

*Captain Thalia,*

*I write to you with urgency. A similar letter has been sent to Gregor, the Grandmaster of the Shattered Lantern - I advise you seek him out. Show those you trust the contents, if you wish, but I beg of you not to make public what I have to share with you. I may be but a Boatswain amidst your fleet, but I trust what I have to tell you is meaningful enough.*

*I have had word from a contact of mine who still lives within Spiral. They have been working in their own way to hamper the Grendel's progress, particularly their control over the coastline of Apulus, as inhospitable as it now feels. Their recent efforts, however, reveal a potentially critical new opportunity.*

*They have managed, through some feat of charm and quick-wittedness, to place sufficient quantity of bribe at one orc's feet that they would consider betraying their kind and acting as some sort of spy for the Empire within the ranks of the Grendel. I have not been passed more details on this orc, save a name of **Nathair**, for they have a deep-seated wish to discuss this matter only in person.*

*To discuss matters, a meeting has been arranged - Nathair will be at **Aphelion Cape, Apulus, Spiral**, at 16:30 on the Saturday of this Solstice. Menos has determined that there will be a conjunction to that location, by which a few Courageous Imperial Citizens could be taken through the Sentinel Gate.*

*Nathair apparently desires you to ensure the area is fully cleansed of Grendel patrols before he makes an appearance, in order to provide secrecy. I would thus counsel you to arrange for suitably trustworthy and battle-ready individuals to attend. Obviously you should be in attendance to ensure the nodes of the Net are aligned properly - but it is of obvious concern that one or more members of the Shattered Lantern accompany you.*

*Please, there is not much time. Speak with Gregor, and arrange what you can. The orc will be there.*

*Yours, in Loyalty,  
Ophelia Lathraia*