



TO DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS

NOTIFICATION



COMMUNICATION FROM GRAND VIZIER (Cataract) TO EMPIRE LOCATION (Anvil)

RECIPIENT (Designated Covens Skywise, Auric Horizon, Summercrows)

The Grand Vizier authorises **OVERRIDE** of standard protocols. Direct notification commences:

Greetings. I am Grand Vizier Cataract, Mamluk of the Broken Mirror, servant to Kimus the All-Seeing Eye. This message is being sent directly to three covens of the Empire. You are covens that either I have encountered directly, or that the Bureaucracy has encountered and passed the details to me under the authority of my office.

PROCEED STANDARD PART OF MESSAGE — IDENTICAL ACROSS ALL THREE MESSAGES:

Kimus remains unconvinced about your Empire. Perhaps, now, the gravity of the situation that has occurred in Miaren will display the wisdom in my advice to those Imperial magicians I encountered at the Winter Solstice. Foresight is required, and foresight is represented through actions taken. The Empire has continued to lack foresight and therefore pre-emptive capabilities.

What I asked for, what Kimus asked for, was plainly correct – to draw back your shrouds so that things can be seen. Through lack of sight, the Empire has suffered. Kimus wishes to see all things, yet Kimus grants most significance to those things that themselves possess most significance. Kimus focuses their gaze upon great and momentous events. The places that I asked be cleared of blinding shrouds are places that the Bureaucracy's assessments indicate are most likely to hold great and momentous events. Your Empire might therefore have also predicted that these places would be significant – yet did not. Why do you not understand?

I told you that Kimus wished to see Miaren in particular. Had Miaren's sight been granted last season, Kimus would have seen the signs of what was to come there and, therefore, been able to accurately predict it. Kimus could therefore have warned you of what was about to happen, and the Empire could have acted before what has now befallen the Goldglades. From this request having occurred, you could therefore have predicted there was need to see Miaren, and therefore known that there would be gravity to the need to see it. This virtuous circle was never closed, however. Goldglades has fallen without warning, because Kimus was denied sight.

I have therefore come to the conclusion that your Empire does not currently possess a functioning Archmage of Day. My requests have been ignored after the initial positive response, and attempts to reach the Archmage via communication have failed. Furthermore, the location that the purported Archmage dwells in remains shrouded despite requests otherwise. As such, I will therefore place my future communications into the hands of your covens; those who have displayed either foresight, inquisitiveness or logic befitting magicians of the Day Realm.

I place the following requests before your covens.

I reiterate the desire for the shrouds that blind your Empire to Kimus' sight to be removed. Too many portentous moments are going unseen. Miekarova remains shrouded. Did you know that two Night Eternals are becoming unthreaded and unwoven, to weave a new piece of the tapestry of Night from their corpses? The next step in that alchemical process will take place in Miekarova, and will have far-reaching consequences. Yet Kimus cannot see it, and it seems the Empire cares not to look.

Miaren remains shrouded. The disaster has befallen it, is befalling it, will befall it; Kimus can no longer provide early warning of that fate, the moment has passed as the blindness there lingered too long. But the disaster has opened up new opportunities. Kimus wishes to see these, to see what bright eyes gleam in those depths. Remove the shroud so that Kimus can see, and in turn I will share with you what knowledge from the wounded earth revealed that may be of use to your mortal concerns – what bright eyes you might pluck forth for yourselves.

Drawing the Penumbra Veil remains a dangerous object freely available to your unwise magicians. As I have said before, as a tool, there is use to it – but for now, your magicians use it unwisely, blinding a whole Empire, and can yet do so again while acting 'correctly' under your Conclave's laws. Bind this ritual. Interdict it. Place it under lock and key, so that the fool and the overambitious viper will not seize it and ruin the Empire with it. Remove it from Interdiction only when it is needed. Kimus will grant a steady tribute of vis wrung from the inks of Day to whichever Order of Conclave places it under Interdiction, for as long as that Interdiction remains.

There are plans for a new Order of that Conclave. I have seen the letter writ by the Empress, announcing the intended formation of such. Drawing the Penumbra Veil causes your own people to suffer more greatly, and more to die when the actions of your enemies are brought to fruition without having been foreseen by your governance. Perhaps this new Order should Interdict the ritual, as it will save Imperial lives. Were it to do so, I would gladly add to the tribute that Kimus will grant it.

Finally, a request for information, to see a thing that is hard to see even when your Empire is unveiled. There is a place called the Well of Shadows. If you can tell me where the Well of Shadows is, then I will trade that information for knowledge of equal value that you yourselves seek.