

The Sundering Spring, 07

Longwalker,

News has reached me that the Bloke has been recovered; thank Corellon and thanks to those heroes of Isteval's Company who returned Duke Maldwyn's familial antique.

Still, more pressing matters loom large in my mind. My scouts have had skirmishes with the Gnolls infesting Ardeep Forest and we are pulling back to Daggerford; we have been greatly reduced in strength.

I trust the refugees have now been allowed within the walls by the Duke and I pray my liege now begins to hear the wisdom of Isteval and yourself. I fear an attack on Daggerford is forthcoming and that a great host of Gnolls is marshaling within the obscurement of Ardeep Forest. Most disturbing is that these forces are lead by Gnolls not of the Delimbiyr Vale; indeed these creatures seem to have been bred far away, in Thay.

My scouts range far across the Delimbiyr Vale even now to uncover how widespread these Thayan Groll packs are and I have word that Isteval's Company was spotted on the Iron Road out of Ulurin in the North. My guess is that Isteval has sent them to

find Jekk Ironfist as it is true our Dwarven companion is long overdue from his journey to Firehammer Hold.

It is also true that some of the Thayan Gnolls my scouts have encountered carry fine arms that bare the symbol of Firehammer Hold; a Maul wreathed in flames.

Something is amiss with the worshipers of Haela Brightaxe at Firehammer Hold, I can just smell it, Uncle.

Until we raise a glass to our fallen comrades once again,

Kelson

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