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Burgher:

I will be frank and direct: my kinfolk made the arduous journey to Anvil to beseech the heroes of Varushka for aid in a common struggle. They were instead struck down with a curse that has brought undue suffering: we are no strangers to cold, but the withering touch it has imparted onto them has harmed numerous saplings and trees in our orchards and gardens and has ultimately prevented three dedicated citizens of the Empire from a prosperous season in the glades of Mir Mozga.

We wonder at the Wisdom of these ritualists who saw fit to afflict their cousins in this way: especially those who had been invited to Anvil. This is a terrible wound on our standing as a family and an unwanted difficulty at an already difficult time.

We ask you, Burgher of Ketsor: what will you do about it? We reckon our losses from this affront at six crowns and we would have this repaid by those who harmed us directly into the Virtue fund with a statement on their misguided conduct.

It is with thanks for your own efforts that we write - our upset is not a slight on your own efforts. We hope that we may mutually continue to pursue a shared Prosperity for all of Varushka - and the Empire.

- Misha Kelinoma Ketsor  
Black Pine House, Mir Mozga

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*Thank you for receiving my kin in the season just past: we appreciate that little in life - let alone in Varushka - is simple. We are not impatient - we are Vigilant: we are Wise to a danger that others seem to see as an inconvenient truth.*

*We can agree I'm sure that a neighbour who takes from us with nothing offered in return is unprosperous - not that anything could approach apt recompense for what these mutual neighbours seek to divest from us. This is to speak nothing else about their unvirtuous habits. All of us understand that Wisdom dictates that we are cautious: we disagree that we have not been - ours is an old Wisdom when it comes to those who live in the deep woods. I must implore you to be swift in learning more about what friends or patrons these neighbours might have. The order of the Silent Bell might offer you assistance - I do not foresee the Senate wishing to expend its precious resources on a Varushkan threat such as this. But we trust that you will seek many opportunities.*

*I hope that you are well as the summer sets the deep forests steaming and drives back the snow on the mountains. Every season*



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*we wait is a season wasted - I ask that you find skilled Wardens and prepare for what we see as inevitable - the mutual Prosperity to be gained by righting many wrongs all at once. We will await whatever discoveries you feel are required of course - but once we are certain we will need to act decisively to cut out the maggots.*

*In Virtue,*

*-Vladimir Kazimirov Ketsov,*

*The House of Stern Stone, Ketsov*



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*Thank you for your words of support during my kin's visit in the season just gone. Little in life - let alone in Varushka - is simple and we understand this. We hope to show our Vigilance through our actions: to share our Wisdom on a danger that others seem to see as an inconvenient truth.*

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*Despite the afflictions suffered by my kin during their visit, we see the remaining year as one full of potential. But every season we wait is a season wasted - I ask that you find skilled Wardens*



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*and make ready for what we see as inevitable when it comes to those*

*in the deep woods. The mutual Prosperity to be gained by our taking the Wise and Courageous path cannot be understated. We will await whatever discoveries you feel are required of course - but once we are certain we will need to turn over the rotting log and cleanse what lies beneath.*

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*Thank you for your efforts in building support for my kin during their visit in the season passed. We regret that you could not be present yourself - but it is our hope that we can still find a way forward together. Little in life - let alone in Varushka - is simple and we understand this. We hope to show our Vigilance through our actions: to share our Wisdom on a danger that others seem to see as an inconvenient truth.*

*I'm sure we can both agree that a neighbour that takes and offers nothing back is unprosperous - and this is not to mention the nature of what these neighbours take from us. There is also the matter of their other more... unvirtuous habits - and the deeper rot their presence can suggest. Wisdom dictates that we are cautious: we only disagree when others say that we have not been. Ours is an old Wisdom and a Wisdom hard-earned through harsh lessons. We hope that you are swift in learning more about what friends or patrons these neighbours might have. The order of the Silent Bell might be a source of assistance - my understanding is that the Senate will be reluctant to expend its precious resources on a Varushkan threat such as this. Perhaps there are eternal's or other bargains that can be made to discover these things.*

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*Despite the afflictions suffered by my kin during their visit, we see the remaining year as one full of potential. But every season we wait is a season wasted - they are out there and they continue to*





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*act while we are restrained by our Loyalty and respect to the rule of law. The mutual Prosperity to be gained by the Wise and Courageous path cannot be understated. We will await whatever discoveries you feel are required of course - but once we are certain we will need to turn over the rotting log and cleanse what lies beneath.*

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*The House of Stern Stone, Ketsov*

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*Thank you for your supportive letter. I have not been back on Asavean shores long, but work is apace to continue the work begun in the early Spring.*

*We find fertile soil for the truth here in Marracossa: it is well tilled and has been watered with the blood of many virtuous souls who have come before me. It possesses the same variety of 'misunderstandings' or integrated folk beliefs that others have found elsewhere across Asavea, but they are receptive to guidance and increasingly able to imagine a future beyond the tyranny of their overlords.*

*I have taken to heart the Wisdom you and the others imparted upon me when we met and have spread the guidance to other missionaries active in Marracossa. Though we are not suppressing the involvement of Janon, we are clear that we believe that the eternal was a mere moth to Virtue's flame: not the other way around.*

*However we are not alone in our efforts: I know of Sumaahnese working in secret much as I am and have good relations with them. They have asked after what we have discovered about Alberto and I have shared copies of the judgements relating to Alberto and the other Asavean martyrs and have taken the same line with them regarding Janon. Of course they see any touch of the realms as carrying a subversive taint and it has taken all my craft as a diplomat to not dismiss what has happened here outright. I imagine what happens next will lie with the Sumaahnese synod.*

*I have some other stories to share - I cannot speak to the truth in these, but offer them as so much cloth for an Archivist to tailor as they might fit. These have been recounted to me by those who are at risk of discovery, but are likely third or fourth hand tales:*

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*Soon after the Spring Equinox the newly-arrived satrap to the territory sought to make a spectacle out of the defeat of the Marilen rebels: they had the mithril-imbued arms and armour of their foes loaded upon a ship to be ritually cast into the sea as an offering to one of their false pantheon. I have been told that no sooner as the ship had left harbour with the satrap at its helm than a rogue storm gathered from the north (the more fanciful retellings claim it arrived from Marilen itself) and tossed the ship and its cargo of plunder and priests so violently that the ritual was abandoned and the weapons simply melted down instead.*

*The second rumour is interesting because it seems to highlight difficulties being suffered by the Asaveans in its workforce: it seems that despite the value in returning the mines that surround Marilen to work, that the entire region has been effectively abandoned for want of slaves to restore them to operation. Locals say that the water in the city itself has also gone bad - that it flows red (supposedly with the blood of all those slaughtered on the site) and is poisoned. It heartens me to know that the Empire's efforts to crush the obscenity of slavery has borne such fruit for our enemies.*

*I will continue my work here and wish you every success with your own in Anvil.  
May our paths one day cross again,  
- Enoch*

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Greetings.

I have passed this letter through the Casinean Embassy so that it may reach the correct Ambassador in Anvil. I request that you are my agent in a certain matter of interest to myself as a Präster and my peers in the High House of Ambition.

First, an introduction: I am Tul Yaxha. I dwell in Timoj and extend my greetings. I may be found in the High House of Ambition where I serve as an assistant to the Cardinal of Ambition. I write ahead of a journey to your country as part of an embassy - I hope soon to make your acquaintance in person.

I write in response to ongoing efforts between our peoples to topple the idolaters of Asavea and bring them into the fires of Virtue. You may be familiar with the islands of Marracossa and their status as vassals to the Asaveans. Recent news tells of an uprising by the enslaved people of Marracossa that fought beneath the banner of the Way. Our investigations have found that this is true - and that the leader of this uprising was possibly a trained Priest of the Way - or at least was acting on behalf of one. I have been told that this news has reached Casinea and have read several statements on the Virtue of this uprising that were made by your Assemblies during its Spring sessions of 386YE.

Of particular interest are Judgements 11 and 166 which refer to the aforementioned leader: Alberto Acciai and a second figure, Amika Acciai and their actions in bringing Virtue to Asavea. This aligns with the findings of our own actors across the lands of the Asav and to speak plainly: there is an appreciable feeling that our Assemblies and your own may share in our assessment of the nature and quality of what has happened in Marracossa. Such synchronicities in spite of the widening gulfs in belief that lie between us are precious few and there are some who see these happenings as not only being a bridge between

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*Asavea and the Way, but between Timoj and Anvil as well. But we shall not be rushed in matters of human destiny – and the sparks scattered by the Acciais may yet need to be stamped out.*

*This feeling arises from our discovery of the potential subsumption of human agency by a malign influence: that actions were wholly or in part the result of magical auras that robbed those affected of the true agency required for Virtue to be manifest. The degenerate idolatry of the Asaveans must not be replaced with a debased form of the Way that is tainted by the agendas of Eternals.*

*That is why I have reached out to you: I wish that you might act on my behalf and consult with those who might be my opposite in your Empire: Präster who are involved in learning more about the Acciais and the nature of their efforts in Marracossa. I ask that you report on whether or not there has been interference by the Realms so that I may present it to my Assembly. Further, I would request that you gather whatever you can about these figures for our continued consideration of their possible Exemplar or Paragonhood. I would hope to receive this information when I arrive in your capital at the coming Solstice.*

*I extend my sincere appreciation for your help, if rendered.*

*With respect,*

*- Jul Yaxha*

*The High House of Ambition, Timoj*



**Fretek Sargava Slavmiryn, PID: 11752.1**

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*The following letter was waiting for you upon arrival at Anvil.*

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WE ARE GRACIOUS FOR THE HOSPITALITY YOUR FRIENDS EXTENDED TO US LAST SEASON. THE STORIES OF OUR VISIT TO ANVIL HAVE AMUSED OUR ANCESTORS GREATLY AS THEY HAVE NOT SEEN BEYOND OUR FOREST IN A LONG TIME.

WE HOPE THAT YOUR EFFORTS THIS SEASON ARE FRUITFUL: GRANDFATHER HAS TOLD US THAT NOTHING YET HAS CHANGED FROM OUR VISIT, BUT WE WILL WAIT AND SEE WHAT THE FUTURE BRINGS. PERHAPS WHEN WE ARE SECURE WE MIGHT FIND A WAY TO MAKE SOME OF OUR 'PROSPERITY' AVAILABLE TO YOU OR YOUR FRIENDS IN TRADE.

FRETEK AND KOSHKA GREGOV HELINA SAID THEY WOULD LIKE TO HELP US TOO – MAYBE TOGETHER THINGS WILL GO BETTER. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO TELL US, YANOSLAV IVANOVITCH IN KETSOV KNOWS US.

– YOUR NEIGHBOURS IN SLOMAVETKA.