

## Welcome

Hello and it has been a long time. Many things have distracted us from the news letter but we want to try and get back into a regular update schedule again. Theoden is growing at a ferocious rate and he has his first teeth. As before, take a look at <http://www.hinterwelt.com/Theoden.html> for the latest pictures.



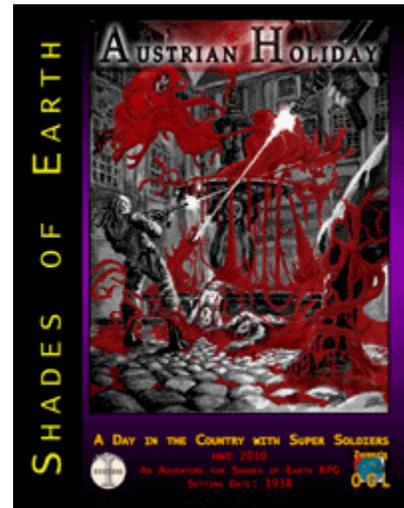
As always, the PDF version of this newsletter is located:

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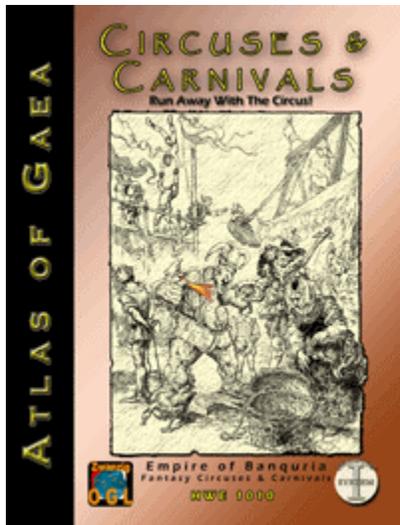
## What's New

We are releasing a series of new adventures. The first should already be in stores and is the first supplement for Roma Imperious. Turrus Lemurum: Tower of Ghosts is an adventure set in North Africa. Young Postumus has been kidnapped and the locals refuse to go to Turrus Lemurum to look for him. Your party must do what they cannot, save the boy. Turrus Lemurum is saddle-stitched, color interior, 48 pages with eight maps. This book is dual statted between our Iridium System and OGL Fantasy. It has an MSRP of \$14.99 USD.

Austrian Holiday: A Day in the Country with Super Soldiers is the second supplement for our 1938 alternate history RPG, Shades of Earth. Lorelei Holdst, the daughter of a research scientist at the MittelWald station in Austria, has not heard from her father and fears something has gone wrong. Her calls to the station have gone unanswered and the Austrian SS refuses to even acknowledge it exists. Her only hope is a daring rescue mission to liberate her father. That is, until she discovers what he was working on then it becomes a race to survive. Austrian Holiday is saddle-stitched, color interior, 60 pages with seven maps. Austrian Holiday is due out later this month. This book is dual statted between our Iridium System and OGL Modern. It has an MSRP of \$16.99 USD.



Circuses and Carnivals is made for our Tales of Gaea setting and is part of the Atlas of Gaea Series but can be used for any fantasy setting. Ever want to run away with the circus? Here is your chance. The Circus is in town and you need to know the lingo and who to talk to. Travel the River Route or go across the Banquerian Empire on the Dry

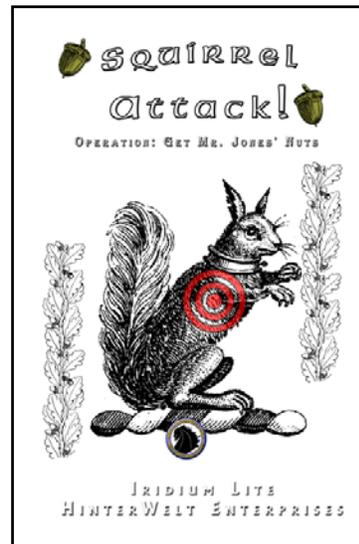


Road. It all happens fast on the road and you need to know which way things will turn. Austrian Holiday is saddle-stitched, color interior, 36 pages with four maps. This book is dual statted between our Iridium System and OGL Fantasy. Circuses & Carnivals is due out in September 2005. It has an MSRP of \$16.99 USD.

We have also been working on the Iridium Lite system to be used in our upcoming Complete Game Series. This Series is a complete game and mini-setting, pregenned characters with predefined goals, maps and all in a convenient statement size (5.5"x 8.5") format. The Iridium Lite system has all the elements of the full Iridium system but with a simpler approach. Some of the mechanics are less refined but offer more dynamic

rules. All magic uses our Free Form system but with Fatigue Points as a measure of exhaustion. Karma points allow a mechanic for luck as an exchange between the GM and the players. Skills are resolved on a d20 by adding the rank of the skill, a stat chosen by the GM and one of the six aptitudes that represent the skill type. Combat works much the same as in the Iridium System with an attempt to roll over the target's Defense on a d20. All in all, this is a very effective representation of the Iridium System in under 20 pages.

Things still in the planning stages include the Supers Inc. Complete Game, the Dark Wanderings Complete Game, and a fantasy version in the Complete Game Series. The Britannia supplement for Roma Imperious still proceeds apace. We are hoping for a November release but this depends a lot on how much time is taken up on other projects.



We will be attending Gen Con this year (just under a week) and invite any of you to visit our booth (the GPA Booth #1939 next to Hero Games). We will be giving away an authentic Roman playing die each day of Gen Con. Come by and sign up. Also, we will have "Squirrel Attack!" the first of our Complete Game Series free with any purchase. "Squirrel Attack!" is a game where you play squirrels raiding a nut farm in hopes of attaining nuts to stem the nut blight back in Nuttopia in the fairy world. Success brings life! Of course, we will have all our great games on sale including the ones in this newsletter. So come on by!

## **Technobabble**

The Nebuleon CHARGen is up and running. We have found some bugs and done repairs and all seems to be running smoothly now. Some improvements have been added

including a preliminary look at printing from HTML. So far the colors look good as well as the layout.

We are thinking of adding a blog to the front page in order to keep everyone up to date on what is going on. We would love to hear any suggestions or ideas about such a move, either in our forums or as direct email to Bill at [bilbo@hinterwelt.com](mailto:bilbo@hinterwelt.com).