

*Empress,*

*I apologize for my lack of formality.*

*This letter must be quietly received.*

*We know who unleashed this shaking plague, but we are bound by code to not say where it came from.*

*Where before you marched gently...*

*Where before you marched with perhaps less intent.*

*Know the truth of matters.*

*The land wishes you away from the shellfolk.*

*Heed it and find your woe.*

*We will do all we can for you as we can.*

*We are largely safe, and if you have those who will not make it, and they are willing to pledge to the Speaker it may be that they are given the boon of my people and protected. Otherwise we will allow our healers and medicines to aid you as best we can.*

*Empress... We have no mighty warriors as you know. Else we would seek recompense for the hurt brought to Bellor.*

*In honor,*

*Sootscale.*