

The Rise of the Lollipop Guild

As tensions escalated immediately before The Great Schism, outright fistfights erupted in the streets of the Emerald City as the most radicalized Elves and Munchkins battled for turf. In those early days, the small-scale skirmishes were disorganized and chaotic. But as hostilities and violence continued to grow, organized groups of elite fighters emerged on each side to take control of the militias. One particularly noteworthy band of commandos named itself the "Lollipop Guild."

Today, despite its sweet candy-themed name, the Guild's mission is by no means sugar coated. The official, stated focus of this liliputian force is to apply elite military tactics to defend Oz against all Elven aggression. What's more, it's also believed (at least among the Elves) that the Lollipop Guild engages in offensive operations against the North Pole, both from a cyber and kinetic perspective. The Elves consider the Lollipop Guild to be a terrorist organization. Indeed, the North Pole Elven Blue Team toils year-round defending the computer and network infrastructure of the North Pole from attack. Their biggest fear is that the Lollipop Guild will somehow



disrupt or destroy the North Pole's biggest production of the year - Santa's Christmas Day present delivery operation. The North Pole Blue Team is on extremely high alert throughout Christmas Eve, an exhaustive period of analysis and active defense this team refers to as "Blue Christmas."

Although it has never been proven, the Elves allege that the Lollipop Guild has infiltrated its operatives among the North Pole population, cleverly disguising these nefarious interlopers as Elves. According to these rumors, so-called Munchkin Moles mingle among even the Elven Elite. Because Elves and Munchkins look identical, Elven leadership remains confounded about whether Munchkin Moles actually exist. Yet, rumors persist.