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lack of enemy and allied assets, the alteration of established stellar phenomena – all of these and more fill the databanks of the Torchbearer ships. When it comes time to call an end to their mission, whether successful or not, the fleet's commander would return to a designated system. There, in addition to a rigorous debriefing and a thorough purification of the ships and crews in body and spirit, any intelligence gathered is passed through a series of psycho-omniscient screenings before being passed to Guilliman's priesthood of the Logisticalurum. COMMAND AND COMMISSIONING The task forces and battle groups of the Indomitus Crusade bear to war immense and often extremely varied contingents of troops, and the numbers of these troops are not known. The presence of the Adeptus Custodes serves to enforce the receipt of the Gift and is seen by some Chapters as a guarantee of its bonafide or even divine nature. The Adeptus Mechanicus maintains a widespread Tech-Priest presence aboard Torchbearer ships, though there are relatively few martial or zealous followers compared to the retinues of Tech-Priests Dominus who accompany crusade fleets. The expertise of numerous creeds of Tech-Priests is essential to the safety of the Gift throughout transit and the successful transfer of their priceless cargo should the mission be successful. Many 53 boarding parties, many of whose members are brutal, void-born veterans. The Torchbearer fleets comprise small numbers of fast, powerful and resilient ships. They typically boast more than enough firepower to dissuade piratical raiders from attacking. They require the belligerent muscle to break out of enemy encirclements and the speed to outpace more dangerous fleets. The Office of the Paternoval Envoy selects expert and adaptable Navigators under a discreet accord Guilliman brokered with the Paternova himself. Specialist local knowledge of the warp in those regions the fleet passes through is no longer the boon it once was – having become more unpredictable – and only those Navigators able to guide ships through the most hazardous warp storms and rift quakes are sequestered for Torchbearer service. This is a gift from the Emperor to his chosen instruments of death. Pray be mindful, Chapter Master, of your honour-bound duty before you repeat your refusal. – Shield-Captain Graentis, Shield Host of the Emissaries Imperatus, Commander of the Torchbearer Task Force Argagnumus Torchbearer task forces are joined by an inquisitor and their retinue. Some of these investigators oversee security and sequestration protocols of the sensitive technology. Others provide local knowledge of the systems the fleets travel through, their reputation and clearances helping to secure passage through the warp. The Chapter might encounter some goodwill towards the unusual Gift. Other forces known – at least to the Logisticalurum and certain Inquisitors – to travel within or alongside a Torchbearer fleet are cadres of Sisters of Silence, demi-brotherhoods of Grey Knights, Adepta Sororitas missions as well as Rogue Traders and their diverse, colourful retinues. Slick warships, redirected from their usual commissions to serve Torchbearer fleets, often carry small armies of experienced Navis Imperialis 54 Command of a Torchbearer fleet is commonly vested in the highest ranking officer aboard. Usually, this would be the senior Custodian, though some fleets are commanded by a sinister Sister of Silence, the lordly Noble of a Knight household or the ranking Navis Imperialis officer. Among the Adeptus Astartes being transported by the fleet to their intended Chapter, their senior officers offer advice and tactical expertise, usually only taking up a commanding position during rare battles the fleet becomes embroiled in. On occasion, some fleets are accompanied by small contingents of Space Marines hailing from Chapters other than that sought out. These are often representatives from brotherhoods known to have established ties with their target, and they act as a way of reassuring their allies once found. THE MISSION BEFORE ALL Torchbearer fleets could spend months or years seeking the Space Marine Chapter whose future they are entrusted with. The tormented state of the warp makes any interstellar travel a deadly proposition, even within the Imperium Sanctus. The successful conclusion to a fleet's mission comprises the identification and location of the Chapter, the safe arrival of the precious cargo at their home world and the peaceful handover of the future's Gift before returning via the same dangerous tides and undertaking a new mission. Yet so much hangs in the balance, and catastrophic failures blight many Chapters' legacies. 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Oh, Yaggle would have to be careful here. 'What's not fair?' 'HER, MY COUSINS, ALL OF 'EM.' Yaggle wasn't sure how to rate this estimation, coming as it was from Hradoth. 137 Four gargants were more than Hradoth believed he could handle, but he was plainly terrified of embarrassment before his kin. The more Yaggle explained the plan, the more excited Hradoth became. It went like this. First, on Yaggle's instructions, Hradoth tied the thatch roofs from several barns to his feet. He wrapped the chains of his remaining manglers around his shoulders, for later. Now, the rumble of his footsteps somewhat muffled, the mega-gargant snuck – with, Yaggle thought, really rather shocking care – through the river valley south of the university. The one who was probably Junior whirled around in alarm. The other two gargants snapped awake. Now Hradoth hurled a third boulder, and this one caught Junior in the knees, knocking him face first into cobblestone. His nose crunched, and gargant blood spilled in the 'umie streets. This first blood marked the limits of Hradoth's patience for discretion. The mega-gargant roared joyfully, clambered over the mountain range, and broke into a headlong sprint that left Yaggle scrambling to keep his grip. 'Slow down!' Yaggle yelled. 'Be careful!' When they peeked over the tops of the mountains, it was exactly as Hradoth had anticipated. One elder gargant kept watch. She stood with her arms crossed, looking out over the town. Long grey braids reached almost to the ground, and her armour was a sort of golden mail patched together from Stormcast shields. Three younger gargants slumped against a bell tower and a keep, snoring loudly. Now came the hard part. Slowly, delicately, Hradoth collected a pile of boulders from the peaks of the mountain range: massive things that must have been there for centuries. He picked up the first boulder, tucked it in the crook of his elbow, spun around, and hurled the rock through the air. Hradoth did not slow down. Before Junior could raise his smashed face from the cobblestone, Hradoth was barreling into the city and over him. Howling his rage, the megagargant raised his foot and smashed it down on Junior's skull. The gargant's body spasmed. His legs jerked and rubbedled citadels of 'umie magic. The last two gargant sons gaped at Hradoth in horror. 'YOU,' said the one with a single eye in the middle of his head. He blinked. 'MAMA ALWAYS SAID YOU WOULD–' For a moment, it looked like it might topple from the air and crash into the bell tower, smashing through masonry and bringing the structure down like so many of the other 'umie buildings that already lay shattered. But no, the boulder kept right on going – over the heads of the giants, past the town, and into the tall, dense forests to the north. There was a crack – like a great roll of thunder – as the boulder fell to earth. Hradoth roared and charged. But these gargants were ready, and their relative shortness had some advantages. One-Eye leapt to the left, and Baldoth leapt to the right, and Hradoth crashed headlong into the bell tower. The massive bell pealed with a sharp bong, and after the briefest moment in which it seemed it might hold, the entire tower crumbled under the mega-gargant. Auntie turned towards the forest. Her mail of golden shields glinted in the moonlight. She listened to the night. At her feet, one of her sons startled awake. He sat up and looked around blearily. The other two kept on sleeping. Yaggle clutched a strand of hair and kicked his feet in the open air and screamed curses not quite befitting a god. White dust filled the night. Hradoth breathed hard and looked to one side and the other. Go, Yaggle willed her. Go, look. At one hand, Baldoth had uprooted a great slab of a monument to Sigmar, graven with images from the Age of Myth. He held it out before him like a shield. On the other side, One-Eye wielded a fallen cathedral spire like a spear. At first, he thought Auntie carried no weapons except for her immensity. Now she balled her fists, and he saw that she wore the horns of some greater beast or daemon on her knuckles. She listened a moment more, and then rumbled into the forest to investigate. 'They's got you surrounded,' Yaggle said helpfully. Hradoth grunted. Auntie was the real threat. With her out of the way, this was much more manageable. Even with two gargants asleep, though, and even with Hradoth's size advantage, it felt a little too much like a fair fight for Yaggle. Hence the next step of his plan. Hradoth tucked another boulder into the crook of his elbow. This time, he threw low. The second boulder careened towards the woken gargant – Junior, Yaggle guessed. He looked like a Junior. The rock was meant to get him in the head, but this was a more exacting sort of toss, and it crashed wide, throwing up dust from an already thoroughly broken keep. 138 Slowly, carefully, the smaller gargants circled him. Was this strategy? Maybe they were biding their time. If they could hold Hradoth off until Auntie came back, Yaggle thought, they might be able to turn this thing around. Out there in the Mosshorn Forest, she must have heard the commotion; surely it was only a matter of moments – 'Run or fight,' Yaggle said. 'You got to choose.' Hradoth glanced back and forth between the two brothers. He spat, and then removed the mangler chain from his shoulders. FICTION Since the flattening of the grot camp, Yaggle had assumed the manglers on either end of the chain were dead. Hradoth had knocked them quite soundly against the side of a mountain – perhaps it was a bit uncouth to wear a pair of carcasses around, but who was Yaggle to criticize? As Hradoth began to spin the chain, though, the manglers startled out of their unconsciousness with slobbering screeches. Round and round Hradoth swung the manglers, like twin flails. Suddenly, he struck, releasing the slack so that one of the giant squigs hurled out towards One-Eye's cyclopean face. The smaller gargant ducked behind a fortress wall, but Hradoth kept swinging – building momentum, spinning around till the mangler struck Baldoth square in his monument-shield. The slab shattered. Baldoth stumbled backward over Junior, and the angry, dizzy mangler set about gnawing at his face, purple of the sunrise behind her. Hradoth hurled his bell to the ground, offhandedly squashing the surviving mangler. 'AUNTIE,' Hradoth roared. 'THIS IS ALL MINE NOW.' She cracked her knuckles and surveyed the devastation. But she was only one gargant. Even with her everything bloodied before her, she didn't barrel into a fight that she would surely lose. She was shrewd, Yaggle realised. A survivor. Tears ran down her cheeks and onto her golden mail. But when she spoke, Auntie's voice was utterly controlled. 'YOU'RE A STAIN, HRADOTH.' The mega-gargant didn't seem to have an answer for that. 'I-' he began. 'MARK ME. YOU'LL GET YOURS SOON ENOUGH.' But here was One-Eye with his cathedral spire. He thrust the spire into Hradoth's side, and the mega-gargant howled with pain. She turned away and thundered back into the Mosshorn. Hradoth watched her go. Reflexively, Hradoth flung the second mangler at One-Eye. But the smaller gargant was ready: he caught the chain and swung the squig back around at Hradoth, smashing him off balance and splattering the mangler across his face. Yaggle was instantly soaked with squig-matter, and gripped the gargant's hood all the harder as Hradoth hit the ground. As the sun rose, Hradoth winced and raised his hand to ward the light away. Yaggle wasn't much fonder of dawn, but the mega-gargant was at the mercy of a mounting fungal hangover. Why had he done this? Why in the name of Behemat and all the Bad Moons that had ever risen did he think it was a good idea to get involved in a spat between gargants? He'd got so absorbed in pretending to be Behemat that he'd acted like he really was a god. And maybe he saw a bit of himself in the gargant, cast out from everyone he ever knew... 'I DON'T FEEL BETTER,' he said. 'You will,' Yaggle lied. 'Here – sit down here.' The ground rumbled. Auntie was coming nearer. But behind them, Baldoth was down, the surviving mangler munching happily on his head. Only moments more to turn this around. The mega-gargant trundled blearily through copses of old growth. They had wandered rather aimlessly back towards Yaggle's old territory, a place the grots called the Spiderwood, because it was dense and dark and home to giant spiders. The greatwood trunks rose high enough here that when Hradoth sprawled out, crushing swathes of forest as he did so, the treetops almost, almost obscured him. Yaggle guessed he was trying to hide from Auntie, should she come back looking for revenge. As well he ought, Yaggle thought. 'Get One-Eye,' Yaggle shouted. 'You got to get 'im now!' 'I'M TIRED,' said Hradoth. One-Eye leapt towards Hradoth, plainly hoping to grapple him and keep him on the ground. The mega-gargant rolled aside, flattening a whole row of dormitories, and seized the great bronze bell from the bell tower. He whirled around, raised it high, and brought it down on One-Eye's head: once, twice, and a third time, the bell tolling with each strike. Hradoth screamed, and gobs of spittle bigger than Yaggle flew through the air. He kept right on with the bell, lost to sense. It was like watching the whole of the realm give itself over to rage. What had Yaggle got himself into? 'Sleep,' said Yaggle. 'I keep watch.' Stupid. He was a stupid git. If he survived, he swore not to make the same mistakes. 'Hradoth!' the grot yelled. 'You're not finished! Your auntie!' The mega-gargant grunted and stood up and surveyed the ruin of the town. Across all the broken masonry and 'umie wreckage stood Auntie. She was very quiet, very still, the first Hradoth lay his head back. Yaggle sat on his chest. 'WILL YOU TELL ME A STORY?' the gargant asked. The grots of Yaggle's skrap didn't have bedtime stories as such. But there were certainly stories that elder grots told younger spores, often to terrify or distract them, and vary occasionally to instruct them on grottyish paths to greatness. So Yaggle told some of those last sorts of stories – tales about the Wretched Old Times Before, and the grot wizard Gritlick, who walked through hidden doors between the realms and got the better of all manner of beings, from the Spiderfangs, pointing at Yaggle with his spear from atop an arachnarok. 'You's one of them Pitskulkur gitz! Wot got squashed by dat gargant! Come with us – we's going to get even. And stop 'im squishing the rest of us.' Before Yaggle could think of a convincing excuse to do any other thing than go along, one of the Spiderfangs grabbed him by the arm and swung him up to another grot, who caught him and swept him into the howdah on the arachnarok. Yaggle blinked and shook his head. 'I got the sick in my guts like you,' said the Spiderfang in the howdah. 'We 'n the Pitskulkurs go way back. Loonboss Wazzit's a stupid git. Too soft. But he din't deserve what happened to 'im. And it sure ain't gonna happen to us.' Yaggle strated to say. 140 Slowly, carefully, the spiders converged on his sleeping bulk. 'Right,' said the Spiderfang. 'We's gonna wrap 'im up with the spiders' webs, and then bite 'im all at once. Pump in as much poison as we can.' It wasn't a bad plan, Yaggle thought. Maybe this would all work out. He was lucky, really! If he hadn't left the megagargant, he'd be sitting there like a git while arachnaroks circled. But if the Spiderfangs got rid of Hradoth, he wouldn't have to worry about getting tangled up with gargants again. Maybe he could join the Spiderfangs! Riding an arachnarok wasn't exactly striding over the realm, but he could make it work. And if a certain ill-defined discomfort tapped at the back of his skull... well, that was just the anxiety of lost opportunity. It was a shame to let a pliant mega-gargant go to waste. But you had to weigh your risk. 'Oy!' shouted a grot in the next howdah over. 'What're you doin' 'ere?!' Yaggle was struck by a terrible suspicion that he recognised the voice. Slowly, he turned his head to look at his old loonboss, Wazzit, staring at him with rage and disbelief. 'You told me he was dead,' Yaggle said quietly. The Spiderfang boss frowned back at him in confusion. 'No! I's sayin' he din't deserve wot happened to 'im. His whole skrap got squished! He en't a boss no more!' 'Stop!' Wazzit screamed. 'Stop! Stop! Grab 'im! I'm doin' wot I shoulda done a long time ago.' The Spiderfang still looked bewildered. 'Wot?' 'He's with the gargant!' Wazzit shouted. 'I... was too ashamed to tell you. It weren't just the gargant. I was too soft. I kicked out this git and he came back for blood.' Yaggle sighed, stabbed the Spiderfang through the back, and leapt from the howdah, rolling into the dirt with a rough tumble, but keeping hold of his spear. He sprinted faster than he could ever remember sprinting, heading straight for Hradoth's open palm. Behind him, he heard spiders screeching as they collided. He made another great leap and grabbed hold of the webbed skin between the gargant's fingers, heaving himself up onto Hradoth's hand. He hardly dared to look back – after FICTION a moment's confusion, the arachnaroks were surely charging headlong now; it was only a matter of time... 'YOU ASKED FOR HELP.' So he heard that. A spear thunked into Hradoth's arm just a short measure ahead. It stuck in, but it wasn't enough to fully break the skin or draw blood, and the gargant kept right on sleeping. Another spear whizzed by – a third grazed his leg. Yaggle yelped and ran up the makeshift lumber gauntlet on Hradoth's arm, up his bicep and onto his chest. 'Help!' he screamed. 'You's got to wake up! Spiders! Help!' The gargant stirred but didn't wake up. Yaggle tried stabbing him in the chest with his spear for good measure, but it was the same as all the other spears – it didn't even break the skin. Now Yaggle did look behind him, and immediately regretted it. The first of the arachnaroks was crawling up Hradoth's bulk, with the old loonboss Wazzit screaming murder from the howdah. 'Get 'im! Get 'im!' The answer came to him at the very last moment, like all his best plans. He leapt onto Hradoth's chin, then again over the chasm of his mouth, so that he was perched on his upper lip. Then he jabbed his spear into the gargant's nostril and twirled it around, tickling the massive strands of his nose hairs. Again, he called, 'Help! You's got to wake up! Spiders!' This time, the reaction was immediate. Hradoth jerked upright, cough-laughing. Yaggle jumped from the gargant's lip and grabbed hold of the hem of his hood just moments before the massive hand rose to swat away the irritant. Yaggle found his old position on the gargant's shoulder, by his ear. 'Spiders!' he shouted. 'You got to get the spiders!' Hradoth was untroubled. He casually seized the abdomen of the arachnarok crawling over his arm, and flung it away into the trees. Then he climbed to his feet, looking out over the circle of giant spiders. 'SO SMALL,' he said. As it happened, arachnaroks were a favourite snack of Hradoth's, and he had recovered some of his appetite. The two sat in silence for some time while the gargant munched spider-legs – Hradoth on the forest floor, and Yaggle on his shoulder. 'HELP,' Hradoth said after a while. 'Eh?' 'NOT VERY GODLY,' Hradoth added. 'Well,' said Yaggle. 'It was a test! A test of my mighty servant!' It sounded pitiful, even to him. 'You passed,' he finished. 'YOU WERE SCARED. WHY WOULD A GOD BE SCARED OF SPIDERS?' 'Well...'. Yaggle strained for an answer, a plan, but nothing was coming. Not at the last moment, not at all. He sighed. 'I got to tell you the truth,' he said. 'The whole truth.' The gargant grunted. Yaggle thought about how it was back in the skrap. He made the plans, and Wazzit (who was very definitely squished now) called them his own. Brains and voice – they weren't exactly one and the same. 'I en't Behemat exactly,' he said. 'I's only the voice. Y'see? A prophet, like. To speak the godbeast's will. I know what he knows and say what he wants. I still get scared sometimes, but I's a son of Behemat. Just like you.' The mega-gargant's great hooded head turned, and he considered the grot on his shoulder. There was a dull curiosity in his expression, but Yaggle couldn't tell what was happening behind the mask, behind the eyes. Did he believe it? Did he want to believe it? And if not, could he overlook the lie? 'TELL ME,' Hradoth rumbled. 'SOMETHING ONLY A GOD WOULD KNOW.' Maybe, just maybe, Yaggle could discern a ghost of a smile on the mega-gargant's face. The grot closed his eyes, and pressed his fingertips to his temples. He squeezed his eyes shut and furrowed his brow, and he thought of all those 'umie settlements spread across Chur, all those farmers and villages. 'I, Behemat, is going to lead you, Hradoth, to your next meal, and the next, and the next. A realm full of square meals, y'see?' Yaggle opened his eyes and smiled up at the gargant, and he was astonished to realise that his smile was genuine. 'I tell you the truth,' 'LET'S GET STARTED, THEN,' said Hradoth, and he stood so that the two of them towered over the whole of the world. 'I'M READY FOR AFTERS.' 'IF YOU'D LIKE TO READ MORE FANTASTICAL STORIES SET IN THE AGE OF SIGMAR, VISIT THE BLACK LIBRARY WEBSITE AT WWW.BLACKLIBRARY.COM. 141 INSIDE THE STUDIO INSIDE THE STUDIO As we come to the end of the magazine, we take a look at the games people have been playing and the models they've been painting in the studio over the past month. This issue: medics! Plus ogors, more hobby bingo fun and a load of tanks on parade. he studio has been a hive of hobby activity this month, with many hobbyists ticking off boxes on their hobby bingo sheets, be they for Warhammer Age of Sigmar, Warhammer 40,000 or one of our many other games. Here in the White Dwarf team, we've also been busy painting our set of Warhammer Quest: Cursed City, and there are now only a few models left to paint between us. Hopefully we will be able to do some adventuring when we're allowed to meet again! Here you can see some of the projects that members of the studio have been working on, while over the page you can see Dan's Armies on Parade board for last year's competition. Seeing as we're halfway through 2021 already, he'll have to start work on this year's one soon! EMPEROR'S SPEARS DRUID WILL I MAKE IT, DOC? Army painter Tangui Jollivet has added to his Emperor's Spears army this month with this impressive Druid conversion. Druids often combine the roles of Librarian and Apothecary, so Tangui has included elements of both on his model. The base kit is a Judiciar with the addition of an Apothecary's backpack and a Librarian's arms, power cables and psychic hood. This Rogue Doc was painted by translator Sebastian Brabsche for his Escher gang. He undercoated the model with Grey Seer, then painted her hazmat suit Averland Sunset, which he shaded with Casandora Yellow followed by highlights of Yriel Yellow and Flash Gitz Yellow. Her shirt is Stegaddon Scale Green with highlights of Sotek Green and Temple Guard Blue. THOMAS ELLIOT'S OGORS Illustrator Thomas Elliot has always wanted to paint an ogor army, and it seems that now is the time! His ogors all have pale greenish flesh that uses a basecoat of Ionrach Skin, a wash of Drakenhof Nightshade, and highlights of Deepkin Flesh and Pallid Wych Flesh. The rest of his colour scheme is dark, earthy colours with some red thrown in. Thomas's army also features a lot of conversions, including the use of Ogre Blood Bowl players to make his Gluttons look like they're charging hungrily into battle. 142 HOBBY BINGO A1 HERO OR CHARACTER ANY MODEL A2 ANY MODEL A3 A4 UNIT OF 2+ MODELS A5 HERO OR CHARACTER C1 UNIT OF 2+ MODELS B2 FORTIFICATION OR SCENERY UNIT OF 10+ MODELS SOPHIE BOSTOCK B1 C2 VEHICLE OR MONSTER B3 KITBASHED MODEL B4 VEHICLE OR MONSTER B5 UNIT OF 10+ MODELS D1 C4 JONATHAN STAPLETON – 180 E3 D4 ANY MODEL D5 Jonathan's hobby bingo sheet has lit up like Christmas after he added all the Necrons he's been working on recently. Apparently he was saving them all for a rainy day before adding them to his sheet. E4 BEN HUMBER – 50 Ben's lost his bingo pen. And his sheet. He's not even sure what day of the week it is in bingo town. This might be because he's concentrating on buying a new house, but we reckon he's using that as an excuse to put off painting models. E5 ANY MODEL HERO OR CHARACTER – 260 Sophie painted a Judiciar this month for her 10th Company Tome Keepers force. She painted him following the Classic painting guide for the Tome Keepers and the red leather guide for the Adeptus Custodes. She also swapped his tempormortis for a hefty book. Dan is currently in third place in our team's hobby bingo stakes. He's got quite a few single model slots to fill but also two units of 10+ models. He currently has an inconveniently sized unit of five Havocs on his painting desk. FORTIFICATION OR SCENERY UNIT OF 10+ MODELS Matt Hutson B3 KITBASHED MODEL Box. 10 Line: 50 Entire grid: 400 DAN HARDEN – 250 UNIT OF 10+ MODELS D3 SCORING TABLE IN BRIEF E2 UNIT OF 2+ MODELS C5 LORD OF WAR OR BEHEMOTH HERO OR CHARACTER D2 VEHICLE OR MONSTER HERO OR CHARACTER E1 KITBASHED MODEL C3 ANY MODEL In December, we introduced our White Dwarf Hobby Bingo resolutions. Here's how we're getting on. Let us know how you are doing at [email protected]! – 1250 Matt finished his hobby bingo sheet with a resounding shout of 'House!'. The final model he painted was a terrain kitbash for Adeptus Titanicus using the Alchomite Stack. He also painted Torgillius from Cursed City, but he painted his robes a deep blood red instead of his traditional green. E5 HERO OR CHARACTER LYLE LOWERY – 180 These little dark minions are Lyle's contribution to the White Dwarf team's project of painting all the Warhammer Quest: Cursed City models. In keeping with the Cursed City aesthetic, he painted them with a limited palette of dark, neutral colours, with a splash of red here and there. D4 UNIT OF 10+ MODELS D2 UNIT OF 2+ MODELS A4 UNIT OF 2+ MODELS 143 ARMIES ON PARADE 2020 – THE ATHONIAN TANK CORPS In November 2020, the Warhammer Community team hosted the annual Armies on Parade challenge. Traditionally this takes place in Warhammer stores across the world, but with Nurgle's malevolent influence sweeping the globe, it was instead hosted online. Our writer, Dan, has entered Armies on Parade almost every year since it began in the UK, and he has amassed a mighty eight Armies on Parade displays over that time (which take up a lot of space!). His creation for 2020 is this Astra Militarum display featuring the Athonian Tank Corps. 144 'I've been working on my Imperial Guard tank regiment for the last few years,' says Dan, 'and I thought now would be a good time to show them all together in a display. I painted two new units – a Hydra and a trio of Armoured Sentinels – and built and painted the board, ticking off three of my hobby bingo boxes. The buildings and the raised roadway beneath the Baneblade are modular, so they can be removed to use in games. The rubble on the board is made of crushed glass and sand that is normally used in vases and flower displays. I painted it a dirty brown grey to match the weathering on the tanks.' INSIDE THE STUDIO I1 FORTIFICATION OR SCENERY C1 UNIT OF 2+ MODELS D3 VEHICLE OR MONSTER NEXT ISSUE A STORM IS COMING ... 'There is currently a very small infantry presence in my army that I plan to add to in the future,' says Dan. 'All my troopers are converted from Cadians with Skitarii Vanguard heads to show their affiliation with the Adeptus Mechanicus. All of my vehicles feature the Stygies VIII symbol or the forge world's name somewhere on their armour, and their squadron markings are red and black to match the forge world's colours.' 'I've also given all my tanks names, picking ones that suit their weapon loadout, their battlefield role or something that generally amuses me. The battle tank 'Classic Configuration' is so named because it is armed with the weapons that came on the original Leman Russ kit, while 'Don't Look Back' suffered from a gluing incident that now results in a turret that can only face forwards ...' NEXT ISSUE ON SALE 20 AUGUST





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