

Dear Gaia, Mavors, Aru, Dagleir, and Ronkel,

I continue to pray that, given your reported omnipotence, you will kindly consent to beat some sense into my misbegotten ward, or short of that, simply kill me outright. But in the mean time, I present today's torture fest for your apparent enjoyment:

- Jonicus established his bona fides with the most feared remaining officer in the military, primarily in order to secure an audience which which he could accuse the Legate's wife of sleeping with the former First Citizen
 - This based on the operating theory that all the children in the First Citizen's bloodline were killed, despite the fact that Marcus manifestly was not
- On a side note, research revealed that the ritual possibly used to kill the First Citizen and his bloodline was actually used once before, **RESULTING IN THE END OF THE AGE OF LEGENDS**. This, mind you, was the RITUAL THE PARTY WAS RESEARCHING.
- In a shocking manifestation of common sense, the group then decided to temporarily forego ongoing research of the ritual, such that Jonicus could pursue, you guessed it, *direct action*.
- Upon observing that the party wasn't particularly well-suited to combat undead, Jonicus convinced his comrades to stake out a grove to observe a ritual performed by... wait for it... undead.
- Whereupon the party killed (re-killed?) all the undead approaching for the ritual before it actually commenced, leading to a net gain of *zero actual information* in exchange for massive internal injuries.
- And then, healing be damned, they tracked the undead back to their origin (the Triumphal arch of Clio), and elected to follow additional undead trails from there. Upon establishing that the undead appeared to be attacking, infiltrating, and/or subverting every available ancestral Nymphaeum, they naturally chose to investigate **AS MANY LOCATIONS AS POSSIBLE BEFORE** healing was available. Or at least, run aimlessly in circles and watch the smoke from a distance.
- Should we be surprised by the fact that the undead seem to be attempting to capture and compel spirits at the Nymphaea, while other forces seem to indicate that spirits are being stolen from the Gwhi while spirits are required in order to power the virtual games at the coliseum? Perhaps this explains why Jonicus has already fought multiple virtual battles. Or maybe he's just a **COMPLETE FLAMING IDIOT**.

Hoping to be recounting subsequent events from the afterlife,

"Steve"