

*Greetings to Gellan du Rondell of Dawn,*

*You don't know me, and I hope you will excuse me sending you this letter out of the blue. My name is Kasimir Zawisza, and I am a cabalist of the coven of the Varya from Karov. I and many other like-minded magicians pay careful attention to the news from the Conclave even though we cannot attend in person. I have heard that you are the one responsible for an attempt to ban the sale of artefacts to the Pledge printers.*

*Life demands that we are Vigilant, and I praise your efforts. However, we believe that you are taking too narrow a view of the problem. The Pledge are merely a symptom of the underlying sickness in the Bourse.*

*Let me be blunt. The Conclave has done nothing to keep watch over the trade of magical objects through the Bourse private auction. Any number of powerful artefacts, potentially of equally important impact as the Lantern of Ophis, have passed into the hands of wealthy merchants squatting on the Bourse seats. This is unacceptable! How can the Conclave sit quiescent when the Bourse might be taking hold of objects capable of horrific destruction or of catastrophically damaging our ties to the beings of the Realms and other nations? How many items that could have greatly benefitted the Empire have simply vanished into the pockets and personal collections of the wealthy of the League and the Marches?*

*Stopping the Pledge just redirects the flow of this river of unvirtuousness.*

*The Bourse needs to change.*

*The private auction must be taken from the Bourse, or the Conclave must gain greater oversight of it. If nothing else, the Conclave must act with what powers it already has and start making a difference right now before the next disaster happens.*

*I ask you to think carefully on this, and widen your net. I know that like-minded colleagues will be travelling to Anvil this season, livid at the problems that have unfolded. I hope you will give them your ear and your voice in convincing the Conclave and the Senate to act before anything more goes awry.*

*Kasimir Zawisza of the Varya, Pilgrim of Vigilance*