

Grandmaster Gregor,

I write to you as one the Empire has trusted with delicate matters. That is not to say that the information I have to share with you should reach no other eyes or ears - far from it. But I would bid you against the contents being made public - by all means share them with your Order, but Vigilance remains a Virtue.

I am a Boatswain of the Lathraia, and we have a long history of getting much-needed supplies - and information - into Spiral, even when it is plagued by Grendel and its shores infested with raiders. But recently, I was much surprised to receive some information out of that territory, information I am ill-placed to act upon.

Amongst those still living in Spiral I have a number of contacts - old friends from our days of smuggling. I have done what I can to retain them within my Net, and they have done likewise with me. One of them - a farmer who only narrowly escaped the destruction of Apulus - now ekes out an existence attempting to stymie the Grendel at every turn, through minor acts of disorder and sabotage.

Their most recent success, however, potentially trumps all that has come before. When last we spoke over the season, they told me that they had secured the interest of an influential Grendel who seems to have expressed an interest in working with the Empire in some fashion - named **Nathair**. A meeting has been set up, where Wise and cunning Imperial Citizens might discuss how this Nathair could be of use.

Thus, I turn to you, to the Shattered Lantern, and to my Captain, Thalia, to whom I am sending a letter of similar content. A meeting has been arranged for representatives of the Empire and this orc, at **Aphelion Cape, Apulus, Spiral**, at 16:30 on the Saturday of this Solstice. Our egregore has confirmed that a conjunction of the Sentinel Gate exists for this time. I should warn you: the area is still controlled by the Grendel and Nathair has explicitly instructed that the area be cleared of their patrols to ensure secrecy. I trust you will ensure those you bring are equipped appropriately.

Yours, ever-watchful,

Ophelia Lathraia