

Keep Comms

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THE KEEP OF BARNABAS LANDING

WAR!



A Statement from Don Jai

The Dame has gone too far this time, and I will not stand for it. If you are unaware, my psychotic Bouse counterpart went and sent assassins after me - all because I was close to discovering the location of Toe Nation. That is absolutely ludicrous!

For days now, I have been searching for Toe Nation in hopes of bringing peace and prosperity to Barnabas. I believed it was the key to unifying our respective kingdoms. However, it seems that the Dame has chosen to find the holy land first and keep it for herself and the Bouse. How could she!

All I ever wanted was to bring us together under one nation: Toe Nation, but it appears I am too late.

I thought these words would never have to be uttered from my oral orifice, but this means war!

A Statement from Dame Francine

I approached the aliens saying "I want to work with you." They said "You isn't here.". I sought information about Toe Nation from Don Jai, the aliens were completely uninterested in their assigned task, and proceeded to try and consume the Don instead. I have cut ties with the aliens, and sent them a severed deer head as a symbol of my disapproval. Apparently they sautéed it. To be perfectly clear the only circumstance in which I support human consumption is when uncoerced consent from the consumed is given #duh #consentnation

Toe Nation is the goal, ultimately. I believe the Don and his Keepings have the answers I seek. What is Toe Nation? If I am not the first to obtain it surely I'll go insane. The women of the Bouse love obtaining things. As of right now we are preparing for a raid on the mysterious Keep. The kingdoms of Barnabas have been shrouded in secrecy for too long. Secrecy is so incredibly cliquey. Call me a cat the way if the war doesn't kill me, the curiosity will.

Speaking of cats I paid visit to my Goat, our Glorious and Righteous Queen Ahsoka of BlackBerry, seeking her advice on war strats. Heartbreakingly, of course, because I sought her she had no interest in speaking to me whatsoever. Nothing but respect for her most Royal Highness.

War Declared!

Tensions have boiled over to all out war on the Barnabas property, but before we get to news from the front lines, the Comms team have decided that a measure of context is necessary to understand the geopolitical landscape (fig. 1). The Bouse's holdings include the lands between the Carriage House and The Castle (known by its residents as simply "Lot 1"). Its advantages lie in an ample supply of water (fig. 2) from the lake, ease of access to the ocean via Sea to Bouse highway, and a formidable forrest with which to defend the seat of Dame Francine. Its disadvantages are lack of high ground, and proximity to the forbidden forest. The Keep's lands stretch from Applegate to the Forest of Pigs. Its advantages include a swath of fertile farming land, good trade along the Keep to Sky Highway, and a high ground for the seat of Don Jai (fig. 3). Its disadvantages include a rickety harbour for its navy, and being hemmed in by the Blackberry and Barnabuck Kingdoms. Its only holding in those lands is the Bunkie, a forever watchful watchtower, a bastion

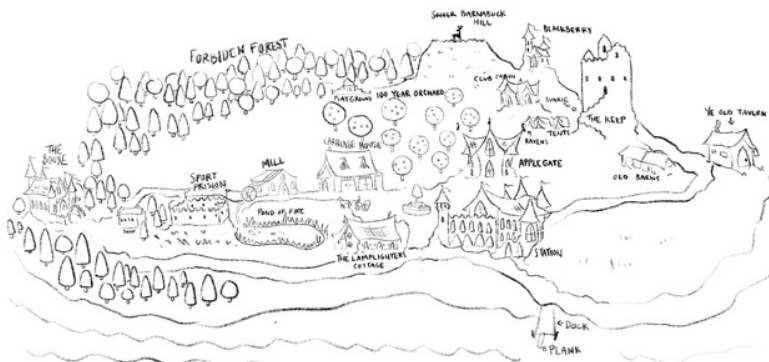


Fig. 1. The Geopolitical Landscape of Barnabas Landing

responsible for watching over the dominion. The 100 Year Orchard and the Station are disputed lands, desired by all parties, some have said the opportunity to seize them was the real motive behind the war.

The first few hours after the declaration saw minor skirmishes along the borders, mostly over-eager highway patrols, few casualties were taken on either side. The real opening move came when Night Jah; Sirs Elliot, Clelan, and Ruys; 1,000 Spears; and 250 bows marched on the Playground Stronghold. With their movements obscured by Barnabuck Hill they went largely unnoticed and took the Playground without a fight. Night Jah left Sir Elliot in command of 500 spears and all the bows as garrison. In the same hour, however, Prince Miles, Sir Carter, and their escort of 50 spears were captured by Miranda and Naomi in a clever ploy involving heavy distraction by the staff kids, and 100 bows lying in wait underneath The Mill. They were escorted to the Sport Prison without a fight, where they allegedly are passing the time by staging a massive Pickleball tournament. Shortly thereafter, the Dame dispatched Keira, Eva R., and Kenzie with 1500 spears and 200 bows to occupy the Mainstreet Egg. Zoe, Victoria, Tania and Kristen were sent with 5000 spears and 500 bows to lay siege to the Playground. All seemed still for a time, until The Bunkie Ambush. DusKo gives his first-hand account in his licensed biography *From Don to Dusk: A Comprehensive Guide*:

"It was just a regular summer morning, I left the Bunkie with 300 spears to head to Devos when I saw Clubbies heading down the Keep to Sky Highway. I thought it awfully late for them to be there, but wasn't



Fig. 2. A glass of water

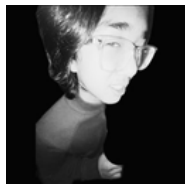


Fig. 3. Don Jai

bothered, after all, they were too young to take part in the war. However, as they got closer, swords were drawn, and people started emerging from the Blackberry bushes. Deducing that the Clubbies had smuggled Laurel, Maeve, and 600 swords into CCB to capture me, I drew my sword, named Dusk, and called for aid from Josiah the Chronicler, but he was too fast asleep to hear, and so was the Keep. It was a hard fought battle, we retreated to the Bunkie steps. Three times the Club Captains tried to gain the steps, and three times we pushed them back. I had only 50 spears left, and we were yet facing at least thrice our number. But just as all hope was lost, the Chronicler awakened, and we fought on with renewed vigour. Even so, we would have lost the Bunkie had the Don himself not emerged with 500 spears at his back. The brave Captains of the Bouse did not give way until the last second, and withdrew in an orderly retreat.“

On the naval front, Navy Commander Thomas and Sir Sunny C, of the Farm Pier and Flattenadmiral Nadia and Evva of the Blue Pier, pit their fleets against each other; both cognizant of the fact that possession of all docks would constrict enemy trade, and leave their heartland vulnerable to direct attack. With a better harbour, Nadia struck first; by the time Thomas had got his fleet in order, they were nearly surrounded close to their own docks. With no retreat available to him, the Keep's Navy Commander resolved to make a last stand worthy of song. He gathered his ships up to break through in two lines, like Nelson, but before even one cannon fired, ships on both sides started sinking. A century of hard use had not been kind to either navy, and both were ruined.

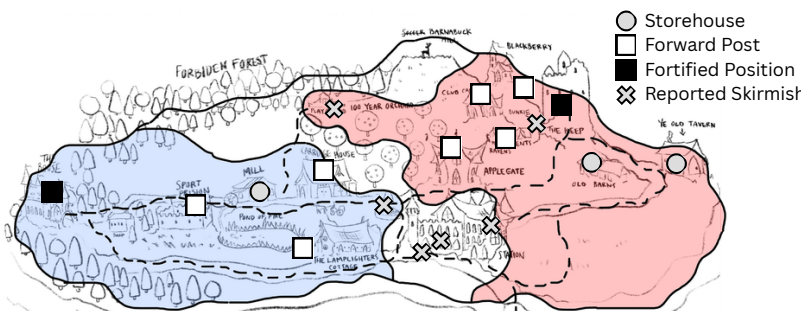
In the wake of this disaster, the warring kingdoms pulled all their armies together and marched on the contested lands. All will be decided in what many are already calling The Battle for the Station.

State of The War, Following the First Week of Hostilities From the Chronicler

The two armies remain divided along the central road, as neither side has obtained lasting possession of the Station Gate nor the Orchard.

The Bouse continues to benefit from possession of the Mill and Carriage House, supplying grain and transportation for the Dame's army respectively. Nevertheless, the Bouse's position is proving difficult to defend, owing to the breadth of the wooded perimeter. That same access, however, has afforded the Dame's forces an advantage along the northern flank. Reports indicate that a response may be launched at the Playground soon. Keep possesses the stronger fortified position and can reinforce its western approaches quickly. Due to this, a rapid assault (lead by Prince Miles and Night Jah) was able to take control of Applegate Inn in the early hours of the conflict. Applegate is reportedly being used as the Keep's primary forward post. The Keep's stores, however, are concentrated near the old barns, and their destruction would place the eastern army in considerable difficulty.

The central district therefore remains the chief object of the campaign. Seizing the Station would secure the road, protect the passage of provisions, and allow either army to threaten the opposing flank. Until one side can hold that position by permanent works and a sufficient garrison, no decisive alteration in the war should be expected.



Reported state of the field on the fifth day of the campaign.

1. Greek bowl

2. Paul the Baptist. He just has so much aura

3. kindness tastes like a pumpkin pie

4. goat individual

5. spend an afternoon collecting flowers for a bouquet and then give it to someone. It's really life giving!



ELLIOT FULLJAMES

GENERAL STORE VOLUNTEER

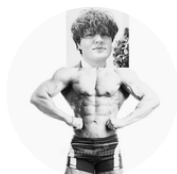
1. The Greek chicken really allows me to connect with my European side. And the hummus is just sooo nice.

2. Probably archangel Michael just cause he was standing on buissness talking to the devil (Jude 1:9) and that's some top tier stuff.

3. Patience: "The best things come to people who wait." (Elliot fulljames, 2026)

4. Jai is a pretty cool dude, he hooked me up with some diet coke.

5. Try new things, it's boring to stay the same your whole life so start a new hobby, get another degree, go to a new country, you get the idea. Just go do something you haven't done before. Don't live in regret.



MILES REED

ASSISTANT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

1. Sushi bowl. The seasoned crab in particular.

2. Eutychus – bro fell asleep listening to Paul and fell out a window then was raised from the dead #goated 🐐

3. Gotta be joy. Just feels like a crunchy little popcorn kernel 🍿🍿

4. Nasty blitzball pitcher, great roommate, extremely sound sleeper. He's also let me use his charger for the past 3 weeks

5. tomato basil rice cakes, big way hot pot, whimsy, playing baseball, brown sugar lattes, and dancing



EVA AGBONKHESE

HOSPITALITY

1. dessert (if that's acceptable?)

2. the kid who donated his loaves n fishies.

3. I think it has to be kindness! kind words are reported as being "like honeycomb," "sweet to the soul," and "healing to the bones," and that speaks to me on a holistic level.

4. pours a solid swan; sort of racially motivated.

5. not allowing yourself to consider the beauty around you to be commonplace or any less just because you witness it every day.



See you next week!

Art by Dame Francine.



*The residents of The Beach House
and Blackberry Cottage
are pleased to invite you to
High Tea!*

*Monday July 20th,
12:00 in the Grove
Dress Fancy if you like*



JF4's Hottest Dad:

Presented By: Elijah Nordin

Kevin Peters!



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