

News from Anvil: Over the past three months, word reaches you that the Civil Service stores in Anvil are occupied by an infestation of tiny irritating creatures with large bulbous noses. The Civil Servants there catch glimpses of them from time to time, but they are generally too fast to track down. Nonetheless, as the weeks wear on, they are beginning to prove a menace - stacks of files are dislodged, canvas is gnawed through and stores of candles are going missing.

Moreover, Mana is being **eaten** While work continues apace, sources in the Civil Service have begun to intimate loudly and publicly that work will be adversely affected should the infestation continue. Citizen Barak - of the True Liao division - is said to have a plan, however.

When you arrive in Anvil, you have only been here for a few hours before you realise that your own stores of mana have been damaged! A few crystals have been cracked and darkened as if drained unexpectedly...