a gleaming black finish. Although designed for ceremony rather than field combat, their armor and weapons are fully functional. They wear stylish black uniforms at other times. Each knight is free to design variations to his own uniform as a mark of distinction.

All black knights are combat experienced. While most are former military, some were law enforcers. Each is given much preparatory training as "squires" before being knighted. Most squires become such without any guarantee of knighthood, and often remain professional squires. It is not uncommon for a knight to lead a squad of squires in small operations. Squires that distinguish themselves are eventually knighted.

The particular value of the Black Knights is as a group whose loyalty is certain. Dulinor has no absolute certainty with his naval officers or the Ilelish nobility. So he has come to rely on the knighthood to serve as his representatives. The knighthood has become a symbol of loyalty to the archduke. And as such, Dulinor has sent knights to serve particular noblemen as token of his trust.

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