

Dear Ebenezer,

Thank you for your message. I believe there has been a misunderstanding here, so allow me to clarify so that our relationship can continue in good stead. The Mistress Singua Karadragha is a trusted confidant of the Liege of the Five Winds, and though she is not of the Ganbatar family she is a loyal friend of the Liege and thus the Empire. As my Liege trusts Mistress Singua implicitly, so do I. Therefore you should have no fear of discussing sensitive matters with Mistress Singua, and should correspond formally with her in any matters of state. For my part, I am merely a personal trade envoy to the Liege of Five Winds, and so am free to make any discretionary trips to solve issues that would not be proper for Mistress Singua to deal with. Thus, you do not need to worry about involving me in everything - if I need anything from you, I will come to you directly.

I am unsure quite what you mean about tampering of messages - I can assure you that Erasmo sent me a letter personally saying you would like to meet, which was a reasonable request but not one I could meet in the Summer. However, since there are a number of things to talk about and there are some matters to attend to I will be attending Anvil in the Autumn. I plan to be at the summit at 10:00pm on the Friday - I understand you are a Marcher so I will come to your camp. Might I suggest the Black Rat? If we meet there we can move onto another location if you suggest.

You are correct that a great deal of messages of a cryptic nature are passing back and forth between the Empire, the Grendel, Asavea and my homeland. I think this is a matter to discuss more in person. However from my perspective I am not concerned about any leaks on your end, and believe many of the holes in Faraden have currently been plugged, for now. As a private citizen I would prefer my name not becoming public and I do not think my privacy has been breached at this time, but would prefer not being named in any formal publications, lest anyone get the impression that I was undermining the authority of the ambassador. Rest assured that I serve Mistress Singua as well as the Liege.

Regarding the yaks and the whelks, I thank you for your query, but I think this question would be best directed at Mistress Singua, who may be able to help you more in her formal capacity.

I look forward to our meeting.

Yours,

Nyamzul Ganbatar

Dear Ishka,

The time of your challenge is upon you, and sooner than you might think. At 6:45pm of the Friday of the upcoming summit you will be able to open a portal to the Grove of Hipparchus, in Willstone, Redoubt. Up to 8 of you in total may pass through.

Inside is the mystery that has eluded many for so long. It is undoubtedly guarded by something mysterious, and you will have to uncover the nature of the denizens of the grove. It would seem that violence is a poor choice here, otherwise an enterprising sentinel would have already been successful. Keep your wits about you and devise a plan once inside. This place is undoubtedly of magical nature, so while swords might not work, maybe spells will. There is only one way to find out, of course.

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Good luck, questor.

Revel, Herald of Barien

Dear Branwyn,

Greetings again from Urizen. I hope you are ready to participate in our challenge, and I am eager to see what insights we can potentially glean from your portrayal.

The heralds of the Iron Duke have been kind enough to set up a chamber for us to conduct our historical experiment - if you go through the portal in the Hall of Worlds at 15:35 on the Saturday of the upcoming summit and you will find your way to my temporary library where our meeting will take place. I look forward to working with you and seeing what we can find.

Yours sincerely

Locundus

SATURDAY

COME FIND ME

I'LL BE WAITING

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