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Kíndra Surefoot,

Thank you for your letter, along with my conversations with Fania last summit, it has gone a long way to reassuring me that there is still much to be gained by our working together.

It is interesting to hear that factionalism within Varushka is causing difficulties for The Ambassador. Certainly, from our side, I know there is a great deal of discontentment with how negotiations have been going. For a long time, it was the position of The Dragons that only a Varushkan could be a suitable representative for The Empire. Over the last two years that position has begun to soften (Thanks in part to our collaboration, I believe).

If you are to stand for Ambassador, I am afraid I would not be able to publicly support you. If my name were to be used to widely, I fear it could end up harming both of our positions. What I think I could do is to vouch for you to a few individuals whom you trust, in private.

I will be in Anvil from half-past Seven on Friday night, and would very much like to meet up with you somewhere where we can talk discreetly. I will make my way from the Anvil gate toward Wintermark, I trust that you will be able to find me, or send someone to bring me to you.

If you invite two or three others whose discretion can be relied upon, particularly some of those who elect the position of Ambassador, I will happily talk to them of your skill in our past negotiations.

On the matter of Rak Who-Speaks-For-The-Dragons-Undivided, there may be opportunities we could pursue in that regard. I would caution, however, that now might not be the best time. We can speak more on this issue at Anvil, but suffice it for now to say that Rak may currently be the lesser evil.

Yours, Hoosfa Mek, (They/Them)



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