

To Landon of Longridge,

Fair tidings, Landon, and I hope you're not in as dire straits as we.

We're not a couple of stone's throws away from you - cross the border a little ways into Birchland. We've got a good setup here - areas of forest cleared out fer growin herbs with, keepin the folk o upwold hale and fixin em up after they take arms against our foes.

But lately, there's been a right to-do. Almost every night for a full week we've had the damn Feni kickin around, running out of trees with spears and runnin through any Marcher unlucky enough to be tendin fields at that hour. We can hardly predict their attacks - why, they could strike at any moment! We haven't had this much trouble with Feni for years, so I don't rightly know why they've come ere all of a sudden.

Anyhow. They've been takin our herbs, and I'm quite sure that whatever holes we put in em, they're fixin up after they disappear into yonder forest again - place named Markwood. We're losin a good harvest here, and the buggers are takin the lot! As what I hear, other places are gettin hit hard too. Seems summat needs to be done.

I've spoken to Jack, and he reckons there'll be a chance for us good Marcher folk to use the Sentinel Gate and go give em a right good kickin. Do you reckon you and yer folk could help get summat organised? It's around quarter to three on Saturday - Jack'll fill you in, I'm sure - to Markwood, in Birchland, here in upwold.

I hope you'll do the right thing. A problem solved this afternoon won't eat yer carrots on Monday mornin!

Yours,

Simon of Birch Heath