

An obnoxiously jaunty tune plays over the speaker for a moment.

"Hello listeners and welcome to the noon edition of Nomad News Now on 101.3 Triumvirate Radio! Live to you from our studio in Fort Brien, Vicim; I'm your host Leo Sanbara of the Fortune Hunters joined as always by my good friends Lyra Ossenhammer of the Weaver's(Builder's) Union and Sister Nora Skolzitbane of the Burning Hands."

"Greetings unbelievers."

"Yo."

"Well we've got a doozy of a news day for you today dear listeners, we've got a revolution in Pyrajet, we've got the Conductor soon to set foot in the ATR, our good friend Nora has prepared a short sermon for the souls lost abroad the *Too Blues Too Orbital* and of course everyone is waiting with baited breath to hear our takes on the trial of the century. But first we're gonna go to our friend Simon Sunwatch for today's weather report!"

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"Thanks a lot Simon, now onto the news! We'll start with the tragic loss of the *Too Blues Too Orbital*, whose wreckage was found in Admor's Eye after she disappeared during a Leviathan Hunt. It seems that all hands were lost."

"They died a worthy a death, they have gone to the Hunting Grounds to prepare for the next time the Worldbreaker rises from the depths."

"Must have been an awfully big Leviathan eh Nora?"

"It seems likely, the Builder's Union are hardened hunters in their own right, such a vessel would not fall to mere minnows. It is the opinion of the Sionnachs of the Burning Hands that the Fleet should be sent to find this beast."

"The part you left out there Leo is that she was found by the Korinans. Union ships don't just go missing in the middle of a Leviathan Hunt, especially a 3rd Rate fitted specifically for Hunting."

"You have a different opinion Lyra?"

"I say the Korinans jumped her."

"A bold claim Lyra, but one devoid of evidence."

"Yeah and the only evidence we have for her getting taken out by a giant Leviathan is their word."

"I feel like if the Korinans had attacked the *Too Blues Too Orbital* Captain Yoska would have had time to send a message over parlay tome that they were under attack."

"And she wouldn't have been able to if a big ass Leviathan attacked?"

"Point."

"This speculation is unproductive; cease, so that I may offer a prayer for the souls of the fallen."

"Very well, take it away Nora!"

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"Thank you for that lovely sermon Nora."

"Stop calling us 'Builders' for fu-"

"And in other news there's been a revolution in Pyrajet!"

"About fuckin' time."

"A predictable outcome of the so-called Wizards and their endless abuses of their people."

"Yeah, though the Archwizard definitely helped move things along."

"I think that is a gross understatement, it is abundantly clear to even the casual observer that the so-called Archwizard was deeply involved in orchestrating these events."

"Does it matter?"

"It might, depending on whether or not the Archwizard actually stays out of future Pyrajeti politics or maneuvers herself into command of the revolutionary government."

"I suppose we'll just have to wait and see then won't we?"

"So it seems."

"Yuppers."

"And then there's that shit that just went down in the ATR."

"What a fuckin' mess."

"It does seem to raise questions about the continued validity of the Tower's government that they are unable to prevent factional militias from lynching government members in the streets."

"On accusations of crimes that aren't even real at that."

"It's definitely not a good look for the Administrator. You think he'll manage to hold onto power?"

"It seems immensely unlikely to me unless the situation changes very dramatically very shortly."

"Yeah, he's cooked. Maybe the Captain or the Collector could rally some support for him if they were so inclined, but I don't see it happening."

"Well our lovely assistant Dave is signaling me that we're running long on time so how about we move to the last bit of major news of today and wrap up ladies?"

"As you wish."

"Hit me."

"I'm sure our listeners are eagerly waiting to hear our takes on the ongoing trial of Captain Zacharius, I'm a Fortune Hunter so, you know, my opinion should be pretty clear but let's hear what the Union and the Burning Hands think about all this. Nora?"

"It is my opinion that Captain N. Zacharius is a very brave and very foolish man. That said I think the Dictator and her Senatus will come to regret giving him the attention he craves by putting him on such a massive and publicized trial."

"And you Lyra?"

"I think the fact that the Korinans are combing through The Tall Tales And Many Lives trying to prove whether or not the events inside it are real or fictional just shows their hand so hard. They aren't putting the Captain on trial as a pirate accused of tangible crimes, they're putting him on trial as a personality and public figure who dared to oppose them. They feel threatened by his popularity and feel the need to discredit him to shore up their legitimacy. It's embarrassing and sad."

"Can't say I disagree Lyra. I don't feel quite so pessimistic though, I'm sure he'll pull through this just fine."

"Your boundless optimism is impressive, but the Korinans will put a lyterifle beam through his skull before they allow him to escape. Besides, no one actually believes the outcome of this trial is anything but predetermined. No one who isn't a fool at least."

"What can I say? The Captain has never let me down before, I'm sure he's got something trick or scheme of his sleeve."

"The man does have a reputation to uphold, he'd hardly have agreed to go on trial if he didn't think he could win or escape."

"Exactly, I have faith in him."

"You are both fools."

"And you're an insufferabl-"

"And with that dear listeners we are out of time. Thank you for joining us for this noon edition of Nomad News Now on 101.3 Triumvirate Radio! I've been your host Leo Sanbara, joined as always by the lovely Lyra Ossenhammer and Nora Skolzitbane. Up next will be my good friend Scully Gapper hosting one hour of today's hottest tunes on Pirate Radio. I hope you enjoy and I hope you will all tune in again at 6 PM Vicim Local for the evening edition of Nomad News Now!"