

# Grimwald's chronicles part 106

## *Sergeant Thed's field journal*

Captain Ogg asked me to assess two new officer candidates

### **Mental aptitude test:**

|          |             |
|----------|-------------|
| Cuura:   | Grimwald    |
| 2 failed | 1 blunder   |
| 2 pass   | 2 failed    |
| 1 good   | 1 good      |
|          | 1 excellent |

Complex arithmetic is an unknown concept for these two so logistic functions will be their weakness. Candidate Cuura has typical grades for a candidate. Candidate Grimwald either excels or fails in a field. His estimation abilities are unreliable and under par. It is dis-advised to grant candidate Grimwald a command.

### **Physical fitness test:**

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Cuura:      | Grimwald:   |
| 2 pass      | 1 blunder   |
| 2 good      | 1 pass      |
| 1 excellent | 1 good      |
|             | 2 excellent |

Candidate Cuura set a good pace for herself and managed to complete all trials, peaking in the middle as expected. Candidate Grimwald stopped to assess and plan each obstacle before even attempting it during his first round, but after this failure to take immediate action he behaved exemplary showing no signs of fatigue even towards the end of trial. Both candidates pass the physical test, but candidate Grimwald's hesitant nature makes him ill suited for a mobile command.

## ***Criminal history and security assessment by captain Crook, priest of Helm***

- Both candidates show a lack of understanding of the political situation
- Both candidates have a strong resistance to bribery and coercion
- Candidate Cuura served in two other (disreputable) military organisations before
  - One tribal in the Ride
  - The Eastern Zhentarim
- Candidate Cuura is wanted by the temple of Cyric and has a price on her head.
- Candidate Cuura's responses shows a lack of knowledge and interest in law and order.
- Candidate Cuura seems unaware of her inaptitude and maintains she does nothing wrong.
- Candidate Grimwald has served in the Neverwinter Militia without incident for fourteen years.
- Candidate Grimwald has severed his official ties to his clan and hold.
- Candidate Grimwald has a strong sense of law and order.
- Candidate Grimwald maintains he does many things wrong, but captain Crook can find no fault.  
(yes it's one of those again)

It is disadvised to allow candidate Cuura to parttake in sensitive missions and peacekeeping. Candidate Grimwald's behaviour is something we can safely rely on.

### **Basic Combat Training**

Both candidates performed excellently on the personal combat trials.

| <b>General Staff Assessment</b> | Cuura     | Grimwald  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Local                           | failed    | pass      |
| Geography                       | failed    | excellent |
| History                         | failed    | pass      |
| Healing                         | pass      | excellent |
| Draft Animals                   | excellent | fail      |

Candidate Cuura does not meet the minimum requirements for a staff officer. This is partially due her origin, but also due to lack of general development. Candidate Grimwald should make a fine staff officer.

| <b>Battlefield Support Assessment</b> | Cuura     | Grimwald  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Fortification                         | fail      | pass      |
| Siege weapons                         | fail      | fail      |
| Missile weapons                       | excellent | good      |
| Magic                                 | fail      | excellent |

Candidate Cuura does not meet the minimum requirements for a garrison commander or battlefield support command. Candidate Grimwald achieves passing grades for such duties. Given their answers on the questions about siege machinery I advise our intelligence arm to look into this. They contest that by inserting something called a 'Reed' into any fortification it can then easily be breached by a 'Zhae'. If this is true we will have to upgrade our own defenses.

| <b>Field Command Assessment</b> | Cuura | Grimwald  |
|---------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Orders                          | pass  | excellent |
| Signals                         | fail  | fail      |
| Signs                           | pass  | pass      |
| Discipline                      | good  | fail      |
| Morale                          | good  | pass      |

Candidate Cuura's only weakness is her creative interpretation of long range signaling. Candidate Cuura has good talent in motivating the men in difficult circumstances. A big problem however is that she does not speak Illuskan, but she has started lessons and we hope that within a few weeks she can issue orders in the native tongue of her soldiers.

Despite candidate Grimwald's exact and precise wording of commands his skills as a field commander are weak at best. His interpretation of ALL long range signals was to defend his position and his battle signs were barely readable. He is not used to having to motivate others and is not an inspiring speaker. We dis-advise granting candidate Grimwald a field command.

### **Social skills**

Candidate Cuura caused a stable boy to faint in fear when he used a wrong tool to scrape a horse's hoof. She has strong opinions and her manner if not her dress makes her ill suited for diplomatic functions. Candidate Grimwald behaves properly, but also unremarkable so he is ill suited for a leading social role.

### **Final Assessment**

Candidate Cuura is best suited for a field command, preferably long range patrols far from social and political situations. Her skills indicate a cavalry unit would be most suitable. It is imperative however that she is provided with an experienced, local staff officer to ensure she does not get her unit into trouble. If I may be so bold I would suggest lieutenant Charles of the light lancers, since his unit recently lost their commander and the candidate is popular with the men of the lancers.

Candidate Grimwald is best suited for a battlefield support or general staff role. Given some stout men he will be good at ensuring camp security and routine, peacekeeping duties as well as keeping the men and their equipment in peak fighting condition. His broad range of knowledge and mindset would make him a good candidate for a staff position. He lacks the initiative and motivational skills necessary for a field command.