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Dais Letter

Dear Esteemed Delegates:

You are cordially invited to the sixth annual Model United Nations conference hosted by Central Peel Secondary School. My name is Cheshta Gupta and I am your director and moderator. Himisha Nagar and Maryna Huynh will be your crisis directors, Harkeerat Mander will be your typist and Zuhaib Quraishi and Krishan Patel will be your pages. I welcome you to *The Dark Days* Crisis Committee 2019. This committee is a fictional crisis committee that focuses specifically on the first fall of District 13, based on the novel series, *The Hunger Games*. Although certain settings and history will be the same, no previous knowledge about the book series, nor the movie series, is necessary in order to participate.

This committee takes place in the year 2082 and President Maura is the leader of Panem. It has been 40 years since major floods and climate change have caused sea levels and global temperatures to rise, causing nearly all human life to be extinct. Presumably, Panem is the only place on Earth that has inhabitants. Panem is divided into 13 districts, each with a unique asset to offer the Capitol. In addition, each citizen must also receive Capitol-mandated vaccinations in order to keep them “healthy.” Should citizens refuse to take these vaccinations, they will face a plethora of repercussions. That being said, this committee is ideal for experienced delegates as your actions will have immediate consequences. It is important to note that this committee takes place before the establishment of the *Hunger Games*. **The use of technology for any purpose is not permitted.**

My team and I are extremely eager to offer this experience to our delegates. We specifically chose this topic because we are great fans of *The Hunger Games* series and are seeking for creative stimulation through Model United Nations. We hope to offer a fast-paced, enjoyable, and creative environment that brings the futuristic Panem to life. My team and I have been working on this background guide and committee for several months now and look forward to you joining us at this conference. If you have any questions pertaining to the background guide, the plot, or Model United Nations in general, please feel free to email me at cheshtagupta19@gmail.com or cpssmun@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

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Panem



This is a photo of Panem showing all districts (labelled by the number) as well as the Capitol indicated by a pentagon with a C. Taken from <https://archiveofourown.org/works/4809488>



Districts of Panem

Capitol



Located south of the Rocky Mountains, the Capitol is a technologically advanced and utopian city housing the richest and wealthiest people of Panem. This city also contains the governing party of the Panem as the thirteen districts are ruled from the Capitol. The governing party in the Capitol believes that a dictatorship is the only way to govern Panem to avoid problems. Due to this, any election in the past has simply been ceremonial as there has only been one person running for the spot each time. In addition, there is no local government system in the Capitol or in any other district as the government housed in the Capitol is in charge of every policy and action. The citizens of the Capitol are extremely materialistic and are constantly looking for ways to attract attention.

District 1 - Luxury



Being one of the wealthier districts, District 1 specializes in luxury items such as jewelry. One of the luxury items most sold throughout District 1 is diamonds. District 1 is located to the south of the Capitol and strongly supports the government of the Capitol, specifically, President Maura. Due to their close connections with the Capitol, the citizens of District 1 are well off, indicated by their low poverty and death rate, and very high quality of life. Another reason as to why District 1 is one of the most wealthy districts in Panem is due to their reduced need for tesserae, which are food rations given out by Panem.

District 2 - Masonry



District 2 is located in the rocky mountains and directly borders the Capitol, making it one of the most wealthy districts in Panem. District 2 is responsible for all masonry and stone quarries as well as all the recruitment and training of peacekeepers which is done in the largest training facilities in all of Panem, located in District 2. Due to this, District 2 is also in charge of manufacturing weapons throughout Panem. Despite having close connections to the Capitol, not all of the citizens in this district are free from the excruciating work hours and minimal food options. Only a select



few groups of people from District 2, specifically the upper class and upper-middle class are well off as they have connections to the Capitol.

District 3 - Technology



District 3 is bordered by Districts 5 and 7 on the west coast of Panem containing many factories for the production of electronic devices. District 3 is known for its main industry being technology and producing and manufacturing televisions, computers and other electronics. The citizens of District 3 are extremely capable in the fields of engineering making District 3 one of the most wealthiest districts in Panem. In fact, it is the only district whose wealth is independent of any Capitol ties. However, District 3 is known for voicing their opinions and actively taking actions against those they disagree with. Should the Capitol engage in any activities or pass any policies that the citizens of District 3 disagree with, they are expected to be the first to rebel.

District 4 - Fishing



District 4 is another wealthy district in Panem with fishing being their main industry. Many children here are trained from a young age which is why they have skills such as swimming, using nets and tridents, making fish hooks from scratch and identifying edible sea life. District 4 is located on the southeastern coast of the continent giving it a great location for fishing. There have been reports of District 4 being in partnership with District 5 to harness tidal wave energy off of the coasts of District 4. However, these acts were shut down because the Capitol does not condone direct partnerships between districts. According to a census completed by the Capitol, District 4 claims 26, 375 tesserae making it the fourth richest district.



District 5 - Power



Located directly southwest of the Capitol, District 5 lies in the Rocky Mountains and is primarily responsible for providing power and electricity for the entire nation. In order to fulfill this purpose, District 5 uses hydroelectric dams, and has over 15 power plants in operation continuously. District 5's main source of power, however, comes from the 100+ nuclear plants and solar panels placed throughout the region that supply electricity to over a hundred thousand homes in the country. District 5 is considered a fairly wealthy nation as a very few number of citizens take tesserae, whilst the rest are able to fend for themselves. The citizens all must work in either a power plant, hydro dam, or any other such power facility, but are not required to do any physical labour (ie. coal mining).

*District 6 -
Transportation*



District 6 is one of the most rebellious districts in Panem and is considered an extremely aggressive, violent state. This being said, because District 6 is a lower-class region, the citizens have no knowledge, skill, or access to weaponry. Specializing in transportation, District 6 serves as a hub for the nation's transport network. Citizens most often work in the jobs of porters, routers, conductors, and baggage handlers. It is the sixth most impoverished district in Panem and claims 68,366 in tesserae. Education is not a big factor in this District, and most citizens lack basic literacy ability, therefore relying solely on their jobs to earn money. District 6 is one of the first districts in Panem willing to rebel against the Capitol at any cost.

District 7 - Lumber



Located in the far northwest of Panem, District 7 is covered with forests and unique breeds of trees. An extremely hard-working and middle-class state, District 7 is responsible for providing lumber and paper for the Capitol. Children are taught how to work with axes at a young age, and almost every citizen residing in this district is well-trained on using sharp weapons (primarily to cut down trees). Common jobs in this district include lumberjacks, load pullers, furniture builders, and carpenters. It is the sixth richest district in Panem and claims 63, 125 tesserae. District 7 is heavily involved in the rebel movement because they believe they



are not rewarded enough for their strenuous labour. They are one of the strongest districts in Panem as citizens are accustomed to living in brutal environments, having exceptional skill in weaponry, and partaking in physically strengthening tasks.

District 8 - Textiles



District 8 produces the textiles that impact every single citizen in Panem. The clothing they wear, the clean water they drink, and the safety of the cities are all possible through innovation in textiles. District 8 is filled with factories making different types of material, whether it be peacekeeper uniforms or labourer's costumes. Located in the southeast of Panem, District 8 is a very industrial place with barely any greenery. It is filled with fumes, run-down buildings, and poverty. District 8 is considered the most rebellious district in Panem, followed by Districts 3 and 6. The region has heavy access to bombs, weapons, and planes stored away safely; and citizens are not afraid to use the tools in order to rebel.

District 9 - Grain



District 9 is known for the main industry of grain production. The district contains many factories, most of which are used for processing harvested grain, as well as areas of large flat lands with rich soil making it perfect for planting grains. Despite providing food for other districts, the great irony that exists for this district is that it claims 70,532 tesserae making it only the ninth richest district. At times, the weather can be quite extreme at random times during the year. As a result, there are underground tunnels throughout the district which are mainly used for transportation and safety purposes.

District 10 - Livestock



District 10 is known for the industry of livestock - the driving force for food security as it provides meat to the Capitol. It is one of the poorest nations and is only the 11th richest nation, claiming 291,963 in tesserae, or around 15 tesserae per person. District 10 is known for their hardworking and strong workers. Most citizens are well-versed in animal husbandry, taming, and various tools. The majority of the land is solely flat and open farmland, making it difficult for citizens to escape and easier for the peacekeepers to



keep an eye on all threats. Recently, thousands of citizens have been either struck by illness or serious injuries.

District 11 - Agriculture



Covered with orchards, District 11 is responsible for agriculture with never-ending fields. This district is the 10th richest district as every single thing that they grow is faithfully given to the Capitol. Not only is the district vital to Panem's existence and survival, but many are also extremely resourceful and have occupational skills out of survival. Some of these skills include recognizing edible and medicinal plants and working well at night. The Capitol's reign and control over this district is extremely strict, cruel, and effective as execution seems to be the main form of punishment, even for minor offences. Because the Capitol is so harsh, many desire to be part of the rebellion and a select few are suspected to be heavily involved.

District 12 - Mining



Being the district of coal mining, District 12 is the most impoverished district of Panem, overridden with poverty and lacking essentials such as electricity and hot water. Starvation, mining accidents and explosions are a regular occurrence, controlling and subduing citizens. Miners have experience with using explosives and pickaxes, and many additionally hunt wild game to survive. Not only is the weather harsh in this district, but there are also several environmental problems such as contamination of surface water, groundwater, and soil, loss of biodiversity, black-lung disease, and fine dust.

District 13 - Graphite Mining and Nuclear Weaponry



Although District 13 is best known for its industry of graphite mining, nuclear science and technology is their primary industry. Their mostly underground location consists of multiple complex bunkers. They are experts in specialized and revolutionary weaponry and are able to manufacture nuclear reactors from the limited resources in the district. There are rumors that District 13 is the root of the rebellion and there have been various attempts to cut off communications by the Capitol.



Timeline of Panem

The following timeline ranges from the years 2035-2082. This timeline includes all the events, including natural disasters, social issues, economic issues and political issues leading up to the election of President Maura. It is anticipated that this timeline may aid in providing an overall outlook on the history of Panem and the actions that were taken during certain times of crisis.

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| 2035 -
2041 | Panem faces major problems in handling energy sources. District 5, the district that provides power to Panem, relies primarily on hydroelectric dams to do so. However, the reservoirs and spinning turbines were unable to function for the entire region. Due to this, the District had to rely on the second-most accessible option; nuclear energy. Nine of the thirteen districts in Panem became heavily reliant on nuclear energy sources, including District 4, 5,6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. This form of energy was releasing an extraneous amount of greenhouse gas emissions, which negatively affected marine life, exerted toxic radiation, and produces lots of radioactive waste. |
| 2042 -
2044 | Over the years, dramatic changes in the weather of Panem were seen. For the past two years, sea levels were rising exponentially in the east coast. This caused immense amounts of flooding and caused complete destruction in a region of District 8. The west coast, on the other hand, was experiencing droughts for as long as 5 years, which was causing a colossal lessening in the food supply. This led to the first stage of starvation in Districts 3, 5, and 6. Periodically, the temperature was very high, eventually causing an iceberg to chip off of Greenland hitting Northern Panem, which in 2044 was known as Canada. The chipping of this iceberg drastically lowered the temperature in Panem, causing longer winters throughout the world. Due to the long winters, bees became extinct, food supply was minimal, and a series of natural disasters were ignited one-by-one (earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, and flooding), wiping out everyone in the world, except Panem. Panem became the only standing “nation” in the entire world. |
| 2045 | Due to the continued natural disasters, a major portion of Panem’s population was completely wiped out. The natural disasters included major flooding, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, and tsunamis. |



- Panem was extremely struggling, being the only standing nation in the world, to survive and make ends meet.
- 2046 - 2050* Panem began regrouping and rehabilitation processes in order to preserve what was remaining. Representatives from each district came together to create a plan in which they could rebuild the broken infrastructure in districts, provide food, send out medical aid, and maintain a working lifestyle in Panem. District 2 (Masonry), 6 (Transportation) and 7(Lumber) were in charge of infrastructure in all of Panem, including rebuilding homes, buildings, and schools. Districts 4 (Fishing), 9 (Grains), 10 (Livestock), 11 (Agriculture) were in charge of supplying food for the nation. Farming, pasteurization, fishing, and emulsification were ways that food was preserved and produced. District 12 was in charge of sending out medical aid, specializing in herbal medicines and homeopathic therapy. They made medicines using sugar pellets, minerals, and a variety of plants to assist with the physical injuries sustained by the citizens of Panem. District 5 (Power) was in charge of finding a means of generating electricity and establishing a means to obtain potable water for the districts, which they attempted to do through the rebuilding of hydroelectric dams. This was marked as the first and only time in history all districts have worked together.
- 2051* Shortly after, a president from the Capitol was chosen to keep law and order in the country. However, this received much backlash from most of the districts as the president was elected in the Capitol and only citizens from the Capitol had a vote as to who would be the next president. Rumour has it that only one president was on the ballot. Citizens from the districts were confused as to why the Capitol was able to choose a president as it was hit the hardest after the catastrophes of 2042. It was found that while everybody from the districts was busy helping other districts with providing the basic necessities of life such as food and fresh water, the Capitol made military rehabilitation it's number one priority.
- 2052 - 2060* President Clarence, the first president elected, lead for nine years and this governance was centred around the themes of bread and circus. He set out three main policies. One of these policies was that all districts must supply the Capitol with 75% of their yield and the Capitol will provide them with food



rations in return. These food rations will be known as tesserae and the citizens will be allowed to claim tesserae in times of need. Another policy set in place by President Clarence is that inter-district communication is prohibited to prevent any rebellion and assure that the Capitol knows the affairs in the districts. After the catastrophes of 2042, the districts were unorganized and still agitated about the fact that a president from the Capitol was chosen. In order to prevent any dangerous backlash, President Clarence set this policy in place. The third policy set in place by the President was that all citizens of each district must report to the district hall for mandatory biweekly showcases put on by the children of the district. This policy was set in place because the President believed that one of the only ways to bring together a nation is through bread and entertainment. The Capitol would provide bread in terms of tesserae and the citizens would provide the entertainment

“When there are bread and circus, there is peace and unity” - President Clarence

2061

The following presidential election was solely ceremonial and symbolic, during which President Greaves was elected. Districts do not have a say in who they wish the President to be as there is only one name on the ballot. This is because the Capitol wants to show the districts that Panem is technically a democracy. President Greaves is the son of President Clarence, establishing an aristocracy government, with the rule by one bloodline, and representative democracy, with the ceremonial elections. During this year, President Clarence is still in charge but he also takes the time to train his successor.

2062 -
2070

President Greaves begins his rule and continues for another nine years. He sets out various policies. One of those policies includes that every child above the age of ten years must receive training for a possible future career as a peacekeeper. President Greaves wanted to ensure that citizens of Panem were protected at all times and he thought there was no better way to ensure this safety than by ensuring a future full of strong people that will be able to protect the next generation. Another policy set in place by President Greaves was that no district was allowed to stockpile weapons or any other sort of defence mechanism, with the exception of the Capitol. This policy was mainly for districts that had to means to create weapons such as District 2 and District 13. President Greaves believed that stockpiling was a sign of war and



- that any district that thought about stockpiling weapons was a sign of war and used to instill fear. He did not want any district to have that power. Finally, President Greaves enforced strict curfews throughout Panem. This was done as a means to ensure that the crime rate would be decreased all throughout Panem, especially during the night.
“Safety in groups” - President Greaves
- 2071 | By this time, the third presidential election was being held, again only for ceremonial purposes. The son of President Greaves, Evans Greaves was “elected” to be president of Panem for the next nine years. He spent the year 2071 being trained by his father for running the government on Panem.
- 2072 - 2080 | President Evans ruled for nine years in the Capitol. Being a Christian, the policies that President Evans set into motion were strongly related to Christianity. President Evans made it mandatory for every citizen to follow the ideologies of Christianity and believe in the Christian faith. He also made it mandatory for every national policy to be discussed in church bi-weekly as he strongly believes that God should have the final say in all important decisions. Last but not least, President Ekans made it mandatory for all children over the age of three years to be baptized. These policies all had one thing in common, the belief in the power of God, as it would be explained by President Ekans. He believed that when a nation of people believe in something greater than themselves, they will truly succeed.
“Faith in the greater power of God” - President Ekans
- 2081 | President Maura Greaves was “elected” to be the fourth president for the next nine years as she is the daughter of the third president, President Ekan Greaves. She spent the year 2081 being trained by her father for running the government in Panem.
- Present (2082) | The Capitol has set out one strict and mandatory policy to be followed by the nation: mandatory vaccinations. A cluster of doctors will be attending every district, bringing with them injections that are to be inserted into every citizen’s upper forearm once a day for a month. After the period is over, the vaccinations will stop and be discarded.



President Maura Coronation Speech

CITIZENS OF PANEM

I, Sauron Maura, solemnly swear to lead Panem through dark days and light days, through our adversities and feats. It is my pleasure to serve this gorgeous country and I would like nothing more but to bring our country to be the best it can be. I will, to the best of my ability, maintain law and order in this country and see to it that any being who disrupts this peace shall be prosecuted. I swear to maintain the history of Panem while establishing new laws, traditions and policies.

As your new President, I have already set one crucial policy in place. Soon you will see several doctors and physicians who have been trained in the Capitol arrive in your districts with a set of mandatory vaccinations. All citizens, regardless of age, gender, occupation or background are required to take this vaccination. These vaccinations were created in the Capitol to aid the citizens of Panem and keep them free from any physical shortcomings. Each district will receive their own set of vaccinations which are made to match the circumstances in which the citizens are living and the most prominent tasks that the citizens in the districts partake in.

Because these vaccinations are mandatory, there will be serious consequences should one feel the need to disobey these circumstances. I have decided to allow the peacekeepers in each district to determine those consequences, as they know the citizens in the districts the best. These consequences may include severe public beatings, reform centres, and the seizing of yearly rations for one's entire household, amongst many others, including potential executions. These people will be seen as traitors, wishing the worst on Panem.

Citizens of Panem, I understand that this may seem strange and new, but I vow to prove that these vaccinations will make Panem the strongest nation in the history of humankind. This is our chance to recover from the effects of rising sea levels and catastrophic disasters that have left North America as the only standing continent on Earth. We have come back from a tragedy that could have wiped out the human race, but we survived and persevered. Let's ensure that regardless of such tragedies, the human race will never die. Rest assured, Panem will not be affected or hurt by any external or internal factors, whether it be geological circumstances, those who are noncompliant with the law, or harmful outside influences.

Thank You,
Sauron Maura



This code of conduct outlines the duties and responsibilities of all of the citizens of Panem. It must be followed and it is strictly enforced by the peacekeepers in each district. Below is a copy of the official document of the Code of Conduct created in the Capitol

CODE OF CONDUCT

I. Rights and Freedoms of the Citizens

1. All citizens have the right to be protected from unusual and cruel punishment. This includes punishment from citizens
 - a. This right is not applicable in the following cases: when a person is suspected of a terrorist act, when a person is suspected to have caused an act of hate against the Capitol or when a person has committed a mass crime
2. All citizens have the right to a fair trial when convicted to a crime
 - a. All judges will be certified in the Capitol and all jury members will be chosen by the judge in the Capitol
 - b. The trial will consist of a crown and defence. In criminal cases, the crown has to simply raise suspicion in the defendant testimony
3. All citizens have the right to one tessera per day if needed.
 - a. Tessera is defined as one form of voluntary food rationing offered by the grace of Panem, often in the form of a year's supply of Grain and Oil
 - b. More than one tesserae can only be claimed by those who work for the Capitol in the districts, such as peacekeepers, or those who have a job that advances the district economy
 - c. Should a person require more than one tesserae and they do not meet the above criteria, they must provide the Capitol with 2% more of their annual yield.
 - d. Should a peacekeeper ask for their tesserae, citizens have the responsibility of donating 35% of their tessera to the peacekeeper
4. All citizens have the right to a house in each district
 - a. The house is the same size for everyone and does not account for the number of people in the family, economic standing and other basic needs
 - b. If citizens wish to give up the house, they must do so and receive one extra tesserae in return from the Capitol
5. All citizens have the freedom to express their opinions to Capitol
 - a. There is no guarantee that these opinions will be taken seriously by the Capitol
 - b. Citizens of Panem do not have the right to peaceful assembly. Should citizens partake in any acts of rebellion, they will be charged with obstructing peace and delivering a hate crime against the Capitol
6. All citizens have the freedom of association with those within the district
 - a. The freedom of association does not extend to inter-district association which is strictly prohibited



- b. If citizens decide to communicate between districts, they will be charged with noncompliance with the code of conduct if and when the capitol is made aware of these actions
- c. Should it be absolutely necessary for a citizen to communicate with those from another district, they must receive approval from the Capitol

II. Rights and Freedoms of the Peacekeepers

1. All peacekeepers have the responsibility of protecting their district citizens from outside threats regardless of their age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, socioeconomic status, and religion
 - a. There is an exception to any law enforced by the Capitol or threat imposed by the Capitol as peacekeepers are agents of the Capitol
2. All peacekeepers have the responsibility to enforce the laws and policies of the Code of Conduct to the best of their ability
 - a. Enforcing the laws and policies of the Code of Conduct entails that peacekeepers must ensure that all citizens in each district know the Code and that all citizens are abiding by this code
3. All peacekeepers have the freedom to apply any punishment to citizens who do not abide by the Code of Conduct
 - a. The punishments can be given out for the following crimes: stealing tesserae, refusing to take the mandatory vaccinations described in the Code of Conduct, speaking up against a peacekeeper or a government official from the Capitol, keeping unauthorized communications with citizens of another district
 - b. Peacekeepers are not permitted to arrest anyone or provide any punishment without one of the bases described above
 - c. It is the responsibility of the Peacekeeper in chief of every district to report to the Capitol about every arrest, charge and punishment given to any citizen. They must also receive approval from the Capitol before delivering any punishment
 - d. Acts of terrorism are an exception as peacekeepers have the freedom to arrest anyone if they have a suspicion of this crime. All other crimes, the peacekeepers must prove and have evidence of the crime being committed.
4. All peacekeepers have the right to ask for tesserae from citizens of the district
 - a. Due to the peacekeepers being responsible for the safety of the citizens, they are permitted to ask for 35% of the person's tessera
 - b. Peacekeepers are only permitted to ask for tessera from one person a day.

III. Mandatory Vaccinations

1. All citizens regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, socioeconomic status, and religion must comply with the orders of the Capitol at all times
2. All citizens regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, sexuality, socioeconomic status, and religion are required to inject vaccinations provided by the Capitol once a day for a month, lasting thirty-one (31) days.



IV. Rules of Vaccinations

1. All vaccinations must be taken in daylight, from either 09:00 to 15:00. No time before or after that is permitted, and the vaccination will be ineffective.
2. Vaccinations MUST be inserted by a professional doctor. Doctors will be sent to each district in groups and will be located at the general hospital in the centre of every district.
3. Vaccinations MUST be inserted ONLY in the general hospital of one's district and cannot be taken in any other location (ie. home, work, school, park, transportation).
4. The vaccinations must be inserted in the upper arm, near one's biceps, and must be in position for four (4) seconds before they can be taken out.
5. The vaccinations have to be inserted once a day for a month, lasting thirty-one (31) days.

V. Punishments

1. Children are not exempt from the vaccinations.
 - a. Should it be revealed a child is not taking the injection, themselves and their parents will be jailed for a period of 15 years.
 - b. The child must receive the vaccination during their jail time in double the dosage to compensate for the missed doses.
2. Elderly individuals are not exempt from the vaccinations.
 - a. Should it be revealed a senior citizen is not taking the injection, they will be jailed for 20 years.
 - b. The elderly being must receive the vaccination during their jail time in double the dosage to compensate for missed doses.
3. Individuals facing an illness, disability, or any other physical and/or mental hurdle are not exempt from the vaccinations.
 - a. Should it be revealed a sickly being is not taking the injection, they will be jailed for 20 years.
 - b. The ill individual must receive the vaccination during their jail time in double the dosage to compensate for missed doses.
4. Should anyone refuse to take the vaccinations at the designated hospitals, the following punishments are applicable:
 - a. Public stoning involves the throwing of rocks on the perpetrator publicly. All citizens in the district must come to watch.
 - b. Seizing of yearly rations is defined as cutting daily rations to half the size.
 - c. Jail time for over 15 years regardless of age and gender.
 - d. Execution is an option in extreme cases. All requests for execution must be approved by President Maura. Executions only consist of hanging.



THE PANEM STAR

The following are a series of articles from the national newspaper, The Panem Star. There are available to all citizens of all districts and contain stories and important news from all over Panem. These articles were issued exactly two weeks after President Maura's presidential speech.

June 25, 2082

BREAKING NEWS: SIGHTINGS OF A SEA MONSTER OFF THE COAST OF DISTRICT 4

District 4 is the home to the best fishermen and seamen of the nation. They are not only skilled in catching fish and other fishing skills but also in swimming. Recently, for the past five days there have been reports of a strange disappearance of cod fish, the fish that are the most abundant all across the coast of District 4. Many are associating this with the doings of a sea monster. This is what Mr. Ekans Goen, an experienced fisher has to say about these findings.

“I have been a fisherman for 10 years now and I own Goen's Cod Market. Recently for the past week when I have been going out to catch my fish I have noticed that I am not able to catch any fish for 2-3 hours at a time. This was very unusual to me as on a regular day I am able to catch 5 dozen fish in the same amount of time. This has been happening to me for a few days now but one day I saw something so frightening that I haven't been able to sleep properly after seeing it. Two days ago, I was out on my boat and something hit the side of my boat. It struck the side of my boat twice, and every time I looked over it would disappear. I

grew more curious so I put some bait on my fishing net and nearly trapped this thing. When it came out for the bait, I was startled. It was a sea monster! It had green eyes and sharp pointy teeth. It looked almost like a zombie but it had fins and I could see gills through the sides of the ripped shirt.”



Here is a picture of Mr. Goen's fishing boat after it was destroyed. The dent from the sea monster can be seen at the bottom left of the boat.

Preceding this horrifying event, many other fishers have seen and described the same monster and many say that it appears to be wearing clothes. One fisher even added that they talked to their peacekeeper in chief who reportedly promised to help and even wrote a letter to the Capitol and President Maura. The Capitol has not yet responded with a plan for



finding this monster which has left the citizens of District 4 scared, upset and temporarily unemployed.

Fortunately, the locals have found ways to keep safe in a time like this. If you are a fisherman from District 4, please be extremely careful as this monster has been observed to be quite violent, eating loads of fish at once and striking whole boats. If there comes a time when you do encounter

this monster, you can fend it off by throwing down nets soaked in chlorine. This has been a proven method by many locals and it is believed that the chlorine irritates the eyes of this monster causing its view to be temporarily hindered. Considering that this is only a temporary fix, it is advised to not stay out at sea and return to shore immediately.

June 30, 2082

BREAKING NEWS: CROPS BEING DESTROYED ALL THROUGHOUT DISTRICT 11

District 11, the sole district responsible for providing food to Panem, relies on crops, agriculture, and animals for accomplishing this task. However, just last week, the crops started becoming damaged, with the colours turning a dark shade of perilous brown, quality wearing out, and plants suddenly dying without valid explanation. The farmers of District 11 were distraught and seeking assistance from the Capitol, but were not receiving a response from any officials at the moment.

Meredith Mcconaughey, a rice farmer from the outskirts of District 11, owns a quarter of the Castire Rice Farm. She noticed that the crops were dying at a dramatic rate, and had been unable to sell her crops for the past week. Due to this, she said that she hasn't even been able to pay the salaries of the farmers who work for her, as she was struggling to make ends meet. In

an interview with *The Panem Star*, Mcconaughey said, "I don't know what to do. I've written letter by letter to the Capitol and nobody is telling us anything. At this rate, we will not have any food to provide for anyone in Panem, let alone our own district."



Image of Castire Rice Farm's damaged crops.

There are suspicions, as to why this may be happening, ranging from ideas of



weather fluctuations, curses from the Gods, to Capitol conspiracies. Based on a poll conducted by *The Panem Star*, it was noted that 56% of Panem’s citizens thought that the reason the crops were dying had to do with the Capitol and a ploy they may have against the citizens.

“I am telling you.. the Capitol is doing this. They have the power to help us through this tragedy, but they are unresponsive and stone-faced. What does this mean? I am telling you, the Capitol has something up their sleeve!” said a citizen of District 8, who chose to remain unnamed.

On the other hand, many citizens have unconditional faith in the Capitol and believe that the crops may be dying due to the changes in weather and frequent natural disasters that the world and Panem has recently encountered. It is advised for District 11 residents that they begin relying on barley and wheat, the two winter crops that are still primarily safe, for now.

If anyone has any information on why the crops are inimical, or anything related to such topic, please contact *The Panem Star* at panemstar@panem.com.

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EXPOSED: A CAPITOL TRAITOR CONSPIRES WITH THE REBELLION MOVEMENT



Chas Sladek is presumed MIA and is extremely dangerous. He has committed 10 outstanding crimes.

On June 22, head peacekeepers were investigating a known rebellion headquarters

when they were shocked to find that one of the rebels was an outstanding Panem citizen.

Chas Sladek was found hiding in an abandoned shed, approximately five miles away from the rebel headquarters. While his initial testimony was that he had escaped from a rebel kidnapping to leverage the Capitol, it was discovered he was aiding the rebellion.

Chas Sladek, a 24 year old robotics engineer, was considered a prodigy in his own right, having constructed many of the Capitol’s security technologies. However, he had disappeared around five months ago, telling close friends and family that he was going on a tour around the Capitol.



Further investigation concluded that the once promising engineer was conspiring with the rebels to disrupt the peace in Panem and execute President Maura in those five months that he was missing. Blueprints were found in a safe and showed deliberate plans for numerous dangerous nuclear technologies.

Head peacekeepers have been working non-stop in catching this traitorous criminal. Video surveillance and facial-recognition technology have been able to produce an image.

At the time of his disappearance, Sladek was around 6 feet, 200 pounds, and medium build with an olive complexion and brown eyes. He was last seen wearing a white shirt and distinctive necklaces. His last known location was in District 6.

It is imperative that any eyewitnesses contact officials if they see anyone with the above description.



Character List

1. Melanie Moy: One of the most influential political leaders in Panem (specifically minister of labour). Moy knows exactly what the President plans to do and is even helping him run the operation. Although they know what the President is doing and what they want, Moy cannot create fake orders from the President. In addition, Moy is in charge of ensuring that all citizens are working over they reach their working age and that all the proceeds go to the Capitol.
2. Dr. Ripley Chao: Intelligent and manipulative surgeon from District 1, but Dr. Chao lives in the Capitol and works there as well. Although Dr. Chao comes from a family who previously took great pride and love for the government, Dr. Chao had always been against them. They sense that the government of the Capitol is potentially now trying to do something to heavily manipulate and harm Panem's citizens. Dr. Chao does charity work on the side and often travels to different districts to help those in need or those hurt by the Capitol punishments
3. Fox Muldor: A questionable figure from District 1 who wants to be involved in governmental affairs and activities affected Panem. Muldor has recently run against President Maura to be President and it was presumed by many districts that Muldor would win but Muldor did not win the elections. Muldor did not win because he was not the direct heir to the presidency, unlike President Maura. Muldor strongly based his policies around the ideologies of bankocracy, the idea of having a government where financial institutions govern society. Muldor believes that this will bring several districts out of their state of poverty.
4. Idris Odo: Living in District 2, Odo comes from a family of creators of weapons the peacekeepers use, such as the costumes and guns. Odo despises and condemns the violent teachings of the Capitol and would much rather focus on the mediation of the tension and establishing diplomacy between the different districts and rebellious groups. In addition, Odo has specific knowledge about how the peacekeepers work and possesses very advanced negotiation skills.
5. Trenton Madi: A peacekeeper from District 2, Madi is a ruthless leader of the peacekeepers and holds significant power. Madi has direct contact with the President and is also potentially aware of all the changes being made to Panem. Madi is a devotee to the president and agrees with all that she says blindly and follows all her rules without



exception. Being a peacekeeper, Madi has overseen many punishments, such as public executions, public beatings, as well as the doubling of vaccination doses for those noncompliant with the law. Madi has been taking the vaccinations and has noticed a major increase in his strength and durability.

6. Yuki Takach: A peacekeeper from District 3. Born and raised in District 6, Yuki is accustomed to poverty and unjust treatment from the Capitol. He was chosen as a peacekeeper through Capitol members who observed his gift in combat skills and weaponry. He is not loyal to the Capitol, and would love to see the government of Panem overthrown. He wishes to help the rebels but is unaware on how to do so without getting caught. Due to close ties with the Capitol, Takach's life can be in possible danger.
7. Anakin Bastian: A specialist in computers and artificial intelligence from District 3 coming from an affluent and wealthy family. He observes his family and friends' empowering and strong behaviour with regards to the Capitol and is astonished by it immensely. Bastian's passions include experimenting with different technologies that can improve human life and productivity. In the past, Bastian has worked in technology labs with the Capitol to create robotic arms, advanced pacemakers and a temporary IQ enhancing pill.
8. Sirsha River: Albeit from the wealthy District 4, River is part of a small rebellious youth group, tired of the years of the oppressive rule of the Capitol. An easily underestimated and extremely capable rebel with strong networking skills, River is sure to create alliances easily. They serve as the direct perspective of the unjustifiable cruelty against children. River has been forced to take the mandatory drugs required by the orders of President Maura but has escaped.
9. Atreyu Bux: A highly cunning and intelligent electrical lines worker from District 5. Bux has a plethora of knowledge in the fields of thermoenergy, hydroelectric power and solar power. Due to this, Bux is deeply wanted by the Capitol to conduct scientific research for them but refuses to assist them as he is furiously against President Maura. Bux strongly believes that his knowledge can be useful for helping the districts experiencing extreme poverty and aspires to travel to different districts to offer his skills.
10. Fynn Ridge: A tech-savvy transportation designer from District 6 who specializes in the design of various combat features of the hovercraft. He is now in the works of developing a new feature in which the cloaking is completely undetectable and uses minimal energy. He is outrageously furious of the Capitol for they have taken his precious blueprints. As a control freak, he is hesitant in trusting others, even with the same goals.



11. Hanaya Atrius: A transportation engineer from District 6 who controls the function of all the trains throughout Panem. Atrius is able to greatly control the speed of the trains, the different routes of access, and who and what is transported from where. Atrius is a significant member of the rebel group that is fighting for a democratic government in a peaceful manner, as she is tired from receiving ignorant orders from the Capitol on the functioning of the trains and wishes to be left to do her work in peace.
12. Falkor Emmett: A guerilla fighter from District 7 from an impoverished background. He is extremely angry as his whole family was beaten and killed by peacekeepers after being suspected of rebellious affiliations. He has sworn that he will be able to confront President Maura and bring his family to justice one day. He has expert combat skills and military tactics and can use a variety of weapons such as the axe, club, and spiked baseball bat. He is also an asset and extremely resourceful in crisis management, thanks to his rough childhood.
13. Thatcher Cadmus: A radical fashion designer from District 8. Him and his team are currently working on some lightweight suits of armour made of carbon fibres for those who need it. Cadmus is able to do this because he also has immense background knowledge in fields of engineering, fabric and textiles, and nanotechnology. He vouches neutrality and peace, however, he is suspected of being a significant part of the underground rebel movement whilst continuing to work with the Capitol and its citizens.
14. Harriet Ranger: An expert electrician from District 9 who owns the biggest grain producing company in Panem, located in District 9. Recently, Ranger's disabled sister went missing, and a week later, was seen dead near the Capitol. They are extremely angered at the government for not taking action. Ranger is convinced that his own sister was affected by the doings of the Capitol, and aspires to be the minister of public safety. Ranger has donated a lot of his money from this grain company to building safer roads and facilities in his own district.
15. Darius Sabine: A beef farmer from District 10 who is a part of the emerging rebel group forming there. He is well-versed in combating dangerous tasks, specifically in fighting gas poisoning, dust explosions, and rock bursts. His objective is to kill; he believes the only way the government can be overruled is through violence, and not peaceful protest. He does not hesitate in causing harm to people and believes it is for the greater good.
16. Natalia Valerian: A vivacious rebel from District 11 who's worked in farms her entire life. She is extremely angered that all her wheat, orchards, and produce that she grows is



sent to the Capitol, and demands change. Valerian has previously sent letters to the Minister of Agriculture regarding her concerns, which have come to no avail as Capitol ministers strongly support the president. Valerian demands that all Capitol ministers and Capitol government be replaced by important rebellious leaders in the various districts and is willing to manipulate the people around her to do so. She is extremely disappointed with the Capitol and is considering forming a series of protests with other farmers in her region to voice their anger.

17. Astrid Hale: A coal miner from District 12 with expertise in cutting, blasting, and removing rock and other sturdy, weighted objects. Coming from an extremely impoverished background, Hale has previously stolen goods and food items from various shopkeepers in his district. Having been caught by a peacekeeper once, Hale was canned in public, and his family was also forced to give in their rations for the month. Since then, he's developed an intense hatred for the government and demands democratic change.
18. Willow Nyota: A strong-minded and persistent member of District 13 who specializes in the creation of nuclear weaponry, including bombs and gas masks. She is the founder and leader of an ever-expanding rebel group and wishes to expand the group and create a massive uproar in Panem, so as to overthrow President Maura. She aims to cause violence in the Capitol, cause danger to life, and cause massive destruction.
19. Kael Joffrey: A highly driven and smart leader from District 13 who has vast knowledge in the fields of this history of Panem, political science and human rights. Joffrey aspires to create a Panem that is run under the policies of democracy where leaders are elected and candidates can run from all districts. Joffrey grew up in a poor family from District 13 and has never agreed with the President Maura's ways. They have tried several times to find out what is in this suspicious drug and will do anything it takes to find out. That being said, Joffrey is strictly against a violent rebellion and believes that there is a way to talk to Maura peacefully.



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