

Chieftain of Hercynia,

My name is Vordeth, Shaman of the Thule. I send you this Winged Messenger with two purposes.

As I am sure you know, we Thule have needed to withdraw from Hercynia due to the fortunes of war. So be it. However, there is a small warband, the Rhino's Tusks, who are trapped behind enemy lines in Treji. I am writing to request that they be granted safe passage out of Hercynia. This does not affect the state of war between us, but is a consideration we may be able to return some day. The alternative being that they fight a guerrilla war and die, but having done harm to your people in the interim.

The second purpose I write is that a person of the Empire, Neb Firstdance, has written to the warchief, Harak the Red, inviting him to come and have a go if he thinks himself hard enough, and that Neb has slain one of Harak's sons.

I have consulted the Signs and Portents and believe that your accursed magical gateway may open to Treji at some point in the future. I personally have no issue with Neb Firstdance battling Harak in single combat. We are not Dotun, but the settling of feuds and bad blood with even combat is not unknown to the Thule.

I tell you of Neb's challenge so that he is unable to back away from his big talk. The opening of your gateway to Treji might even allow a brief discussion around our stranded warband, perhaps.

I leave this matter in your consideration.

**Vordeth
Shaman of the Thule**