

Fellow Varushkan, and member of the Empire's respected Militia,

I greet you as one who knows not to stray from the path.

I start by giving you my name as a show of trust. I am Anfisa, owner of a small weltsilver mine, in the very north of Varushka. It is, of these years nothing but a small resource that keeps me going well, yet it has some renown in the Empire as the location of an early fight when newly made Imperial Orcs fought alongside the Varushkans against the Thule, and most of both sides were lost to Plague Wolves.

In the town of Void, the vales about the mine are known to be patrolled by the Howling Queen's creatures. And yet, they have never been a threat to me, mine or any worker. Last year, meddling began - first a shambling coven of bargainers going by the name of Natalya's Friends came along and offered their help dealing with a Sovereign. I turned them down, I have no trouble from any Sovereign in the vale that surrounds this mine. As I said, the Plague Wolves do not disturb me and mine. As a Varushkan you will know likely know what that means.

Whether it was the meddling of Sonya of Natalya's Friends or some whim of their own, last spring some Heros of Anvil came - Varushkans with Imperial Orcs alongside them. Together they slaughtered the plague wolves - as I suppose is their right - I spoke with them and did not complain at the intrusion. However this most recent Spring a new party of heroes arrived, riled up the plague wolves and whilst they killed two they left husks alive who killed my guards, ignored my calls for help and retreated through their portal.

I know not if there is an Imperial crime there can be charged with, but it is not the Varushkan way to interfere with the peaceful and careful relationship between one citizen and the creatures of the woods, so perhaps there is something that can be done. I have also, in the last year or so experienced a break in to an old outhouse on my property. I had never been in it so I do not know if items of value were taken, but I suspect that my grandmother's collection of battle memorabilia was once held here and is now gone, so anything you can do would be appreciated. I would be grateful if you could send the results of your enquiries - at least whether this pattern of disruption can be stopped, if not also the question of whether anyone is to be punished for causing my guards' deaths.

I am Anfisa of Kasli Mine and can receive Winged Messages here in the Northern Opascari, in Volodmartz,