

Father,

I have done as you instructed. The Coven met with the survivors at Weylins Get. The strange northerners had already begun to take in some Tauhan survivors, but our arrival allowed for the protection of many more. Many more have survived than we at first thought. Whole wandering towns have been moving through the wreckage of the Empire. I have begun to establish shipping lanes back to Rahastas proper, so that those who seek new settlements may find it.

Our shamans say that the land speaks to us. It speaks of the knights, marching from the north, slowly pushing up the peninsula, clearing forests and fortifying cities. The land does not like this: The Tauhan have always lived lightly upon it, and it finds the stone and roads and fields irksome.

As predicted, the Keitan League came into the area. We negotiated with them, offering supplies and support in exchange for trade and military support. They have established a series of border towns, lightly defended supply caches from which they can push out more. They aided in protecting the refugees, working side by side with our hunters to bring down the beasts of the land. Their settlements are filled with those very same refugees, many of whom graciously took to the protection of Keitan from the wandering beasts.

Others were not so grateful, and sought refuge with us, or wished instead to try their luck amongst the ruins of their old homes.

These, we discovered, the Keitan attempted to mindbind.

After the first incident, we began offering refugees more extensive protections, sending hunters alongside the wandering bands. Relations with the Keitan worsened, culminating in a series of violent raids perpetrated by them on us. The coven fought bravely, but we could not be everywhere at once. Several lives were lost in what we are now calling the Night of Spears.

After that night though, there were no more raids. The leader of the raiders, one ZamiiOkollo reached out to us, desiring peace. Some small concessions were made, but no restitution was had. I do not know why.

I have developed the Coven more, bringing several Tauhan elders into the fold. With this proof of how effective I have been, father, I hope that you will see fit to entrust me with a larger share of the duties.

With a wink to the stars,

Vrisa