

LORE CARD 033: JEWELLED WARRIORS IN THE MERCHANT WARS



Theirs was a lost generation, those unfortunates of the age which later came to be called The Merchant Wars. It was a time of devastating economic and psychological warfare where propaganda was brought to its highest effectiveness. Every book, every newscast, even the music to which their children danced, was carefully engineered to manipulate belief patterns. Many of the cruelly manipulative stonewisps, AI chaos agents haunting masonry and stone elements, date to this period.

In the later years of the war, when the counterplots and intrigue and crowd-steering agitators were all exposed, the great leagues of bankers and marketers and software guilds clashed their mercenary legions on endless battlefields. Loyalties were at times assured by means of incorporating stonewisps directly into the jewel-encrusted armor they wore. The dark whisperings and endless brainwashing drove so many of the warriors of the day into bloody, rampaging trances that lasted for years.

And their generals knew well to appease the whisperers in the armor of their legions, no matter what depths of bloodlust they demanded.