

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

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Vlados Xi Returns!



EDITORIAL

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It's me again! I've returned to the island after another long break. There hasn't been a newsletter in nearly a year, so I think it's about time we had a new one, especially considering the recent developments...

Vlados Xi

The island's whispers seem to be suggesting that Vlados Xi, the vampire demigod has returned to Monster Island.

Vlados has not been seen since the last demigod wars. Since the return of Yasmin el Boa and Kadar Black, his return has been anticipated.

Rumours about his return are persistent, tales of shrines, temples and catacombs can be overheard amongst the background banter in town squares.

There can be no doubt that Vlados' return has sparked the groups in to action. There have been no official sightings of these places; if any of the main groups have made any discoveries, they don't seem willing to make their knowledge public, and who can blame them?!

Mapping

It's been a while since anyone wrote a new mapping program for Monster Island. The last one was Shadow Cult's 'Shadow Mapper.'

Unfortunately that one has been rendered almost useless due to changes in the game.

I've decided to take it upon myself to write a new one. Development is well on. There should be a beta version available in time for the next newsletter.

I'm currently in the process of writing the import routines for other mappers. I'd be interested to hear from people who are using the existing map editors. If you have any map files which you can send me, I'd be grateful for them as it will help with testing the imports.

I'd also like to hear of feature suggestions which I may not have thought of. If there are features you wished your current mapping program had, let me know and I'll try and include them in to my new mapping program.

If anyone would like to try out an Alpha version (currently Windows only), please send me an email.

GROUPS

Below are the contact details for groups that appear to be active. If you know of any changes, please let me know.

Active Fuvah Groups

Bad Company

Contact: ed_j_webb@yahoo.com

Tusker, Blood Mummy,
Thermadon Rex

The Blood Alliance

Contact: anax1978@yahoo.fr

Great Trap Snake, Squeezy Snake,
Snout

Monster Liberation Front

Contact: shard_666@hotmail.com

Marsh Dweller, Landshark,
Fork-tailed Scorpion

Shadow Cult

Contact: oneemjay@hotmail.com

Tusker, Demon Condor,
Shifting Wraith

Active Kabuki Groups

Kabuki's Legion of the North

Contact: doug.hughes@btinternet.com

Terapus, Myrrh Dove, Gator

Active Shroud Groups

Eternal Void

Contact: julton_ash6@yahoo.com

Terapus, Landshark, Ghoul Buzzard

Active Multi Groups

Island Rangers

Contact: zomersjk@xs4all.nl

Terapus, Six Headed Adder, Gator

Historical Groups

These groups are no longer active; however you may see their totems during your travels.

White Knights of Kabuki

Gt. White Stork, Gt. Trap Snake, Yogorilla

Black Knights of Shroud

Wolfcur, Ghoul Buzzard, Flesh Eater

Blinding Dawn

Myrrh Dove, Landshark,
Great Trap Snake

Fuvian Brotherhood

Blood Mummy, Beerak, Gator

Fuvah Furrcats

Smite, Great White Stork, Zombie

Hand of Shroud

Flesh Eater, Zombie, Tholomite

Hulk Hogan's Company

Landshark, Barkbrute, Cemetery Creeper

SSS

Black Pack Rowt, Yogorilla,
Funnel Snake

Utterly Grotesque Legion Inc.

Landshark, Scatamunga Beast, Gator

FEATURE: DEMIGODS

Monster archaeologists washing ashore from Ruk Domlak have been discovering demigod relics for many years. A number of important finds have shed light on the history of the demigods, but there are many mysteries that remain unanswered.

Discoveries have told us that there are or were four demigods active on Monster Island...

Kadar the Black: Dragon Demigod

Kadar is the father and the ruler of all three known dragon races.

Kadar's daughter, Yasmin El Boa is known to have attempted to challenge Kadar's rule. This is thought to have been the start of one of the demigod wars.

It is believed that Kadar's dragons once patrolled the skies above Zargnoth making them a perilous place for the Kwandar aviators

Whilst it was once thought that Kadar had been exiled from Monster Island, rumours in recent years strongly suggest that he may have returned once more.

Yasmin El Boa: Snake Demigod

Yasmin El Boa is Kadar the Black's eldest daughter. Her life has been dominated by hatred and envy. Researchers believe that her hatred was the catalyst that kicked off the start of demigod wars.

Yasmin was absent from Monster Island for many years, however like Kadar, rumours are persistent that she has returned.

Vlados Xi: Vampyre Demigod

Vlados is thought to have sided with Yasmin in the demigod wars in her fights against Kadar & Grraggolos. Rumours are strong that in the last few months, Vlados has returned!

Grraggolos the Ka: Gargoyle Demigod

Grraggolos is thought to have stood by Kadar's side during the demigod wars in the fight against Yasmin & Vlados. Evidence of his existence can be found in ruined towers, but so far, there have been no sightings of him.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

Battles

Berrl Dakina (Shroud, No Group) vs. Sandarr (Kabuki, No Group)

Berrl shot one rock at Sandarr. (-6)
Sandarr launched one rock at Berrl. (-3)
Berrl cast a fireball at Sandarr (-18)
Sandarr flees.

Berrl Dakina inflicted 24 points of damage, Sandarr inflicted 3.

Deaths

Sandarr killed by Berrl Dakina

Berrl flung one rock at Sandarr and smacked him in the stomach. (-6)
Sandarr propelled one rock at Berrl (-3)
Berrl cast a fireball at Sandarr (-13)
Sandarr Dies.

Berrl Dakina inflicted 19 points of damage, Sandarr inflicted 3.

Births

Howling Mad Gav II and Berrl Dakina are pleased to announce the birth of Barking Mad Bev, a bouncing baby girl viper!

This is surprising news for some. Howling Mad Gav II and Berrl Dakina were thought to be fierce enemies. Way back in the distant past, Gav ordered the death of Berrl in response to serious misconduct within Shadow Cult. However, after a chance meeting at Xixmar's tower, it looks like they've put their differences aside.

Berrl is refusing to comment on rumours that she abandoned the baby in the middle of Zargnoth, with nothing but a driftclub to defend herself with!

If you have an announcement to make, please let me know.

THE INTERNET

Official Group Web Sites

Bad Company.

<http://monster.edwebb.net/BadNews.html>

Eternal Void

http://eternal_void_mi.tripod.com/

Island Rangers

<http://www.cricky.net/rangers/>

Monster Liberation Front

http://shardweb.homepage.dk/Monster_Island/The_MLF.htm

SSS

<http://users.cybercity.dk/~nmb11507/index.htm>

Mailing Lists

Yahoo! Groups: Monster Island

<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/monsterisland/>

Yahoo! Groups: Help for Newbies

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/M_I_help_for_newbies/

Official KJC Sites

KJC Games: Monster Island

<http://www.kjcgames.com/mi.htm>

KJC Games: Monster Island Forum

<http://ccgi.kjcgames.com/forums/index.php?showforum=42>

MESSAGES

Message To: Sandarr from Berrl Dakina

It's unfortunate that you had to learn of Shroud's might the hard way. It was a tough lesson to learn, but one that had to be learnt. As you have seen, Kabuki offers you no protection. The Mantle of the Dark that you saw me wearing protected me from your attacks; you saw for yourself how your rocks bounced off of it. The Mantle was equipped for me by the almighty Shroud. Kabuki offers his followers no such protection, not even a squizkin helmet!

I spared you the indignity of being fried by a thousand bolts of lightning. Had you seen such a display you would most likely have been struck dead by awe alone. The Lightning spell is only for Shroud's loyal disciples. Kabuki can only offer a 'blinding' light spell. What good do you think a beam of light will do on this dangerous island? Kabuki's fancy photons might earn you a trickle of applause as a party piece at a Lavadorian dinner party, but casting such a spell in the heat of battle against a powerful adversary will only be met with derisory laughter.

Where are Kabuki's followers? How many have you met? Not many! Most of them have been killed off and the ones that remain are hiding in fear. They spend every moment of their waking lives looking over their shoulders for fear of seeing an executioner's blade swinging towards them. At night, Kabuki's followers' dreams turn to nightmares; they are haunted by powerful visions of Shroud's tremendous might. The fear of Shroud runs deep; there is no escape from his power.

It's not too late. Shroud is often forgiving of young monsters like you who haven't strayed too far down the wrong path. If you visit a Shroud temple, and kowtow to him, he will pardon you for your sins. He will invite you to join the dark side. Your ties to Kabuki will be severed and he will protect you from retaliation. Once you follow shroud, his power can be used to return you back to life.

Two squares to the northeast of the spot where you died is a Shroud temple. Go there now. Kowtow to Shroud and ask him to show you mercy. Ask to join him and ask to be returned to life. Do not be afraid, I too once strolled down the path of ignorance. In my younger years, I mistakenly followed Fuvah. I asked Shroud for forgiveness and he made me more powerful than ever before! However, don't leave it too late. Shroud has no tolerance for disciples of the lesser gods. Shroud is the mightiest!

BRAGGING DEN

Turn	Most Monsterliness		Most Creatures Killed	
8	Ugg Darkblood	386	Snaga Wort	33
16	Groumf	521	Hailok	65
24	Gortrek Gurnisson	672	Miss Piggy	96
32	Groumf	872	Miss Piggy	125
40	Anaxagore	941	Miss Piggy	204
48	Artemis Artemorteus	972	Miss Piggy	229
56	Groumf	1313	Groumf	345
64	Groumf	1545	Groumf	431
72	Groumf	"	Kudos	448
80	Groumf	"	Miss Piggy	355
100	Magnus Groan	1844	Magnus Groan	486
120	Thord Redmane	1768	Thord Redmane	391
140	Horus oHex Shadowson	2302	Horus oHex Shadowson	534
160	Anaxagore	2612	Anaxagore	782
180	Anaxagore	2985	Nemesis	1077
200	Anaxagore	3236	Garfield	1148
220	Vlad Zin Shadowson	3405	Anaxagore	1318
240	Vlad Zin Shadowson	3702	Vlad Zin Shadowson	1269
260	Vlad Zin Shadowson	3955	Vlad Zin Shadowson	1388
280	Vlad Zin Shadowson	4297	Vlad Zin Shadowson	1544
300	Vlad Zin Shadowson	4602	Vlad Zin Shadowson	1705
400	Vlad Zin Shadowson	7155	Vlad Zin Shadowson	3819

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW

Please send your messages, record stats, group advertisements, announcements and articles in as soon as possible to give me time to get them in to next month's newsletter.

-tony

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If you'd prefer to use traditional post, please send your contributions to KJC Games marked "Monster Island Newsletter".