Preacher Doran Smythe



[Major Recent Events]

-Doran has bonded with a Redressor Device; curiously, his use of its power manifests as an aura that targets all nearby entities.

-Leader of the Clerics Regular, persistent humility in the face of near worship from his followers.

-Rumored to be a living Saint; now referred to by many as "St. Doran the Kind." However, his recent loss of confidence and lack of miracles has caused him to lose some traction. This

indecisiveness has created tension within the Regulars that is moving toward a schism, led in part by Preacher Jharn.

-Believes that the Eternalites have chosen wealth over faith.

-Has survived numerous assassination attempts, and is in incredible health, and has a remarkable healing factor.

-Very humble, and tries to ignore assertions of his Sainthood to maintain his grounded perspective.

-Disliked by Witch-Breaker

-Officiated the Gubernatorial Wedding, though required the encouragement and wisdom of Preacher Enoch, who he seemed to look up to, in order to do so.

[Heavy Encryption]

-Doran's miracles have been confirmed to be caused by intervention of the Philotes Device, prior to the capture of Solomon. Future miracles are intended to be facilitated by use of the Nemesis Device. Doran was unaware of these circumstances.

[Additional Encryption]

I have chosen to tell Doran the truth about his miracles having been the result of a psyker's intervention. My decision was predicated on the reports of his loss of confidence in himself as a servant of the Emperor, and a belief that while the revelation would be initially painful, it would allow him to move past a perceived loss of ability.

Reports from Yvestina do indicate that he is improving, though the loss of Preacher Enoch dealt another significant blow to his spirit.

Following the congregation publicly showing Harkan Jharn to have healing abilities (if secretly by means of an overseeing member of Halcyon), Smythe asked me if this was the same power I had revealed to be behind his miracles; I was careful not to reveal too much of the nature of Devices, but did put forth the truth that Jharn had the aid of a holy artifact, anathema to the archenemy. Smythe wondered if he had found this relic on a pilgrimage to Vallis Decimae.

Given that Doran remains unconvinced by the push towards aggression, and desires to lead the Regulars on the path he sees as true, I have suggested a pilgrimage to gain a holy artifact might be possible. I have suggested that such relics can only be wielded while the convictions of the user remain true; this should allow us to remove Jharn or his abilities without contradiction—I have suggested that his zeal may lead him to burnout—though killing him may still be a simpler means of handling the situation.

This pilgrimage could very easily involve traversing the challenges of Fort Orpheon, as the Devices are already present in the Null Singularity Chamber.

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