Merryn -

Dropped a local who was looking shifty - he tried to run when we asked his business. He got away from our medics later when we'd patched him up, but we found this letter on him. Hope you like it.

Scout Carrac of the Quiet Step

Dear Iochan,

I believe we may have a coincidence of interests, that could facilitate your gathering of the wealth of Spiral.

Having been a long-term inhabitant of the area, I know of several rich veins of Tempest Jade that you will not otherwise uncover, in the Cinon region.

I have accidentally misplaced some items of a sentimental nature in a small grove near Ossen's Spire.

While I am in no way an Imperial citizen, I suspect your overzealous tribals would mistake me for such a creature should they see me unescorted.

If we could arrange for an escort to bring me to the grove in question, and allow me to leave safely with some items of purely scholarly and historical value, I could see fit not only to provide you with the locations of said Tempest Jade deposits, but also furnish you with some quantity of Green Iron from my personal stocks.

I would also appreciate it if you could return my messenger with your reply; I do not believe his labour would be sufficiently valuable to you that you would pass up this offer to obtain it. He is a survivor of the great madness here and, I assure you, fears what I would do to him was he to unwisely reveal my location much more than any persuasion that you are capable of applying.

I eagerly await your reply,

Antigoni.