1 College of the Seventh Day's Work

> There was Chthon, and there was Tualoha, and from them was born Gaea. From Gaea came each of the Six Lords, one on each day. On the seventh day, Gaea rested, and the skills of the hands, not of magic, were born.

That, at least, is the tenet that the College of the Seventh Day's Work was founded on. Its name was taken from the creation story; for the first six days of Gaea's existance, only magic existed. It was only on the seventh day that work in the World was done by mundane means -- by the power in your own hands. The College is a loosely-organized conglomerate of scientists dedicated to research in those mundane arts -- the non-magical wonders of the World.

For the last five years, much of the College's research has been put on hold as the Realm fought the war against the Clans, while the Wizard's Conclave has been made a higher and higher priority. It's a pattern you have seen many times, magic is flashier than science, and is certainly better suited to military applications. Still, there are many fields where magic simply doesn't work well. Once, a researcher could apply to the Table of Peers or some other benefactor for research funds; lately it's become harder and harder to justify work that didn't have immediate applications to the war effort. But it seems as if that restriction is about to change.

The Great Wizard Kalerege has done more than allow COERCE to use his Castle as a site for the peace conference; in an effort to "revitalize research in the non-magical arts", he has offered a substantial fellowship to the College member who completes the most significant research, or the member whose research shows the greatest potential for influencing or revolutionizing the World. The grant consists of unlimited funding for a year and permanent facilities built to your specifications in whatever locale you desire. The winner of the grant will be determined by Kalerege, based on the presentation of a paper stating the purpose and progress of your research. To this end, several College members have made their way to Castle Kalerege, yourself among them. With some luck and hard work, you may be set for life.

Of course, there are also occasions when one has to think of the organization as a whole, and this is one of them. The peace summit going on this week may turn out to be the best thing that has happened to the College in half a decade, if it ends the war and allows peacetime research to continue as before. What may prove to have even further reaching ramifications for you, however, is a bill that is rumoured to be circulating throughout the Table of Peers to regulate the use and research of magic, placing it under government control. Depending on how that ruling is worded and interpreted, it could either place the College in an even weaker position than it is now, with the Wizard's Conclave the government's darling -- or it could put the College in a position it hasn't seen since its inception, if the ruling limits the Conclave's legal right to do independant work. While in general, the College has little to do with politics, this week may be a time to make an exception to that rule.

The College members currently on the Castle include:

Name	**Department**	**Specialty**
Arrani Moses	Life Science	Pathology
Rose Bluemist	Historical Studies	Archeology
Gilead Joel	Materials Science	Metallurgy
Charity Goldenfield	Historical Sciences	Anthropology
Leranearrian Ephraim	Historical Studies	Ancient History
lle-Victory Sorsha	Life Science	Forensic Analysis

Shelaphi ello-Dreamer Vellad	Life Science	Botany
Siserra Daniel	Life Science	Xenobiology

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