Longwalker,

My scouts & I have met at the Swan's Nest. We shall approach the Ardeep from the East after some days travel North.

From my companions I have word of Isteval's Company & news from Daggerford. The Company has befriended the Tymoran, Curran, as you expected. I am told they also saw Jekk Ironfist off as his travel party left for Firehammer Hold.

Duke Maldwyn's anxiety over the Bloke's disappearance is reaching increasingly extreme heights \$\xi\$ his soldiers now ransack homes at random. However, my liege the Duke is not without his merits \$\xi\$ Captain Miller of the Guard sends word regarding Isteval's Company.

the Company has accepted a commission from Duke Maldwyn to travel up river towards Jolkoun. No word has come down from the cloth makers there for some weeks. The Harvest House in Daggerford has not had contact with their sister shrine in Jolkoun as well. Priestess Hadeshah has reported that all the carrier doves from Jolkoun have arrived at the Harvest House, but none bore messages & many showed signs of wounding by arrows.

I fear the bands of raiders have become bold enough to attack the walls of Jolkoun ¢ a siege may even now be underway. We have not the numbers to be everywhere at once.

though my heart is heavy my task is clear & I must now travel North to Ardeep in search of the Gnolls who raid the trade Way as I have been commanded.

Darkness is falling, Uncle. I must away.

-Kelson

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