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FISHY BUSINESS

KUO-TOA: FRIEND OR FOE?

Jamie Ulrich

They were first seen at the Shimmering Marsh. Scouts have reported further sightings along the northern riverbanks. Adventurers have faced them in battle and even brought one to Haven as a prisoner. But who are the fish people inhabiting the New World?

We know little about them – scouts report a predisposition to violence and though some may attempt to converse with their strange babbling speech, they seem to take most actions as threatening. The kuo-toa brought back to Haven has been unable to convey much and doesn't seem to particularly want to even try. Is this enough to condemn the kuo-toa as violent primitives?

After all, we are the newcomers here. We are invading on their lands, possibly their hunting grounds or their holy sites, and what little we know of this New World does not paint it as a very safe place. It only stands to reason that the kuo-toa would wish to defend themselves first and ask questions later.

Which is where the problem lies – even if we do get to that second step, we have no way of speaking with the kuo-toa. We need time to learn their language and kuo-toa willing to teach it and learn ours. Would it not be simpler to just defend ourselves against these violent people?

But we would also lose out on their knowledge of this New World. We would lose out on potential friends and allies. It may be a difficult road, but perhaps befriending these people can be beneficial to us all. So we must decide – are the kuo-toa friend or foe?



MEET THE WRITERS

Polly Prismafeather

Your source for all news in the New World has arrived – the Haven Chronicle is here to inform and entertain you as long as we can!

But who are the people behind this new sensation? Prepare to meet the writers!

Our lead journalist is the dashing and most talented Jamie Ulrich! You might see him throughout Haven, getting interviews, sniffing out stories, and getting down to the facts. Make sure to greet this vulpin if you see him! Or don't – he doesn't like to be distracted.

Garth Umbar, the black-feathered corvus often seen at the markets has agreed to be the Chronicle's market analyst, spelling out trends so you know where to invest!

Please put your hands together for the most talented editor in the New World – Wilbur Shortsnout! Not only is this excellent hedge the editor, he is also the owner and the writer of news in short and any other spots we have!

Lastly, I am Polly Prismafeather, the Chronicle's other journalist and a many-coloured macaw luma. If you see me around Haven writing my next piece, please do say hello!

NEWS IN SHORT

HAVEN FOUNDED

Haven was founded by the crew of the Dawning Horizon, quickly becoming a new home in the New World.

ASTERIAN QUARTZ

These clear crystals have been popping up all over the place. The kuo-toa seem to collect them – are they important? What are they? What do they do?

NOVA BAY PORT

Haven's port is nearing completion and the Dawning Horizon is gearing up for the first exploratory voyage!

MARKET TRENDS

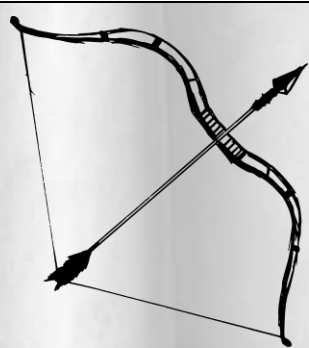
Garth Umbar

The collection of **furs** is trending up, prices are dropping.

The **grain** brought over from the Old World is beginning to run out and the winter here has not allowed for planting – prices are going up.

Common metals are still uncommon – and until some mines are established in the mountains, they will likely stay that way, which means that demand for **weapons, armour**, and any metal goods continues to rise.

With the construction of the port, there is a desirability to travel and explore by ship. Carpenters are busy working, but demand for **transport** is rising quickly.



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