



*To Lucifer, Felix's Watch, Highguard - Anvil, the Empire.*

*Zuma Jakthund - Censor of Ambassadors to the Empire,  
High House of the People, greets you and bids you welcome.  
-From a faithful translation by Tiamí Jakthund, translator,  
in Autumn 379YE, the Year of the Enduring Flame.*

*I send you this letter in hope that your Courage and Vigilance will  
lend swiftness to your actions - I am given to understand that you  
may be willing to support us.*

*Three days ago, we received the following bevingade budbärare from  
a group of foul orcs who are operating in the territory of Spiral:*

***“WE HAVE YOUR DIPLOMAT.  
HOW MUCH ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY FOR HER?  
CAN YOU BEAT THE ASAVEAN BID?”***

*Let us be very clear. We do not negotiate with beasts and blasphemers  
and we will not give these orcs any price for her. If necessary,  
Cardinal Xepicotl will die a martyr and go to the Labyrinth swiftly -  
better she part from us a hero than we mark her as a slave, even for  
one moment. However, there may be a way forward - a sufficiently  
Vigilant Präst of my acquaintance is well-versed in the art of scrying  
and has identified that she is being held in "a camp on the worn  
road south of the abandoned mines near Ateri".*

*Is it possible that there is some way that you can assist the Republic?  
I offer warning - it is likely that the Asaveans will also be moving  
against us in this matter - it is known that Grendel slave-ships are  
often seen in Asavean ports.*

*If you are willing to assist us, I offer this advice - **move quickly** - our  
scrying suggested that they would not remain there long - indeed, we  
suspect they will have moved before morning. Additionally, you will  
require some method of carrying her through your Sentinel Gate, or  
she can make her way to Casinea by foot - I do not doubt our  
Cardinal can make such a journey without any difficulty.*

*If you cannot or will not help us, then be clear - any shred of hope the Empire has of opening dialogue with the Republic will die with her - the High House of Pride is already suggesting that agents of the Empire are involved in this matter.*

*May the Way carry you safely.*

*- Zuma Jakthund - Censor of Ambassadors to the Empire,  
High House of the People,  
Zemeh, Sumaah Republic.*

