

An obnoxiously jaunty tune plays over the speakers

"He-"

"WE'RE BACK BITCHES!"

"How uncouth."

"-llo listeners! And welcome back to Nomad News Now on 101.3 Triumvirate Radio with Leo Sanbara, Lyra Ossenhammer and Nora Skolzitbane, coming to you live once again from our Vicim studio! And may I just say that it's damn good to be back."

"Damn right it is."

"Indeed."

"So to start us off we've got an official announcement from Captain Pekorra the Conductor herself that my lovely compatriot Nora will have the pleasure of reading for us."

Ahem

"Greetings people of Laurentia's Landing, I am pleased to announce that with the timely aid of the Matrimony of Ustir, the Biomorphacists of Molterrag and the esteemed Inha Cho, a team of researchers led by Miss Adhira has successfully enabled the reoccupation of Fort Brien and the reopening of the Vicim Gate.

Their research has allowed us to conclude that the mysterious growths are in fact a new occurrence of the Vicim lifeform, perhaps a larval or adolescent stage, with the violent physical reactions experienced by Builder's(Weaver's) Union personnel being a potent allergic reaction to airborne spores. Vicim 2, as we have taken to referring to them, is not hostile but we have not managed to establish any form of two-way communication at this time. For the safety of Vicim 2, Union personnel and visitors themselves I politely ask that all persons who arrive on Vicim take the provided antihistamine medications and obey all instructions from Union personnel.

Anyone too stupid to obey that polite request will be getting a much more violent one from Fort Brien's security teams, I'm serious, do not try me. -Captain Pekorra the Conductor."

"Lemme fuckin' see that script..... SHE DID NOT CALL US BUI-"

"And there you have it folks, straight from the Captain herself a whole new Vicim Consciousness growing up in our midst, our new Harpie friends must be just dying from the sheer excitement."

"Indeed, the winged heathens must be beside themselves at the prospect of getting to meaningfully study the creature."

"Yeah yeah, science and shit, more importantly those damn Korinans scattered a fucking Leviathan Shoal. I don't know about you guys but I'd rather not starve or see our ships crash

just so the Dictator's coffers stay full."

"The actions of the Republican Armada is certainly the most short-sighted action undertaken in recent times, eclipsing even the foolishness of the late Huntmaster Samir."

"Can't say I disagree, even if they do wreck the gate we can't exactly survive as a society without the Shoals. Hell even if we lost both gates at least society would continue to exist, can't say the same if the bone economy collapses. Kinda weird that the Shoals are all bee-lining for the gates though innit? Hell even the one in Vicim is acting funny. Any ideas?"

"Clearly this is a sign from the Huntress that something big is coming, perhaps Shenra the Worldbreaker is soon to rise again, or perhaps one of its many terrifying heirs has stirred from their slumber."

"Very reassuring Nora, you always know just what to say to cheer me up."

"One day you unbelievers will all-"

"I say the Korinans have done something, maybe they've kidnapped a biggun and are mucking with it, maybe the Pryarchs are up to something, maybe them trying to build a new gate has pissed them all off, but they've done something that's caused all this and we're all gonna starve for their stupidity."

"I'm sorry Lyra, is the Korinans doing something and everyone else in the Landing suffering ill because of it not the natural state of our existence?"

"...Okay, now I know the world is ending."

"....We're all fucked."

"Very funny you two, my humor is not without precedent."

"So there you have it listeners; Vicim is reopen, the Leviathans have apparently declared war on Korina and Nora Skolzitbane is cracking jokes. Regular broadcasting schedules on 101.3 Triumvirate Radio will resume tomorrow, assuming the world doesn't end before then."

"Repent your sins while you still can, the end is nigh!"

"....Assholes."