

My Dearest Princess Dranara, royal daughter of His Royal Highness Amir Arsham A'tash and Her Majesty Shaahin Set'Areh Bolour, the true rulers of The Great Naiserpian Kingdom,

Warmest regards from your cousin, ally, and friend, Lord Arsham Pariz'Ad. I trust you are in good health and being well cared-for by the people of Kesarnach village. I send this missive in the slim hope that it will reach you before it is too late.

The time has come at long last for your pivotal role in the Infinite Story. My High Vizier, and even the local High Cleric, have both come to me with different interpretations, but effectively the same message: "The Lady must now go to The Oracle"!

We have confirmed that the rumors were true, the Great Oracle did indeed flee from her lands on the southern Isles Grecos when Mordred's Forces invaded and destroyed her temple and city. After she visited and quickly left your lands gracious protection by the Usurper, she apparently went north and west over the Dragonspine mountains, and until now, no one knew where she was. My minions have finally found her! I should say she found my minions, far north, at the borders of the great ice, deep in the land of the Norndians. She is living in a cave sheltered in great ice and crystal caves, guarded by wards and strange beasts, but if you come with this letter, the sigils at the end will provide you, and you alone, with safe passage past the wards and creatures. You must go as soon as you receive this. I fear it will already be too late, but one must still hope.

My people have arranged secret transportation for me away from Port Balchoth past the Mordredian Armada. The chance of escape is slim. I do not know if this day will be the end of my part in The Story, if we are boarded my knowledge is too important to allow them to capture me alive, and I will do what is necessary to protect The Worlds. If we are fortunate enough to escape, we will sail for the far Eastern lands of our mutual friend Koranag-sama, his lands, as far as we know, have been one of the few not to be tainted by The Others, and have been able to repel the dark forces of Mordred.

If you require the aide of those that brought you this letter to achieve your goals, then I hope they will help you out of vision for the importance of your mission, but if they require material encouragement, you will find included with this scroll a small map with directions to an emergency cache my associates previously set aside in the northern lands not far from The Oracle's abode. The cache is rich in gold, weapons, scrolls, and other wealth. If you need their help and they require such mundane motivations, promise them the map upon your return from The Oracle.

Included also, using your royal seal, you can unlike the puzzle of the scroll case, which will lead you to The Oracle. May The Oracle's guidance provide you with the answers you have long waited for.

Lord Arsham Pariz'Ad

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